



## LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Growing Family of Faith*

August 23, 2020

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### **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** “Mighty to Save”

### **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 12:1-8:

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith

that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 138:

R. <sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**C. <sup>2</sup> I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

R. <sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased.

**C. <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth,**

R. <sup>5</sup> and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

**C. <sup>6</sup> For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.**

R. <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

**C. <sup>8</sup> The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

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 6<sup>th</sup> chapter, verses 9-13:

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

<sup>9</sup> You, therefore, pray like this: 'Our Father in heaven! May your Name be kept holy. <sup>10</sup> May your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us the food we need today. <sup>12</sup> Forgive us what we have done wrong, as we too have forgiven those who have wronged us. <sup>13</sup> And do not lead us into hard testing but keep us safe from the Evil One. For kingship, power and glory are yours forever. Amen.'

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

(Please be seated)

**SERMON SONG** "Isn't He"

**MESSAGE** Pastor Michael Birnbaum

Closing: "Our Father" by Don Moen

### **OFFERING PRAYER/PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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***

*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** “How Majestic is Thy Name”

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



- August 26-Men’s Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM
- August 30-9AM Pastor’s class on review of Lutheran Theology. For “New” members planning to join on August 30. **OR** for “Old” members who just would like a review!
- **August 30-Celebrate Easter in August** with us! Join us as we open the Alleluia box! We will be receiving new members. COVID compliant cake and coffee fellowship after worship! Bring a friend!
- September 25-30-Men’s Retreat-See Flyer for full information!

#### **How Majestic Is Your Name**

Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is  
Your name in all the earth  
Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is  
Your name in all the earth  
Oh Lord we praise Your name  
Oh Lord we magnify Your name  
Prince of Peace Mighty God  
Oh Lord God Almighty

### **Isn't He**

Isn't He beautiful  
Beautiful isn't He  
Prince of Peace Son of God  
Isn't He

Isn't He wonderful  
Wonderful isn't He  
Counselor Almighty God  
Isn't He isn't He isn't He

Yes You are beautiful  
Beautiful yes You are  
Prince of Peace Son of God  
Yes You are

Yes You are wonderful  
Wonderful yes You are  
Counselor Almighty God  
Yes You are Yes You are Yes You are

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Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is  
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Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is  
Your name in all the earth  
Oh Lord we praise Your name  
Oh Lord we magnify Your name  
Prince of Peace Mighty God  
Oh Lord God Almighty

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### **Our Father**

Hear our prayer, we are Your children  
And we've gathered here today  
We've gathered here to pray  
Hear our cry (O Lord)  
We need Your mercy, and we need Your grace today  
Hear us as we pray

Chorus Our Father, Who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Our Father, hear us from Heaven  
Forgive our sins we pray

Hear our song as it rises to Heaven  
May Your glory fill the earth  
As the waters cover the sea  
See our hearts, and remove anything  
That is standing in the way  
Of coming to You today

Chorus

Though we are few, we're surrounded by many  
Who have crossed that river before  
And this is the song we'll be singing forever  
Holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord  
Holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord  
Holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord  
Holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord

Repeat 1<sup>st</sup> verse and chorus

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