



May 8, 2022

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 two capable, loving young women.

The restrooms are located just outside the hallway leading to the sanctuary, with a wheelchair/handicap accessible restroom down the hall.

If you need help finding any of these, please ask an usher. They also have a "Welcome" packet for you with more information about Living Word Lutheran Church (also available on the visitor's table).

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 more personal ministry. Prayer request cards are included for you to fill out and place in the plate when offering is taken. Pastor Mike 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.

We welcome the opportunity to visit with you, so 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.

May

Acolyte

John Madden

Ushers

Judy Ostendorf

Security

Dave Ostendorf

Sound System

Mike Stankovich

Lector

Sharleen Parker

Coffee Hour

Valerie Claiborne

Barbara Gjerstad

Flowers

Tony & Linda Deas

Tellers

Judy Krumweide

Linda Kupka

Sharlene Parker

Al Auge

Julian Estates Worship Leaders

Ron & Sharon Johnson

Bonaventure

Pastor Mike Byus

May 15

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John Madden

Ushers

Sharon Johnson

Security

Dennis Krumwiede

Sound System

Ron Johnson

Lector

Ron Johnson

Communion Asst.

Lorraine Stargel

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Yvonne Olson

Sue Fields

Coffee Hour

Sharlene Parker

Judy Williams

Flowers

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Linda Kupka

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Al Auge

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Raeanne Mitchell

Ron Heilman

Bonaventure

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Pastors Corner

“The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26).

With it being Mother’s Day, a person through whom Christ thinks, a heart through with Christ loves, a voice through which Christ sings, and a hand through with Christ helps, is truly a mother.

A Mother is one who believes in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. She loves him and seeks to obey him day by day. She sees the home as a place in which to honor God and serve her generation.

May God bless you in your efforts in that direction.

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 Christ

LWLC FINANCIAL REPORT

In Person Offering	\$5,095.75
On Line Offering	\$505.30
Julian Estates	\$455.00 (2 weeks)
Bonaventure	No Report
Deposit Total:	\$6,556.05

LWLC ATTENDANCE REPORT

Last Week’s Attendance	33
Julian Estates Attendance	39 (2 weeks)
Bonaventure	cancelled

**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.**

**Living Word Lutheran Church
Order of Worship
May 8, 2022, The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day
Today's hymns are in *Congregation Stands
Pastor Mike Byus**

Our worship begins with the prelude. When you hear the bell ring, take a seat and quietly prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude "Jesus Loves Me" arr Bock
Praise Hymn "Jesus Loves Me" **by special request**

Verse 1
Jesus loves me! this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong,
They are weak, but He is strong. *(chorus)*

Verse 2
Jesus loves me! He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in. *(chorus)*
Text: Anna B. Warner, altered, Music: William B. Bradbury

Verse 3
Jesus loves me! He will stay
Close beside me all the way;
He's prepared a home for me,
And some day His face I'll see. *(chorus)*

Chorus
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Welcome

***Opening Prayer**

***Opening Hymn** "The Lord's My Shepherd" **by special request**

Verse 1
The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul *(chorus)*

Verse 2
He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights *(chorus)*

Verse 3
And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know *(chorus)*

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Chorus
And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

Descant
I will trust I will trust in You
I will trust I will trust in You
Endless mercy follows me
Goodness will lead me home

Prayer of the Day (We Pray Together) – God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

We Worship with Confession

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. **C**: 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 the Book of Acts the 9th Chapter. (ESV)

³⁶ Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ In those days she became ill and died, and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him, urging him, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter rose and went with them. And when he arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood beside him weeping and showing

tunics and other garments that Dorcas made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ But Peter put them all outside and knelt down and prayed; and turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ And he gave her his hand and raised her up. Then, calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive. ⁴² And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ And he stayed in Joppa for many days with one Simon, a tanner.

(The Word of the Lord)

C: Thanks be to God

This Reading is from the Book of Psalms, the 23rd Psalm (ESV)

(to be read responsively)

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

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

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

C: ⁴Even 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.

: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.

The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the 10th Chapter (ESV)

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ And Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶ But you do not believe

because you are not among my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one

(The Gospel of Our Lord)
C: Praise to you O Christ

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostle's 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.

Message

***Offertory/Offertory**

"Gentle Shepherd"

arr Bock

Offering Hymn

"Create In Me"

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

***Offering Prayer**

Words of Institution

Communion

Communion Hymns

"The Lamb"

Verse 1

The Lamb the Lamb

O Father where's the sacrifice

Faith sees believes

God will provide the Lamb of price

(chorus)

Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing

(chorus)

Verse 3

The Lamb the Lamb

As wayward sheep their shepherd kill

So still His will

On our behalf the law to fill **(chorus)**

He gives me His own righteousness

(chorus)

Verse 5

He rose He rose

My heart with thanks now overflows

His song prolong

Till ev'ry heart to Him belong **(chorus)**

Verse 2

The Lamb the Lamb

One perfect final offering

The Lamb the Lamb

Verse 4

He sighs He dies

He takes my sin and wretchedness

He lives forgives

Chorus

Worthy is the Lamb
Whose death makes me His own
The Lamb is reigning on His throne

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Communion Hymns

“Surely Goodness and Mercy”

by special request

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life;
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever;
And I will feast at the table spread for me;
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life.
All the days, all the days of my life.

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“As the Deer”

by special request

Verse 1

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee (*chorus*)

Verse 2

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything (*chorus*)

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Verse 3

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye (*chorus*)

Chorus

You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer (congregation sings)

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Announcements

Flowers today are brought by Tony & Linda Deas in celebrating all of the ladies of the congregation

Benediction (Pastor)

“Doxology” (congregation sings)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

On Our Way Rejoicing

Closing Hymn

Verse 1

Be not dismayed what e'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide,
God will take care of you. (*chorus*)

Verse 2

Thro days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you. (*chorus*)

Chorus

God will take care of you, Thro every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you

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“God Will Take Care of You”

Verse 3

All you may need He will provide,
God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you. (*chorus*)

Verse 4

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
Lean weary one, upon His breast,
God will take care of you. (*chorus*)

by special request

We Worship By How We Live During the Week

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Musician: Mary Kaye Owen

Choir Director: Dan Owen

***Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!
If you are a visitor, we are blessed that you have joined us for worship.
Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us!***