



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

September 5, 2021

15th 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 *“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

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 *“Still Small Voice”*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of Isaiah 35: 4-7a:

⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the

lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 146:

R. ¹ Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

C. ² I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

R. ³ Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

C. ⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

R. ⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

C. ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

R. ⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

C. ⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

R. ⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C. ¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

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 7th chapter, verses 24-37:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

²⁴ And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And

Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

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

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG “O How I Love Jesus”

MESSAGE Pastor Brandon Scroggins

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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.

OFFERING special video: Labor Day Prayer

“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 "I Am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N"

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!



9/5 worship helpers: Reader: Eileen Pressler

Communion Assist: Bev Valentine

Fellowship treats: Eileen Pressler

9/12 worship helpers: Reader: Todd Ormsby

Communion Assist: Judy Ormsby

Fellowship treats: Dennie Burgett

Upcoming Events:

- September 6- Labor Day
- September 7, 14, 21, 28-Yoga 8 AM @ church
- **September 7-Council meeting 5:30 PM, @ church**
- September 8, 15, 22, 29- Men's Fellowship and Bible Study 9 AM @ church
- September 11-WOW-more info to come!
- **September 12-Special Congregational Meeting following worship!**
- 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**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thru all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

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O How I love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear
I love to sing its worth
It sounds like music in my ear
The sweetest name on earth

Chorus: O how I love Jesus

O how I love Jesus

O how I love Jesus

Because He first loved me

It tells me of a Saviour's love
Who died to set me free
It tells me of His precious blood
The sinner's perfect plea

It tells of One whose loving heart
Can feel my deepest woe
Who in each sorrow bears a part
That none can bear below

Chorus

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Still Small Voice

I tried to feel You in the earthquake
I tried to see You in the eye of the storm
But I felt You heal all of my heartbreak
 With a still small voice, A still small voice

I know You're there, I see the evidence
And I feel the elements, Water and fire inside
And I know You love me and I will remember this
I've seen Your tenderness in a stranger's eyes
 And I'm not running to the noise
 No I'm not running to the noise

I tried to feel You in the earthquake
I tried to see You in the eye of the storm
But I felt You heal all of my heartbreak
 With a still small voice, A still small voice

I know Your song, I love the melody
It rings inside of me, It echoes in my heart
And I know Your footsteps, You walk in front of me
And then You carry me Every time I fall
You're with me through it all
 And I'm not running to the noise
 No I'm not running to the noise

I tried to feel You in the earthquake
 (I tried to feel You in the earthquake)
I tried to see You in the eye of the storm
 (I tried to see You in the eye of the storm)
But I felt You heal all of my heartbreak
 (But I felt You heal)
With a still small voice, A still small voice

I tried to make You in my image
But all I am is all You gave to me on the cross
Life began when You said: It is finished
 In a still small voice
 A still small voice
 A still small voice

Written by: Johan Glidden.

I Am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N

I am a C-
I am a C-H
I am a C-H-R-I-S-T-I-A-N
and I have C-H-R-I-S-T
in my H-E-A-R-T
and I will
L-I-V-E E-T-E-R-N-A-L-L-Y

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.

*Divine Service One, The Lutheran Service Book,
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