



The prophet Amos , a shepherd and caretaker of sycamore-fig trees.

July 14, 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 two capable, loving people.

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.

We have a “Welcome” packet for you with more information about Living Word Lutheran Church.

Each row has a red pad with a form 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 the 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.

July 14, 2024

Usher

Toni Sherman

Security

Dick Schmidt

Sound System

Bill Zavadil

Lector

Lorraine Stargel

Communion Assistant

Lorraine Stargel

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Yvonne Olson/Sue Fields

Coffee Hour

Heidi Sturdivant/Lorraine Stargel

Flowers

Jeff and Sarah DeBord

Tellers

Judy Krumwiede/Linda Kupka

Sharlene Parker

Julian Estates Worship Leaders

Ron and Sharon Johnson

Bonaventure

Ron and Sharon Johnson

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Usher

Carol Brennan

Security

Don Brennan

Sound System

Ron Johnson

Lector

Dick Schmidt

Communion Assistant

Nancy Martin

Communion Set-up/clean-up

Nancy Martin/Toni Sherman

Coffee Hour

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Order of Worship

July 14, 2024 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Pastor Joe Beal

LBW-Green Hymnal, HWC-Light Blue Hymnal, WOV-Dark Blue Hymnal

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.

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. (<https://lcmc.net>)

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Flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of July birthdays by Jeff and Sarah DeBord.

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

Prelude

Our guest pianist today is Maryn Clegg

Opening Hymn

“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”

HWC 172

Verse 1

Tell me the story of Jesus
Write on my heart every word
Tell me the story most precious
Sweetest that ever was heard
Tell how the angels in chorus
Sang as they welcomed His birth
Glory to God in the highest
Peace and good tidings to earth **Chorus**

Chorus

Tell me the story of Jesus
Write on my heart every word
Tell me the story most precious
Sweetest that ever was heard

Verse 2

Fasting alone in the desert
Tell of the days that are past
How for our sins He was tempted
Yet was triumphant at last
Tell of the years of His labour
Tell of the sorrow He bore
He was despised and afflicted
Homeless rejected and poor **Chorus**

Verse 3

Tell of the cross where they nailed Him
Writhing in anguish and pain
Tell of the grave where they laid Him
Tell how He liveth again
Love in that story so tender
Clearer than ever I see
Stay let me weep while you whisper
Love paid the ransom for me **Chorus**

Prayer of the Day (all pray): **Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Worship by Confessing our Sins

Confession and Forgiveness (Psalm 51)

P: We come to this moment of confession in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses. **C: Wash us from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sins.**

P: You, O God, know our sin. Nothing is hidden from You. Therefore, You are justified when You speak, and You are right when You judge.

C: Make us pure, O God. Wash our slates clean. Turn from our sin and remember it no more.

P: Hide Your face from our sins. Grant us mercy, even though we are unworthy.

C: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from us.

P: Give us the joy of Your saving help and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

C: **Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses.**

P: Let us take some time to confess our sins before God.

<A moment of silent prayer and reflection>

P: Almighty God...

C: **We have fallen short of Your glory. We have done things with which You are not well pleased. We have failed to do things that would have helped our neighbor. We confess that sin has come between You and us. O God, We come before You now in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior to ask for Your forgiveness and a cleansing of our hearts. Hear our prayer. We want to be in a right relationship with You. Remove all those things that we allow to get in the way. We are sorry for what we have done. We humbly come before You with our confessions and thanksgiving. Amen**

P: People of God, you have made confession of your sins before the Lord. Therefore, you are promised forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. So, by the authority of God our Father and Jesus Christ His only Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I boldly and confidently announce the forgiveness of all your sins. You have been washed clean and purified of your sins. Rejoice and be glad, for you are a child of God.

C: **Praise be to God! Amen!**

We Hear and Read God's Word

The first reading is from Amos, the 7th Chapter (ESV)

⁷ This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the

midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴ Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

(R: The word of the Lord)

C: **Thanks be to God**

This reading is from Psalm 85 (ESV) (responsive)

R: ⁸ Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

Congregation: ⁹ **Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.**

R: ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

C: ¹¹ **Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

R: ¹² Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

C: ¹³ **Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.**

(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.

Announcements

(Please stand for the reading of the Epistle lesson)

This reading is from St. Paul's epistle to the Ephesians, the 1st chapter (ESV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his

will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

(R: The word of the Lord)

C: **Praise to you O Christ**

Message

Pastor Joe Beal

Offertory

(pianist choice)

Offering Hymn *(please stand)*

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

The Words of Institution

Holy Communion

Communion Hymns (meditation music, pianist choice)

Prayers of the Church

The LORD’S Prayer

The LORD’S Prayer (spoken)

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction *(please stand)*

Doxology

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

“Tell Me the Old, Old Story”

HWC 424

Verse 1

Tell me the old, old story
Of unseen things above
Of Jesus and His glory
Of Jesus and His love
Tell me the story simply
As to a little child
For I am weak and weary
And helpless and defiled **(Chorus)**

Chorus

Tell me the old, old story
Tell me the old, old story
Tell me the old, old story
Of Jesus and His love

Verse 2

Tell me the story slowly
That I may take it in-
That wonderful redemption
God's remedy for sin
Tell me the story often
For I forget so soon
The early dew of morning
Has passed away at noon **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

Tell me the same old story
When you have cause to fear
That this world's empty glory
is costing me too dear
Tell me the story always
If you would really be
In any time of trouble
A comforter to me **(Chorus)**

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Pianist: Maryn Clegg

We Worship By How We Live During the Week

*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!*