



## LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Growing Family of Faith*

September 12, 2021

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

**PASTOR BRANDON SCROGGINS**

### **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. God's faithful love endures for ever and ever. Because of God's everlasting goodness,

**C. we offer God our thanks and praise.**

P. God's faithful love endures for ever and ever. Because of God's care and concern for humanity,

**C. we offer God our thanks and praise.**

P. God's faithful love endures for ever and ever. Because of God's transforming powers and actions,

**C. we gather as a community of faith and trust in God—and we offer God our thanks and praise.**

**ALL: TOGETHER LET US WORSHIP GOD! AMEN.**

### **GATHERING SONG** *"Confidence"*

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

P. Let us pray,

**C. O God, so often we take You for granted. We take for granted that You will answer our prayers, that You will heal us and make us whole. We take for granted that You love us. Forgive us for not appreciating Your grace and presence in our lives. Help us to be more thankful. Give us faith to see You in everything and everyone around us, so that we may be truly grateful. In Christ's name we pray. AMEN**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS** *Congregational response: AMEN*

***(Please be seated)***

### **WORSHIP SONG** *"On Eagle's Wings"*

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

R. The first lesson is from the book of Isaiah 50: 4-10:

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I

was not rebellious; I turned not backward. <sup>6</sup> I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. <sup>7</sup> But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. <sup>9</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. <sup>10</sup> Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

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

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 116: 1-9:

R. <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**C. <sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

R. <sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**C. <sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

R. <sup>5</sup> Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.

**C. <sup>6</sup> The LORD preserves the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

R. <sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

**C. <sup>8</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;**

R. <sup>9</sup> I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

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. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter, verses 14-29:

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

<sup>14</sup> And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. <sup>16</sup> And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" <sup>17</sup> And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. <sup>18</sup> And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." <sup>19</sup> And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." <sup>20</sup> And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. <sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. <sup>22</sup> And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can

do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”<sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.”<sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”<sup>25</sup> And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”<sup>26</sup> And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.”<sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.<sup>28</sup> And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?”<sup>29</sup> And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

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

**(Please be seated)**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON SONG** “Help My Unbelief”

**MESSAGE** Pastor Brandon Scroggins

### **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.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.*

*I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

### **OFFERING**

**“DOXOLOGY”** (please rise as you are able)

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P. Let us pray, **C. God, whose giving knows no ending, we offer up the treasure that You have entrusted to us; we offer up the skills and time that You have graciously given to us; we offer up ourselves in service and praise. Receive these gifts by Your grace. Multiply and**

**use them through the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish Christ's work of love in the world. AMEN**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (Please remain standing as you are able)

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!**

**Consecration of Elements, Lord's Prayer**

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

We practice open Communion here at Living Word. If you believe and are baptized, we invite you to participate. Communion wine is WHITE, juice is RED. Please bring young children to receive a blessing.

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** "Thank the Lord" (please rise as you are able)

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**(Please be seated)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG** "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

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

**Join us for fellowship after worship!**

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



9/12 worship helpers: Reader: Todd Ormsby  
Communion Assist: Judy Ormsby  
Fellowship treats: Dennie Burgett

9/19 worship helpers: Reader: Rosie Freeman  
Communion Assist: Alice Jensen  
Fellowship treats: Alice Jensen

## Upcoming Events:

- **September 12-Special Congregational Meeting following worship**
- September 14, 21, 28-Yoga 8 AM @ church
- September 15, 22, 29- Men's Fellowship and Bible Study 9 AM @ church
- September 16-Blessed and Unstoppable Women's Group-5:30, place TBD
- September 18-Women's Bible Study 9 AM at church
- **September 19-Pastor Brandon speaks at Mohave County Fair 1 PM**

### On Eagle's Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust."

Chorus And He will raise you up  
on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His Wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield.

Chorus

For to His angels He's given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Chorus

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### Shine Jesus Shine

Lord the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining  
Jesus Light of the world shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus Shine Jesus shine  
Fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze, Set our hearts on fire  
Flow river flow Flood the nations  
With grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word Lord  
And let there be light

Lord I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness  
Search me try me consume all my darkness  
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me shine on me

Chorus

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## Confidence

I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose  
I feel unqualified for what You're calling me to  
But Lord with Your strength  
I've got no excuse  
'Cause broken people are  
Exactly who You use

Chorus (So) Give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den  
Give me hope like Moses in the wilderness  
Give me a heart like David, Lord be my defense  
So I can face my giants with confidence

You took a shepherd boy, And made him a King  
So I'm gonna trust You and give You everything  
I'll be a conqueror, 'Cause You fight for me  
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory

Chorus

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls  
I won't stop until I see 'em fall  
Gonna stand up step out when You call  
Jesus (Jesus) (sing x 2)

Chorus x 2

I'll face my giants with confidence

## Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;  
tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises  
and leads His people forth in joy  
With shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

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### **Help My Unbelief**

I know the Lord is nigh  
And would but cannot pray  
For Satan meets me when I try  
And frights my soul away  
And frights my soul away

I would but can't repent  
Though I endeavor oft  
This stony heart can ne'er relent  
Till Jesus makes it soft  
Till Jesus makes it soft

Chorus Help my unbelief  
Help my unbelief  
Help my unbelief  
My help must come from Thee

I would but cannot love  
Though wooed by love divine  
No arguments have power to move  
A soul as base as mine  
A soul so base as mine

I would but cannot rest  
In God's most holy will  
I know what He appoints is best  
And murmur at it still  
I murmur at it still

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