



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

January 31, 2021

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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. God's faithful love endures for ever and ever. Because of God's everlasting goodness,
C. we offer God our thanks and praise.

P. God's faithful love endures forever and ever. Because of God's care and concern for humanity,

C. we offer God our thanks and praise.

P. God's faithful love endures forever and ever. Because of God's transforming powers and actions,

C. we gather as a community of faith and trust in God-and we offer God our thanks and praise.

All: Together let us worship God!

GATHERING SONG "How Majestic is Your Name"

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 "Beautiful Savior"

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of 1 Corinthians 1: 4-17:

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all

knowledge—⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.¹⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers.¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ."¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius,¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name.¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 111:

R.¹ Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

C.² Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

R.³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

C.⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

R.⁵ He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

C.⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

R.⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy;

C.⁸ they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

R.⁹ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

C.¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

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. Mark, the 2nd chapter, verses 18-22:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁸ Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples

do not fast?”¹⁹ And Jesus said to them, “Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.²⁰ The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.²¹ No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made.²² And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.”

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 “Lord, I Need You”

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!
Santo, santo, santo,
Mi corazón te adora!
Mi corazón te sabe decir:
Santo eres Señor!**

Communion Prayer, Consecration of Elements, Lord's Prayer

POST COMMUNION PSALM "Create in me a clean heart"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING/ BENEDICTION *_(please rise as you are able)*

SENDING SONG "Great is the Lord"

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

God Bless You! See you next week. Bring a friend or relative!



COMING UP:

- **ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP-
INFORMATION PACKETS AVAILABLE**
- February 7-Pastor Brandon Scroggins worships with us
- February 17-ASH WEDNESDAY

How Majestic Is Your Name

Oh Lord, our Lord how majestic is
Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord, our Lord how majestic is
Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord, we praise Your name
Oh Lord, we magnify Your name
Prince of Peace Mighty God
Oh Lord, God Almighty

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Create in me a clean heart

Create in me a clean heart O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Sing x 2
Cast me not away from Thy presence O Lord
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And renew a right spirit within me
Repeat song
And renew a right spirit within me

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Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior King of creation
Son of God and Son of Man
Truly I'd love Thee truly I'd serve Thee
Light of my soul my Joy my Crown

Fair are the meadows fair are the woodlands
Robed in flowers of blooming spring
Jesus is Fairer Jesus is Purer
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing

Beautiful Savior Lord of the nations
Son of God and Son of Man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

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Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart
Chorus: Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Yes, where You are I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus

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Great is the Lord

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just
By His power we trust in His love
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true
By His mercy He proves He is love

Chorus: Great is the Lord

And worthy of glory

Great is the Lord

And worthy of praise

Great is the Lord

Now lift up your voice

Now lift up your voice

Great is the Lord (repeat line)

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just

By His power we trust in His love

Great is the Lord

He is faithful and true

By His mercy He proves He is love

Chorus

Great are You Lord and worthy of glory

Great are You Lord and worthy of praise

Great are You Lord

I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice

Great are You Lord

Great are You Lord (x 4)

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