



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

August 2, 2020

9th 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: 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 "God Will Make a Way"

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 Isaiah 55:1-5:

¹"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to

the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21:

R. ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C. ⁹ The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

R. ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

C. ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

R. ¹⁶ You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C. ¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

R. ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

C. ¹⁹ He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

R. ²⁰ The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

C. ²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

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 6th chapter, verses 5-14:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

⁵ “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷ “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

¹⁰ Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,

¹² and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

¹⁴ For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you,

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG “We Believe”

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum
Closing: "Our Father" by Don Moen

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 "Hallelujah, Your Love is Amazing"

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



- Summer Sermon Series: "The Lord's Prayer". Join us next week for part 2 of August sermon series and rediscover how using this prayer in new ways can change your spiritual life. Bring a friend!
- August 3-Council meeting at church 1:30
- August 5, 12,19,26- Men's Fellowship and Bible Study 8 AM
- August 6, 20-Blessed and Unstoppable Women's Group-5:30 church
- August 22-WOW 9 AM church
- **August 30-Celebrate Easter in August** with us! Bring a friend!
- Men's Retreat-September 25-30 – Flyer has full information

God Will Make A Way

God will make a way
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways we cannot see
He will make a way for me
He will be my guide
Hold me closely to His side
With love and strength
For each new day
He will make a way
He will make a way
(Repeat verse)

By a roadway in the wilderness
He'll lead me
Rivers in the desert will I see
Heaven and earth will fade
But His Word will still remain
He will do something new today

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We Believe

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe, we believe
 Chorus: We believe in God the Father
 We believe in Jesus Christ
 We believe in the Holy Spirit
 And He's given us new life
 We believe in the crucifixion
 We believe that He conquered death
 We believe in the resurrection
 And He's coming back again (We believe)

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe, we believe

 Chorus

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save
We believe, we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe, we believe

 Chorus

He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe, we believe

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Our Father

Hear our prayer, we are Your children
And we've gathered here today
We've gathered here to pray
Hear our cry (O Lord)
We need Your mercy, and we need Your grace today
Hear us as we pray

 Chorus Our Father, Who art in Heaven
 Hallowed be Thy name
 Our Father, hear us from Heaven
 Forgive our sins we pray

Hear our song as it rises to Heaven
May Your glory fill the earth
As the waters cover the sea
See our hearts, and remove anything
That is standing in the way
Of coming to You today

 Chorus

Though we are few, we're surrounded by many
Who have crossed that river before
And this is the song we'll be singing forever
Holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord
Holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord
Holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord
Holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord

Repeat 1st verse and chorus

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Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)

Chorus: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Your love makes me sing

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Your love makes me sing

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging

Your love is a mountain firm beneath my feet

Your love is a myst'ry, how You gently lift me

When I am surrounded Your love carries me

Chorus

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising

All the joy that's growing deep inside of me

Ev'ry time I see You,

All Your goodness shines through

I can feel this God song, rising up in me

Chorus

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