



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

June 21, 2020

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

FATHER'S DAY

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. Come to God who gathers us in.

C. *We come to God who nurtures us like a father.*

P. Come to God whose arms are open and waiting.

C. *We come to God who welcomes and forgives us.*

P. Come to God who journeys with us.

C. *We come to God who sees us as we really are and loves us anyway.*

P. Come, praise our loving nurturing God!

ALL: TOGETHER LET US WORSHIP GOD! AMEN.

GATHERING SONG "Here I Am to Worship"

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 Romans, chapter 6, verses 1-11:

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We

know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 91: 1-10:

R. ¹ He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C.² I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

R. ³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

C.⁴ He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

R. ⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

C.⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

R. ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

C.⁸ You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

R. ⁹ Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—

C.¹⁰ no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

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 10th chapter, verses 24-39:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴ "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear

whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but

cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your

Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also

will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. ³⁴ "Do not think that I have come to bring

peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG “Children of the Heavenly Father”

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

OFFERING PRAYER/PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P. Let us pray, **C. Generous God, through Your Son Jesus Christ You have shown us what it means to love. Accept the gifts we bring today. May they help to spread the love we have received to the world around us. 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 “On Christ the Solid Rock”

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

COMING UP:

- Immediately follow worship-Special memorial service remembering our sister-in-Christ Marie LeRoy who passed away at her home May 25, 2020. Service will begin at approximately 11 AM. Pastor Michael will lead our service, Pastor Grif Vautier from Kingman Presbyterian Church will deliver a message. Due to COVID precautions, there will not be a reception following worship.

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Open my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You
 Chorus Here I am to worship
 Here I am to bow down
 Here I am to say that You're my God
 You're altogether lovely
 Altogether worthy
 Altogether wonderful to me
King of all days oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor
 Chorus
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
 Chorus

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On Christ the Solid Rock

1-My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name
 Chorus On Christ the solid Rock I stand
 All other ground is sinking sand
 All other ground is sinking sand
2-When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
 Chorus

Children of the Heavenly Father

Children of the heavenly Father
Safely in His bosom gather
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given

God His own doth tend and nourish
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them
In His mighty arms He bears them

Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever
Unto them His grace He showeth
And their sorrows all He knoweth

Though He giveth or He taketh
God His children ne'er forsaketh
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy

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3-His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay
 Chorus
4-When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne
 Chorus (repeat)

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