



# LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Growing Family of Faith*

October 25, 2020

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## **INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

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. On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, gracious God,

**C. We praise Your holy name.**

P. Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim Your greatness,

**C. We have seen Your deeds of power and witnessed Your goodness in our lives.**

P. You have opened Your hand to all, satisfying the desire of every living thing

**ALL. Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!**

**GATHERING SONG** “You Raise Me Up”

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

P: 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)**

**WORSHIP SONG** “What a Friend”

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS    **FIRST LESSON****

R. The first lesson is from the book of 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8:

<sup>1</sup> For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. <sup>2</sup> But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict.

<sup>3</sup> For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, <sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> For we never came with words of

flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. <sup>6</sup> Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. <sup>7</sup> But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. <sup>8</sup> So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

P. This is the word of the Lord **C. *Thanks be to God.***

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 1:

R. <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**C. <sup>2</sup> *but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.***

R. <sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

**C. <sup>4</sup> *The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.***

R. <sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**C. <sup>6</sup> *for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.***

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 22nd chapter, verses 34-46:

**C. *Glory to you, O Lord***

<sup>34</sup> But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup> And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” <sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, <sup>42</sup> saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> “‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? <sup>45</sup> If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” <sup>46</sup> And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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

**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 life everlasting. Amen.***

**(Please be seated)**

**SERMON SONG** “You Are My All in All”

**MESSAGE** Pastor Michael Birnbaum

**OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*(Offering plates located at rear-thank you thank you, thank you!)*

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray, **C. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P. It is indeed right and salutary.....we praise your name and join their unending proclamation: **C. (singing) Holy, holy, holy,**

***My heart, my heart adores You!***

***My heart is glad to say, the words:***

***You are holy, Lord!***

**Communion Prayer, Consecration of Elements, Lord’s Prayer**

**PRESENTATION OF THOSE RECEIVING FIRST COMMUNION**

**(Please be seated during distribution of communion)**

We welcome everyone to the Lord’s Table who shares the Biblical belief that He is present (1 Cor. 10:16) and our sins are being forgiven as He promises (Matt.26:28). This sacrament is a truly wonderful opportunity to share this miracle and our oneness as the Body of Christ together! (1Cor. 10:17-18)

**BLESSING/BENEDICTION** *(please rise as you are able)*

**SENDING SONG** "Your Grace is Enough"

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

**God Bless You! See you next week. Invite a friend or relative to worship with us!**



- ❖ **Thank you!** Everyone in the church and all of you supporting us online deserve a big thank you! Your gifts supporting the ministries of Living Word Lutheran Church have been generous and we continue to operate in the black! Until we begin taking the offering during the service again don't forget to use the offering plate at the rear of the church. **Blessings to all!**
  
- ❖ **Social distancing??** Have you noticed our chairs are back in rows?? As our attendance grows more toward "normal" we will be going back to seating by rows **but** adding more rows so everyone can choose their "social distancing" by spacing themselves from non-family, etc. Remember we have plenty of masks and hand sanitizer available as well! We will still be missing some members who need to not be in groups due to family health concerns and we fully support them -- but we miss them! Pastor and others are "keeping tabs" on all. Oh...even though we are Lutheran, studies show that chairs in the front are quite acceptable! 😊

**Upcoming Events:**

- Please join us following worship for cake in honor of all who received their First Communion today!
- Oct 28-Men's Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM
- Nov. 1-All Saints Sunday, Dedication of New Flags
- Nov. 5-"Blessed and Unstoppable" Small Group meets at IHOP 5:30
- Nov. 8-REFORMATION Worship
- Nov. 12-Small Group Sampler **OPEN TO EVERYONE**, 7 PM, 3690 N. Miller Street

**Post Communion Canticle**

Thank the Lord and sing His praise  
tell ev-ery-one what He has done  
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice  
and proud-ly bear His name.  
He re-calls His prom-is-es  
and leads His pe-ople forth in joy  
With shouts of thanks-giv-ing  
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia.

### **You Raise Me Up**

When I am down and oh my soul's so weary  
When troubles come and my heart burdened be  
Then I am still and wait here in the silence  
Until You come and sit a while with me  
    Chorus You raise me up so I can stand on mountains  
    You raise me up to walk on stormy seas  
    I am strong when I am on Your shoulders  
    You raise me up to more than I can be

Repeat chorus

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### **You Are My All in All**

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

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: Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name  
Jesus Lamb of God  
Worthy is Your name

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### **What A Friend We Have in Jesus**

What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer  
O what peace we often forfeit  
O what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations  
Is there trouble anywhere  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden  
Cumbered with a load of care  
Precious Savior still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Do thy friends despise forsake thee  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee  
Thou wilt find a solace there

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## **Your Grace Is Enough**

Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart  
    Chorus (So) remember Your people  
    Remember Your children  
    Remember Your promise O God  
        Your grace is enough  
        Your grace is enough  
        Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

Chorus x 2

Yeah Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I sing Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me for me

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