



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

July 26, 2020

8th 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. We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

C. *We trust the Lord with our past, present, and future.*

P. Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

C. *Guide our every move, Holy One, that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.*

P. Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

C. *See what love the Father has given us.*

ALL: Together, let us worship God! AMEN.

GATHERING SONG “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

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 Romans 8:26-39:

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his

purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 119: 129-136:

R. ¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

C. ¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

R. ¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments.

C. ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.

R. ¹³³ Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

C. ¹³⁴ Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.

R. ¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.

C. ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

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 13th chapter, verses 44-46:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

MESSAGE "A Priceless Joy" Pastor Steve Bergeson

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 "I Will Follow"

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

- Summer Sermon Series begins next Sunday: "The Lord's Prayer". Think you have this one "nailed down"? You say you can say it in your sleep? MAYBE that's the problem! Join us the first four Sundays of August to rediscover how using this prayer in new ways can change your spiritual life. Bring a friend!
- **DATE CHANGE!!** Easter in August worship will be August 30 instead of August 23 as originally planned!



Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Lord I lift Your name on high
 Lord I love to sing Your praises
 I'm so glad You're in my life
 I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus You came from heaven to earth
 To show the way
 From the earth to the cross
 My debt to pay
 From the cross to the grave
 From the grave to the sky
 Lord I lift Your name on high

Jesus Name Above All Names

Jesus name above all names
 Beautiful Savior glorious Lord
 Emmanuel God is with us
 Blessed Redeemer Living Word

Verse repeats

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I Will Follow

Where You go I'll go, Where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move
I will follow

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight, high above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus Where You go I'll go, where You stay I'll stay
When You move I'll move, I will follow You
Who You love I'll love, how You serve I'll serve
If this life I lose, I will follow (You)

Yeah I will follow You yeah

Light into the world, Light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek knowing I will find
All I need in You alone, in You alone

Chorus

In You there's life everlasting
In You there's freedom for my soul
In You there's joy unending joy
And I will follow
Chorus

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