



## LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Growing Family of Faith*

August 29, 2021

14<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: Let us worship the eternal God, **C: Who is ever faithful, in whom we can trust,**

P: Let us worship Jesus Christ.

**C. Who takes our burdens from us and lives among us.**

P: Let us worship the Holy Spirit,

**C. The Living Presence, who teaches us to be trustworthy.**

P: To the one true God be praise in all times and places through the grace of Jesus Christ.

**ALL: Together, let us worship God! AMEN.**

### **GATHERING SONG** *“Diamonds”*

### **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)***

### **WORSHIP SONG** *“Amazing Grace-My Chains are gone”*

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

R. The first lesson is from the book of Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9:

<sup>1</sup> “And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. <sup>6</sup> Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the

sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' <sup>7</sup> For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? <sup>8</sup> And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? <sup>9</sup> "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children—

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

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 119: 129-136:

R. <sup>129</sup> Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

**C. <sup>130</sup> The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**

R. <sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments.

**C. <sup>132</sup> Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.**

R. <sup>133</sup> Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

**C. <sup>134</sup> Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.**

R. <sup>135</sup> Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

**C. <sup>136</sup> My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.**

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 7: 14-23:

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

<sup>14</sup> And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him."<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>17</sup> And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup> since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?"<sup>[b]</sup> (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup> And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

(Please be seated)

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON SONG** “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

**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.*

**SHARE THE PEACE**

P. May the peace of the Lord be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

**OFFERING** (please be seated for collection of offering)

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

**OFFERING PRAYER**

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**

**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** *“Trees of the Field”*

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!***



8/29 worship helpers: Readers: Kathy Scroggins, Adalyn Scroggins

Communion Assist: Alice Jensen

Fellowship treats: **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY POTLUCK**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP!**

9/5 worship helpers: Reader: Eileen Pressler

Communion Assist: Bev Valentine

Fellowship treats: Eileen Pressler

**Upcoming  
Events:**

- **August 29-Potluck following worship! 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck Returns!**
- Sept. 1,8,15,22,29- Men's Fellowship and Bible Study 9 AM @ church
- Sept 2- Blessed and Unstoppable Women's Group-5:30, place TBD
- **Sept. 6-Council meeting 5:30 @ church (Due to Pr. Brandon's schedule, Council meetings will now be held on the first TUESDAY of each month, 5:30 at church.)**
- **Sept. 12-SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

## Diamonds

Here and now I'm in the fire in above my head  
Oh...Ohh...Woahh...  
Being held under the pressure  
Oh...Ohh...Woahh...  
Don't know what'll be left  
But it's here in the ashes  
I'm finding treasure  
Chorus: He's making diamonds, diamonds  
He's making diamonds out of dust  
He is refining in His timing  
He's making diamonds out of us  
I'll surrender to the power of being crushed by love  
Oh...Ohh...Woahh...  
'Til the beauty that was hidden isn't covered up  
Oh...Ohh...Woahh...  
Oh it's not what I hoped for  
It's something much better  
Chorus  
Oh, the joy of the Lord, it will be my strength  
When the pressure is on, He's making (diamonds)  
(REPEAT x 2)  
He's making, He's making...  
Chorus  
I won't be afraid to shine (x3)  
'Cuz He's making diamonds out of dust  
Making diamonds out of us

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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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## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1-Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee  
Thou changest not  
Thy compassions they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be

Chorus: 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

2-Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide  
Strength for today  
And bright hope for tomorrow  
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside  
Chorus

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## The Trees of the Field

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace  
And the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you  
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
Shall clap, shall clap their hands

Chorus: And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands (*clap, clap*)  
The trees of the field shall clap their hands (*clap, clap*)  
The trees of the field shall clap their hands (*clap, clap*)  
And you'll go out with joy

(Repeat verse and chorus)

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## 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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