



## LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Growing Family of Faith*

January 17, 2021

Sanctity of Life Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL GREETING**

#### **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. O Love that will not let us go,

**C. We rest our weary souls in Thee.**

P. Though we sin, fail, hurt, and destroy,

**C. You will not let us go.**

P. Though we fail to see the Sanctity of Life every day, in a million ways,

**C. You will not let us go.**

P. In You we live, move, and have our being,

**C. we cannot close our hearts to Thee.**

P. You are the author of life.

**C. You created us in Your very image.**

P. You knit us together in our mother's wombs, we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

**C. You lift up our heads.**

P. All life is a gift, and all life is sacred.

**ALL: We offer our lives to You.**

#### **GATHERING SONG** "Bless the Lord"

#### **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** "Children of the Heavenly Father"

## **SCRIPTURE LESSONS    FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of 1 Corinthians 6:12-20:

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup>for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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

**RESPONSIVE PSALM**    R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 139: 1-8, 13-18:

R. <sup>1</sup>O LORD, you have searched me and known me!

**C. <sup>2</sup>*You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.***

R. <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**C. <sup>4</sup>*Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.***

R. <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

**C. <sup>6</sup>*Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.***

R. <sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**C. <sup>8</sup>*If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!***

R. <sup>13</sup>For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

**C. <sup>14</sup>*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.***

R. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**C. <sup>16</sup>*Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.***

R. <sup>17</sup>How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**C. <sup>18</sup>*If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.***

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. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter, verses 43-51:

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

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **NICENE CREED**

***I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.***

***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.***

**(Please be seated)**

**SERMON SONG** "Borning Cry"

**MESSAGE** Pastor Michael Birnbaum

**OFFERING 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. Dear Heavenly Father, You are Creator of all and the Giver of life. You have created humankind in Your image to reflect Your glory to the world, and we praise You for the work Your hands have done. On this Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, we mourn that many of Your precious sons and daughters have lost their lives too soon. We grieve their absence today and every day.**

**Help us to be champions of life, Jesus. Strengthen us and equip us to do Your work in our communities, our nations, our world. May we stand for what You have taught us, and may we give You glory in all that we do.**

**We love You and praise You on this day and every day, Lord. Thank You for the gift of life. Help us to protect and preserve it in every way we can. May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**In your holy and mighty name, 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**

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 CANTICLE** *(please rise as you are able)*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise

tell ev-ery-one what He has done

Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce

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.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING/BENEDICTION

### SENDING SONG "I'll Fly Away"

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

**God Bless You! See you next week. Bring a friend or relative!**



### COMING UP:

- January 24 -Donna Kowalske Memorial Service and Celebration of Life 1 PM at Living Word
- **January 31-CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP Plan to help chart our future!**
- FEBRUARY 7-Pastor Brandon Scroggins worships with us

### **10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Worship Your holy name  
Lord I'll worship Your holy name

### **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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### **Borning Cry**

I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in,  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise.

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### **I'll Fly Away**

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er  
I'll fly away

To that home on God's celestial shore  
I'll fly away

I'll fly away O glory, I'll fly away  
When I die hallelujah by and by  
I'll fly away

(Oh) Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away

To a land where joys will never end  
I'll fly away

I'll fly away O glory,  
I'll fly away (in the morning)

When I die hallelujah by and by  
I'll fly away

I'll fly away O glory, I'll fly away  
When I die hallelujah by and by  
I'll fly away

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