



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

July 5, 2020

5th 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 “God Bless America”

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 7: 15-25:

¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I

keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

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

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

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. ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

C. ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power,

R. ¹² to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

C. ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works.

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

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 11th chapter, verses 16-19, 25-30:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁶ “But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates, ¹⁷ “‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.’” ¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds.” ²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG “God of Our Fathers”

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

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 “Star Spangled Banner”

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

God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home
God bless America, my home sweet home

Repeat verse

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God of Our Fathers (National Hymn)

God of our fathers whose Almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies
Our grateful songs before Thy throne arise

Thy love divine hath led us past
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast
Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide and stay
Thy word our law Thy paths our chosen way

From war's alarm and deadly pestilence
Be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense
Thy true religion in our hearts increase
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace

Refresh Thy people on their toil some way
Lead us from night to never ending days
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine
And glory laud and praise be ever Thine

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Star Spangled Banner

Oh say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed
At the twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched
Were so gallantly streaming
And the rocket's red glare,
The bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there
Oh say does that star-spangled
Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free,
And the home of the brave

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