



April 21, 2024

A Special Message to First-Time Visitors

We are delighted to have you with us today! Here are a few things you might want to know as you prepare for worship.

We love to see children at worship and welcome them in the sanctuary. There are activity bags available in the hallway for them should they become restless. We also have a nursery located in the wing opposite the sanctuary staffed by capable, loving people.

The restrooms are located just outside the hallway leading to the sanctuary, with a wheelchair/handicap accessible restroom in the hallway. If you need help finding any of these, please ask an usher. We have a "Welcome" packet for you with more information about Living Word Lutheran Church.

At the beginning of the service, the ushers distribute red pads for all in attendance to complete. Please complete the form so we can provide a more personal ministry.

Prayer request cards are included for you to fill out and place in the plate when offering is taken. The pastor will

then, with your permission, share the concern and pray for your need during the prayer time.

We celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday to all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You are invited to commune with us. The dark red liquid is wine and the lighter colored liquid is grape juice.

We welcome the opportunity to visit with you. Please join us for coffee & cookies immediately following the service.

Your presence today is a blessing. May our collective worship be acceptable and pleasing to God, our Father.

April 21, 2024

Usher/Greeter

Judy Williams/Mae Mullin

Security

Dennis Krumwiede

Sound System

Ron Johnson

Lector

Claire DeBord

Communion Assistant

Nancy Martin

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Nancy Martin/Ardis Kilber/James Mullin

Coffee Hour

Carol Brennan/Valerie Claiborne

Flowers

Lorraine Stargel

Tellers

Judy Krumwiede/Linda Kupka

Sharlene Parker

Julian Estates Worship Leaders

Sharlene Parker/Jeff DeBord

Bonaventure

Sharlene Parker/Jeff DeBord

April 28, 2024

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Bob Martin

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Troy Turner

Lector

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Ron and Sharon Johnson

Bonaventure

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Order of Worship

April 21, 4th Sunday of Easter

Pastor Eric Lundberg

Abbreviations: LBW-Green Hymnal, HWC-Light Blue Hymnal WOV-Dark Blue Hymnal ESV English Standard Version R: Reader C: Congregation P: Pastor

Please remember to silence all electronic devices upon entering the sanctuary.

Before the service we talk to God. During the service God talks to us.

After the service, we talk to each other.

Pastor's Corner

Good morning and Welcome to Living Word!

I am so glad that you chose to worship with us this morning. We are spending this Lent season doing a spiritual assessment of our walks with the Lord. I feel that we, as Christians, can get very comfortable with our faith and fall out of step with an active and advancing God. The church was not designed to stay still - we are designed to advance. As we enter worship this morning, lets allow our hearts and minds to be open to the Holy Spirit. Let's allow him to point out things in our lives that do not belong and surrender those things to him. The presence of God is very near - He desires to be with us. Lent is all about removing the mess we created in our own hearts, so that he can replace that with his plan, purpose and righteousness!

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MISSION STATEMENT

“We, God’s people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ.”

Living Word is affiliated with Lutheran Congregations in Mission for

Our worship begins with background music about five minutes before the stated start time.
Please take this opportunity to find a seat and quietly prepare your heart for worship.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Lorraine Stargel.

Prelude

Praise Song

“You Are My All in All”

Verse 1

You are my strength when I am weak.
You are the treasure that I seek.
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.
You are my all in all. **(Chorus)**

Verse 2

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name;
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup,
You are my all in all. **(Chorus)**

Chorus

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name!

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Opening Hymn *(please stand)*

“Are You Washed in the Blood?”

HWC 190

Verse 1

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? **(Refrain)**

Verse 3

When the Bridegroom cometh will your robes be white?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Will your soul be ready for the mansions bright,
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? **(Refrain)**

Verse 2

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? **(Refrain)**

Verse 4

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin,
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb!
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean,
O be washed in the blood of the Lamb! **(Refrain)**

Refrain

Are you washed (Are you washed) in the blood, (in the blood,)
In the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb? (of the Lamb?)
Are your garments spotless? Are they white as snow?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Prayer of the Day (all pray) **Almighty God, you show the light of your truth to those in darkness, to lead them into the way of righteousness. Give strength to all who are joined in the family of the Church, so that they will resolutely reject what erodes their faith and firmly follow what faith requires, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen**

We Worship by Confessing our Sins

Pastor: Remembering our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the LORD, let us draw near with faithful hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD. **C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD. **C: May God forgive the offense of my sin.**

P: (Facing altar which symbolizes God's presence): *Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer,*

C: We confess to You that we are by nature sinners and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, pleading for and seeking Your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Most merciful God **C: You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us. Have mercy upon us, and for Jesus' sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.**

P: (Facing the congregation, declares God's grace): Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for Jesus' sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on Jesus' Name, He gives power to become children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. **C: Amen. All: Praise the LORD!**

We Hear and Read God's Word

This reading is from Acts 4:5-12 (English Standard Version)

⁵ On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

R: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

This reading is from Psalm 23 (ESV) (responsive)

Rader: ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Congregation: ² **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

R: ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C: ⁴ **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

R: ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

(Here ends this reading)

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Announcements

Preaching Text (*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel lesson*)

The Gospel according to St. Matthew 5:6-8 (English Standard Version)

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

R: Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to You, O Christ**

Message

Offertory

Offering Hymn

“Create in Me”

Create in me a clean heart, Oh God,
And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, Oh God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence O Lord,
And take not your Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love. Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

“O, How He Loves You and Me”

HWC 513

Verse 1

O, how He loves you and me.
O, how He loves you and me;
He gave His life, what more could He give?
O, how he loves you; O, how He loves me;
O, how He loves you and me!

Verse 2

Jesus to Calv'ry did go,
His love for mankind to show;
What He did there brought hope from despair:
O, how he loves you; O, how He loves me;
O, how He loves you and me!

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“Eat This Bread” (2X)

WOV 709

Eat this bread; drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

“This Is My Body”

WOV 707

This is my body given up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.
This is my body given up for you, this is my blood poured out for you.
Body of Christ. Amen. Blood of Christ. Amen.
Body of Christ. Amen. Blood of Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

