



## LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Growing Family of Faith*

November 15, 2020

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL GREETING**

#### **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. Give thanks to the Lord; call on His name; make His deeds known to all the people!

**C. For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

P. Sing His praises; tell of His wonderful works, and glory in His holy name! Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**C. For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

P. Search for God and for His strength. Never stop looking for Him.

**C. For He is the Lord, our God, faithful to a thousand generations!**

**ALL. Let us worship our God!**

**GATHERING SONG** “Worthy is the Lamb”

#### **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** “I Will Trust in You”

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS** FIRST LESSON

R. The first lesson is from the book of 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11:

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then

sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 90: 1-12:

R. <sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**C. <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

R. <sup>3</sup> You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

**C. <sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

R. <sup>5</sup> You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

**C. <sup>6</sup> In the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

R. <sup>7</sup> For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

**C. <sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

R. <sup>9</sup> For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**C. <sup>10</sup> The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

R. <sup>11</sup> Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

**C. <sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

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)

R. The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter, verses 14-30:

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

<sup>14</sup> "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those

servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

R. 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** “Blessed Assurance”

**MESSAGE** Pastor Michael Birnbaum

**OFFERING PRAYER 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. 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)

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

**COMMUNION BLESSING/BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG** “Trading My Sorrows”

P. Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C. Thanks be to God!  
God Bless You! See you next week. Bring a friend or relative!**



- Until we begin taking the offering during the service again don't forget to use the offering plates at the rear of the church. Drop in your offering as you arrive to worship, after Communion, or as you leave after worship. **Thank you and Blessings to all!**
- **Social distancing??** As our attendance grows more toward "normal" we have gone 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!



- Nov. 4-Men's Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM, Council Meeting 1:30
- Nov. 5-"Blessed and Unstoppable" Small Group meets at IHOP 5:30
- Nov. 8-REFORMATION Worship, Dedication of Crosses
- Nov. 12-Small Group Sampler **OPEN TO EVERYONE**, 7 PM 3690 N. Miller St.
- Nov. 22-Thanksgiving Worship and Thanksgiving Dinner to follow
- Nov. 29-**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### Post Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord and sing His praise  
tell ev-ery-one what He has done  
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice  
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.

### Trust in You

1-Letting go of every single dream  
I lay each one down at Your feet  
Every moment of my wondering  
Never changes what You see

2-I've tried to win this war I confess  
My hands are weary I need Your rest  
Mighty warrior King of the fight  
No matter what I face You're by my side  
Chorus When You don't move the  
mountains  
I'm needing You to move  
When You don't part the waters  
I wish I could walk through  
When You don't give the answers  
As I cry out to You  
I will trust I will trust, I will trust in You

3-Truth is You know what tomorrow brings  
There's not a day ahead You have not seen  
So in all things be my life and breath  
I want what You want Lord and nothing less  
Chorus

### Worthy Is the Lamb

Thank You for the cross Lord  
Thank You for the price You paid  
Bearing all my sin and shame  
In love You came and gave amazing grace

Thank You for this love Lord  
Thank You for the nail-pierced hands  
Washed me in Your cleansing flow  
Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace

Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne  
We crown You now with many crowns  
You reign victorious  
High and lifted up Jesus Son of God  
The treasure of heaven crucified  
Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the Lamb

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4-You are my strength and comfort  
You are my steady hand  
You are my firm foundation,  
The Rock on which I stand  
Your ways are always higher,  
Your plans are always good  
There's not a place where I'll go  
You've not already stood  
Chorus

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## Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood  
    Chorus This is my story this is my song  
    Praising my Savior all the day long  
    This is my story this is my song  
    Praising my Savior all the day long  
Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love  
    Chorus  
Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Savior am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with His goodness lost in His love  
    Chorus

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## Trading My Sorrows

Chorus I'm trading my sorrows  
I'm trading my shame  
I'm laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord  
I'm trading my sickness  
I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord  
We say Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord  
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord  
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen  
  
I am pressed but not crushed  
Persecuted not abandoned  
Struck down but not destroyed  
I am blessed beyond the curse  
For His promise will endure  
And His joy's gonna be my strength  
Though the sorrow may last for the night  
His joy comes with the morning  
    Chorus  
We say Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord  
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord  
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord amen  
  
La...la...la...la (repeat)  
    Chorus  
La..la..la..la (repeat until end)

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