



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

August 15, 2021

12th Sunday after Pentecost

PASTOR BRANDON SCROGGINS

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 *“Confidence” (a new worship song!)*

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)

WORSHIP SONG *“I Love You Lord”*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of Proverbs 9: 1-10:

¹Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” ⁷Whoever

corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 34:12-22:

R. ¹² What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

C. ¹³ *Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.*

R. ¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

C. ¹⁵ *The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.*

R. ¹⁶ The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

C. ¹⁷ *When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.*

R. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

C. ¹⁹ *Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.*

R. ²⁰ He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

C. ²¹ *Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.*

R. ²² The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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 6th chapter, verses 51-69:

C. *Glory to you, O Lord*

⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

⁵⁹ Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take

offense at this? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵ And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” ⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.” P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG “As the Deer”

MESSAGE Pastor Brandon Scroggins

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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.

SHARE THE PEACE

P. May the peace of the Lord be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

OFFERING

“DOXOLOGY” (please rise as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please remain standing as you are able)

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!

Consecration of Elements, Lord's Prayer

(Please be seated during distribution of communion)

We practice open Communion here at Living Word. If you believe and are baptized, we invite you to participate. Communion wine is WHITE, juice is RED. Please bring young children to receive a blessing.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord" (please rise as you are able)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG "Do Lord"

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

Join us for fellowship after worship!

God Bless You! Invite a friend or relative to worship with us!

Today's worship helpers: Reader: Donna Pederson
Communion Assistant: Judy Ormsby
Fellowship treats: Donna Pederson
8/22 worship helpers: Reader: Donna Ferguson
Communion Assistant: Donna Ferguson
Fellowship treats: Rosie Freeman



- August 18, 25- Men's Fellowship and Bible Study 9 AM @ church
- August 19-Blessed and Unstoppable Women's Group-5:30, place TBD
- August 21-Women's Bible Study 9 AM at church
- **August 29-Potluck following worship! 5th Sunday Potluck Returns!**
- **Sept. 7-Council meeting at church, 5 PM**

I Love You Lord

I love You Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul rejoice
Take joy my King, in what You hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear
(Repeat x 2)

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Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice
and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Divine Service One, The Lutheran Service Book, CPH 2006

Confidence

I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose
I feel unqualified for what You're calling me to
But Lord with Your strength, I've got no excuse
'Cause broken people are exactly who You use
Chorus (So) Give me faith like Daniel
in the lion's den
Give me hope like Moses
in the wilderness
Give me a heart like David,
Lord be my defense
So I can face my giants with confidence
You took a shepherd boy, And made him a King
So I'm gonna trust You and give You everything
I'll be a conqueror, 'Cause You fight for me
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory
Chorus
I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls
I won't stop until I see 'em fall
Gonna stand up, step out when You call
Jesus (Jesus) (sing x 2)
Chorus x 2
I'll face my giants with confidence

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As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee
You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything
Chorus: You alone are my strength
my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee
I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye
Chorus

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Do Lord

Chorus Do Lord, O do Lord
O do remember me (x 3)
Way beyond the blue
I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun (x 3)
Way beyond the blue
Chorus
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too (x 3)
Way beyond the blue
Chorus
I took Jesus as my Savior, you take Him too (x 3)
Way beyond the blue
Chorus (x 2)

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