

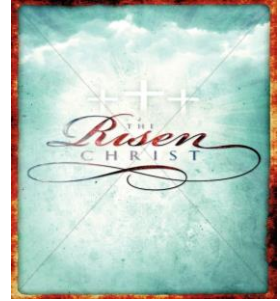


LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

May 9, 2021

6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL GREETING

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. Christ is risen. **C. He is risen indeed!**

P. Hope is alive. **C. A new age is dawning.**

P. Joy is alive. **C. Redemption is here.**

P. Love is alive. **C. Death cannot harm us.**

P. We are alive. **C. New life is within us.**

P. The church is alive. **C. God's spirit is within us.**

ALL: God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you!

GATHERING SONG "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

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 "Thine Is the Glory"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST LESSON**

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

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of

God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 98:

R. ¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

C. ² *The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.*

R. ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C. ⁴ *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!*

R. ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

C. ⁶ *With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!*

R. ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

C. ⁸ *Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together*

R. ⁹ before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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. John, the 15th chapter, verses 9-17:

C. *Glorify to you, O Lord.*

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

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 “Draw Me Close to You”

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

IN HONOR OF MOTHER’S DAY special video: *Moms-Portraits of God*

OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (please rise as you are able)

(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. Bountiful God; we come with our offerings in response to your love.**

With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. Receive the work we do and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight. 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 “Thank the Lord” (please rise as you are able)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING/BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG “Do Lord”

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

P. Christ is Risen! **C. He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

God Bless You!

Invite a friend or relative to worship with us!

COMING UP:

- May 12, 19, 26-Men’s Bible Study and Breakfast, Wednesday Lunch Group (contact Donna Ferguson for time and place)
- May 13, 27-Blessed and Unstoppable, IHOP 5:30
- **May 14 & 15-Parsonage Yard Sale!! DON’T MISS IT!!**
- **May 16-Ascension Sunday**
- May 22-Women’s Bible Study, 11-12, at church
- **May 23-Pentecost**
- **May 23-Special Congregational Meeting after worship**
 - To discuss Pastoral Transition
- **May 30-Holy Trinity Sunday**
- **June 6-BLESSING OF THE PARSONAGE, NOON**
 - 976 Shadow Crest Way



MAY 23-SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO DISCUSS PASTORAL TRANSITION PROCESS.

Agenda and other documents will be sent by email to voting members.**

***If you are not yet a voting member of Living Word Lutheran Church and desire to become such, please contact Pastor Birnbaum or our congregational president Bob Pressler for information on that process.*

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise
Alleluia, alleluia
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue
Alleluia, alleluia
I know that my Redeemer lives
What comfort this sweet sentence gives
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

A hymn of glory let us sing
New songs throughout the world shall ring
Alleluia, alleluia
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Eternal are your mercies Lord
Eternal is your glorious Word
Alleluia, alleluia
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
I know that my Redeemer lives
What comfort this sweet sentence gives
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy Body lay
Refrain: Thine is the glory risen
conquering Son
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won
Lo Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph
sing
For the Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting
Refrain
No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life
Life is naught without thee aid us in our strife
Make us more than conquerors
Through thy deathless love
Bring us safe through Jordan, to thy home above
Refrain

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Draw Me Close to You

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

Help me know You are near

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Do Lord

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me (x3)
Way beyond the blue

I've got a home in glory land,
That outshines the sun (x3)
Way beyond the blue

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me (x3)
Way beyond the blue

I took Jesus as my Savior
You take Him too (x3)
Way beyond the blue

Do Lord, O do Lord, O do remember me (x3)
Way beyond the blue (repeat chorus)

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