



## LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Growing Family of Faith*

August 16, 2020

11<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** "Lead Me Lord"

### **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 Isaiah 58:5-9:

<sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from

your own flesh? <sup>8</sup>Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

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

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 67:

R. <sup>1</sup>May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

**C. <sup>2</sup>that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**

R. <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

**C. <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**

R. <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

**C. <sup>6</sup>The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.**

R. <sup>7</sup>God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

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. The version we will be using this morning is from the **Messianic (Jewish) Christian Version.**

**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** "We Believe"

**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** "Jesus Loves Me"

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



- Summer Sermon Series: "The Lord's Prayer". Join us next week for part 4 of August sermon series and rediscover how using this prayer in new ways can change your spiritual life. Bring a friend!
- August 19-Men’s Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM
- August 20-Blessed and Unstoppable Women’s Group 5:30 church
- August 22-WOW 9 AM church
- August 23-9AM First 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! Bring a friend!
- September 25-30-Men’s Retreat-See Flyer for full information!

**Lead Me Lord**

Lead me Lord I will follow  
Lead me Lord I will go  
You have called me I will answer  
Lead me Lord I will go  
Lead me Lord I will go  
Sing x 3  
I will go  
I will go

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## **We Believe**

In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
We believe, we believe  
    Chorus: We believe in God the Father  
    We believe in Jesus Christ  
    We believe in the Holy Spirit  
    And He's given us new life  
    We believe in the crucifixion  
    We believe that He conquered death  
    We believe in the resurrection  
    And He's coming back again (We believe)  
So let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
In our weakness and temptations  
We believe, we believe  
    Chorus  
Let the lost be found and the dead be raised  
In the here and now let love invade  
Let the church live loud our God will save  
We believe, we believe  
And the gates of hell will not prevail  
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail  
We believe, we believe  
    Chorus  
He's coming back again  
He's coming back again  
We believe, we believe

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## **Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loves me this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong  
They are weak but He is strong  
    Chorus Yes Jesus loves me  
    Yes Jesus loves me  
    Yes Jesus loves me  
    The Bible tells me so  
Jesus loves me He who died  
Heaven's gate to open wide  
He will wash away my sin  
Let His little child come in  
    Chorus  
Jesus loves me, this I know,  
As he loved so long ago,  
Taking children on his knee,  
Saying, "Let them come to me."  
    Chorus

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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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