



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

October 18, 2020

20th 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 “Draw Me Close to You”

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 “Freely, Freely”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FIRST LESSON

R. The first lesson is from the book of Isaiah chapter 45, verses 1-7:

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ² “I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my

chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶ that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 99:1-9:

R. The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

C. ² *The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.*

R. ³ Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

C. ⁴ *The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.*

R. ⁵ Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

C. ⁶ *Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called upon his name. They called to the LORD, and he answered them.*

R. ⁷ In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them; they kept his testimonies and the statute that he gave them.

C. ⁸ *O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.*

R. ⁹ Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!

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 15-22:

C. *Glory to you, O Lord*

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. ¹⁶ And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹ They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P. 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 "It is Well with My Soul"

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 "All the People Said Amen"

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! 😊



- Oct. 21-Men's Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM
- Oct 24-Pre-Communion Class 9:30-11 at church
- Oct 25-New Small Group Rosie Freeman's home 2-3 PM

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.

Draw Me Close

Draw me close to You never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire no one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way bring me back to You
 Chorus You're all I want
 You're all I've ever needed
 You're all I want
 Help me know You are near

Repeat verse

Repeat chorus x2

Help me know You are near

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Freely, Freely

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name
I've been born again in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His love as He told me to
 Chorus He said freely, freely
 You have received
 Freely, freely give
 Go in My name
 And because you believe
 Others will know that I live
All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name
And in Jesus' name I come to you
To share His pow'r as He told me to
 Chorus

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It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul
 Chorus It is well with my soul
 It is well, It is well with my soul
Tho' Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul
 Chorus
My sin O the bliss of this glorious tho't
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord O my soul
 Chorus
And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul
 Chorus

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All the People Said Amen

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid, you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus And all the people said amen... whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends
And all the people said amen

If you're rich or poor well, it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

Chorus

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

Chorus x 2

And all the people said amen

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