



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

September 6, 2020

14th 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. God said, "Six days you shall labor and do all your work,

C. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord."

P. Jesus said, "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden,

C. and I will give you rest."

P. We come in the name of the Spirit, resting from our labors,

ALL. Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

GATHERING SONG "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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 "My Country 'tis of Thee"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FIRST LESSON

R. The first lesson is from the book of Romans 13:8-14:

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when

we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

LABOR DAY LITANY

R. Let us pray this day for all who labor,

C. which includes all of us.

R. For those who work with their hands.

C. For those who work with their minds.

R. For those who work with their families.

C. For those who look for work.

R. For those who seek to find their next meal.

C. For those who help others find their next meal.

R. For those who care for their homes.

C. For those who give away their time freely.

R. For those who work to live.

C. For those who live to work.

R. All of us are given work.

C. Let us thank the Lord no matter what the work. Amen

R. Here ends the Labor Day Litany. 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 18: 15-20:

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

¹⁸Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed^[a] in heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG “Amazing Grace-My Chains are Gone ”

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

(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)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

LABOR DAY VIDEO

BENEDICTION *(please rise as you are able)*

SENDING SONG “Majesty”

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

God Bless You! Invite a friend or relative to worship with us!

Upcoming Events:

- **AFTER WORSHIP TODAY-FELLOWSHP COOK OUT AND POTLUCK-Pat Toth's home**
- Sept 9-Men's Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM
- **Sept. 9-SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 7 PM AT CHURCH**
- Sept. 17-Women's group "Blessed and Unstoppable" 5:30 PM at church Contact Bev Valentine for more info- 928-377 -2577 or beverlyvalentine @citlink.net
- Sept. 19-WOW meeting 9 AM at church
- Sept. 26-The Return: National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance– on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. & around the nation and around the world. More info coming!

Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Love divine all loves excelling
Joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us Your humble dwelling
All Your faithful mercies crown
Jesus source of all compassion
Love unbounded love all pure
Visit us with Your salvation
Let Your love in us endure

Finish then Your new creation
Pure and spotless gracious Lord
Let us see Your great salvation
Perfectly in You restored
Change from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place
Till we sing before the Almighty
Lost in wonder love and praise

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My Country 'tis of Thee

My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing
Land where my fathers died
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain side let freedom ring

My native country thee
Land of the noble free, Thy name I love
I love thy rocks and rills
Thy woods and templed hills
My heart with rapture thrills like that above

Let music swell the breeze
And ring from all the trees,
Sweet freedom's song
Let mortal tongues awake
Let all that breathe partake
Let rocks their silence break the sound prolong

Our fathers' God to Thee, author of liberty
To Thee we sing
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light
Protect us by Thy might, great God our King

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Majesty

Majesty worship His majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory
Honor and praise
Majesty kingdom authority
Flow from His throne
Unto His own His anthem raise
So exalt lift up on high
The name of Jesus
Magnify come glorify
Christ Jesus the King
Majesty worship His majesty
Jesus who died now glorified
King of all kings (repeat song)

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