



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

October 11, 2020

19th Sunday after Pentecost

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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. On this new morning and in every moment of our lives, gracious God,

C. We praise Your holy name.

P. Like our ancestors before us, we proclaim Your greatness,

C. We have seen Your deeds of power and witnessed Your goodness in our lives.

P. You have opened Your hand to all, satisfying the desire of every living thing

ALL. Let us worship God in gratitude and joy!

GATHERING SONG "O Worship the King"

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 "As The Deer"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of Isaiah 25: 1-9:

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the foreigners' palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat; for the breath of the ruthless is like a

storm against a wall, ⁵ like heat in a dry place. You subdue the noise of the foreigners; as heat by the shade of a cloud, so the song of the ruthless is put down. ⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 23:

R. ¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

R. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

C. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

R. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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 22nd chapter, verses 1-14:

C. *Glorify to you, O Lord*

¹ And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servant to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.

¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind his hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

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.

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Let us pray, **C. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

(Please be seated during distribution of communion)

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)

BLESSING/BENEDICTION *(please rise as you are able)*

SENDING SONG "New Doxology"

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

God Bless You! See you next week. Invite a friend or relative to worship with us!



- ❖ **Thank you!** Everyone in the church and all of you supporting us online deserve a big thank you! Your gifts supporting the ministries of Living Word Lutheran Church have been generous and we continue to operate in the black! Until we begin taking the offering during the service again don't forget to use the offering plate at the rear of the church. **Blessings to all!**

- ❖ **Social distancing??** Have you noticed our chairs are back in rows?? As our attendance grows more toward "normal" we will be going back to seating by rows **but** adding more rows so everyone can choose their "social distancing" by spacing themselves from non-family, etc. Remember we have plenty of masks and hand sanitizer available as well! We will still be missing some members who need to not be in groups due to family health concerns and we fully support them -- but we miss them! Pastor and others are "keeping tabs" on all. Oh...even though we are Lutheran, studies show that chairs in the front are quite acceptable! 😊

**Upcoming
Events:**

- Oct. 14, 21-Men's Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM
- Oct. 15-"Blessed and Unstoppable" Small Group meets at church 5:30
- Oct. 17-WOW meeting 11-1 Hot Rod's Café
- Oct 24-Pre-Communion Class 9:30-11 at church
- Oct 25-New Small Group Rosie Freeman's home 2-3 PM

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above
And gratefully sing His wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite
It breathes in the air it shines in the light
It streams from the hills it descends to the plain
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain

He is the King, He is the Lord
He is the One who delivers me
(Repeat)

Hail to the King, Hail to the Lord
Hail to the One who delivers me
(Repeat)

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend

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As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything

Chorus: You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee

I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye
Chorus

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine
Now hear me while I pray
Take all my guilt away
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart
My zeal inspire
As Thou hast died for me
O may my love to Thee
Pure warm and changeless be
A living fire

When life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread
Be Thou my guide
Bid darkness turn to day
Wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside

When ends life's passing dream
When death's cold solemn stream
Shall o'er me roll
Blest Savior then in love
Fear and distrust remove
O bear me safe above
A ransomed soul

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New Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim
The pow'r and might of His great Name
Let us exalt on bended knee
Praise God the Holy Trinity

Chorus Praise God praise God
Praise God Who saved my soul
Praise God praise God
Praise God from Whom all blessings

flow

Praise to the King His throne transcends
His crown and Kingdom never end
Now and throughout eternity
I'll praise the One Who died for me

Chorus x 2

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

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