



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

July 12, 2020

6th Sunday after Pentecost

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP (please rise as you are able)

P. We are called together to worship today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen!**

P. We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

C. *We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.*

P. Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

C. *Guide our every move, Holy One, that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.*

P. Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

C. *See what love the Father has given us.*

ALL: Together, let us worship God! AMEN.

GATHERING SONG "I Love You Lord"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

P. Let us pray, Most merciful God,

C. *We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. AMEN*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Congregational response: AMEN

(Please be seated)

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FIRST LESSON

R. The first lesson is from the book of Isaiah 55: 10-13:

¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills

before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”
R. This is the word of the Lord ***C. Thanks be to God.***

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 65: 1-13:

R. ¹ Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

C. ² O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

R. ³ When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

C. ⁴ Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

R. ⁵ By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;

C. ⁶ the one who by his strength established the mountains, being girded with might;

R. ⁷ who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples,

C. ⁸ so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs. You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.

R. ⁹ You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.

C. ¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.

R. ¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.

C. ¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

R. ¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

R. Here ends the reading of the Psalm. Please rise as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL LESSON (Please rise as you are able)

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter, verses 1-9, 18-23:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.” ¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the

kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG “Humble Thyself and Awesome God”

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

OFFERING PRAYER/PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P. Let us pray, **C. We give You thanks for this day, a day of promise, a day of hope. You have made us and filled us with all good things. With joy, enthusiasm, and trust O God, we offer You all that we have. Take everything into Your hands for service in Your name. AMEN**

Following general prayers, you are encouraged to share other prayer concerns out loud. Please close your prayer concern with “Lord in your mercy”.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER, CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS, LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN “I Saw the Light”

P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. C. Thanks be to God!

I Love You Lord

I love You Lord

And I lift my voice

To worship You

O my soul rejoice

Take joy my King

In what You hear

May it be a sweet, sweet sound

In Your ear

Repeat x 2

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Humble Thyself and Awesome God

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord
And He will lift you up
Higher and higher
And He will lift you up (repeat verse)

Our God is an awesome God
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, pow'r and love
Our God is an awesome God (repeat verse)

Our God is an awesome God (repeat)

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I Saw the Light

Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Chorus: I saw the light I saw the light
No more in darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light
Chorus, repeat X 2

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