

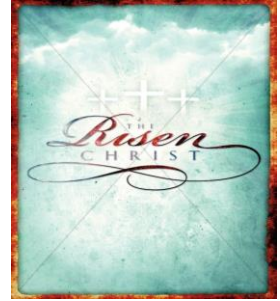


## LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A Growing Family of Faith*

April 11, 2021

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**



### **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. Christ is risen. **C. He is risen indeed!**

P. Hope is alive. **C. A new age is dawning.**

P. Joy is alive. **C. Redemption is here.**

P. Love is alive. **C. Death cannot harm us.**

P. We are alive. **C. New life is within us.**

P. The church is alive. **C. God's spirit is within us.**

**ALL: God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you!**

#### **GATHERING SONG** "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

#### **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** "Hallelujah, Easter Version"

#### **SCRIPTURE LESSONS** FIRST LESSON

R. The first lesson is from the book of Acts chapter 4, verses 32-35:

<sup>32</sup> Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the

resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup> and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 133:

R. <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

***C. <sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!***

R. <sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!

***C. <sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!***

R. <sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created.

***C. <sup>6</sup> And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.***

R. <sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,

***C. <sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!***

R. <sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

***C. <sup>10</sup> Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!***

R. <sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

***C. <sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens together, old men and children!***

R. <sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.

***C. <sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!***

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 20<sup>th</sup> chapter, verses 19-31:

***C. Glory to you, O Lord.***

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his

disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup> but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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***

**SERMON SONG** "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

**MESSAGE** Pastor Michael Birnbaum

**OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** (please rise as you are able)

*(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. Bountiful God; we come with our offerings in response to your love.***

***With the new life in Christ, we give ourselves in service to others. Receive the work we do and the gifts we bring, that they may become a blessing in your sight. 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!*

**Communion Prayer, Consecration of Elements, Lord's Prayer**

**(Please be seated during distribution of communion)**

We welcome everyone to the Lord's Table who shares the Biblical belief that He is present (1 Cor. 10:16) and our sins are being forgiven as He promises (Matt.26:28). This sacrament is a truly wonderful opportunity to share this miracle and our oneness as the Body of Christ together! (1Cor. 10:17-18)

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

**SENDING SONG** "God is on the Move"

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

P. Christ is Risen! **C. He is Risen indeed!**

**God Bless You!**

**Invite a friend or relative to worship with us!**



**COMING UP:**

- **TODAY-SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP-JOIN US!!**
- April 14 21, 28 Men's Bible Study and Fellowship, 9 AM at church
- April 17 W.O.W. meets at church 11 AM

### **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own  
Awake my soul and sing  
Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity

Crown Him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died, eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love  
Behold His hands and side  
Those wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends His burning eye  
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of years  
The Potentate of time  
Creator of the rolling spheres  
Ineffably sublime  
All hail Redeemer hail  
For Thou hast died for me  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.

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### **Hallelujah, Easter Version**

A crown of thorns placed on his head  
He knew that He would soon be dead,  
He said "Did you forget me, Father did you?"  
They nailed him to a wooden cross  
Soon all the world would feel the loss,  
Of Christ the King before us Hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

He hung his head and prepared to die  
Then lifted his face up to the sky,  
Said "I am coming home now, Father to you."  
A reed which held his final sip  
Was gently lifted to his lips,  
He drank his last and gave his soul to Glory.  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

The soldier who had used his sword  
To pierce the body of our Lord,  
Said truly this was Jesus Christ our Savior  
He looked with fear upon his sword,  
Then turned to face his Christ the Lord  
Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Took from his head the thorny crown  
And wrapped him in a linen gown,  
Then laid him down to rest inside the tomb  
The holes in his hands, his feet, his side,  
Now in our hearts we know he died  
To save us from ourselves, Oh Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Three days went by, again they came  
To move the stone to bless the slain,  
With oil and spice anointing Hallelujah  
But as they went to move the stone  
They saw that they were not alone  
For Jesus Christ has Risen, Hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

*Music: Leonard Cohen, Lyrics: Kelley Mooney*

### **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how:  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise?  
'I am with you evermore'

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay!  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
Flee to Thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth's redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

*Text: Revelation 5:9; William C. Dix, 1837-1898*  
*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus Type: Words and Music; First*  
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*Prichard, 1811-1887*

### **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

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