



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

July 25, 2021

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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. How can we keep still this day?

C. There is joy in this place!

P. God's steadfast love extends to everyone.

C. God reaches out to us all in forgiveness and compassion.

P. Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.

ALL. Let us celebrate God's joyful love for and with us! Amen

GATHERING SONG *"God is on the Move"*

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

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the holy Spirit. **C. AMEN.**

(Please be seated)

WORSHIP SONG *"Ancient Words"*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of Genesis 9:8-17:

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 136, verses 1-9:

R. ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

C. ² Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

R. ³ Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C. ⁴ to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;

R. ⁵ to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C. ⁶ to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;

R. ⁷ to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;

C. ⁸ the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;

R. ⁹ the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love 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, 6th chapter, verses 45-56:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

⁴⁵ Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night^[a] he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

⁵¹ And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG "I Will Follow"

MESSAGE Pastor Brandon Scroggins

OFFERING

"DOXOLOGY" (please rise as you are able)

OFFERING PRAYER P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you**

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 "All the People Said 'Amen'"

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!



COMING UP:

July 28-Men's Bible Study and Fellowship at church 9 AM

July 29-KEMA lunch hosted by WOW, at church Noon

AUG. 2-Council Meeting 5 PM at church

God Is On the Move

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served
I know, I know, I know, I know,
 Chorus God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah
 God is on the move, in many mighty ways
 God is on the move, on the move, hallelujah
 God is on the move, on the move, today
Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees
Or dares to speak the truth that sets men free
Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word
I know, I know, I know, I know,
 Chorus
I see a generation standing on the truth
In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move

Anytime the Gospel stirs a searching soul
And someone says "Send me, here I go!"
I know, I know, I know, I know,
 Chorus
I see a generation standing on the truth
In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move

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Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart

Words of life words of hope
Give us strength help us cope
In this world where'er we roam
Ancient words will guide us home
 Chorus: Ancient words ever true
 Changing me changing you
 We have come with open hearts
 O let the ancient words impart

Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ

Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart
 Chorus

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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 x 2

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All the People Said Amen

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid, you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus And all the people said amen... whoa

And all the people said amen

Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends

And all the people said amen

If you're rich or poor well, it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

Chorus

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

Chorus x 2

And all the people said amen

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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.

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