



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PASTORAL GREETING

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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. Lent calls us to journey, this day and every day, **C. following Jesus wherever He leads us.**

P. Lent calls us to journey, **C. listening to Jesus as He leads us.**

P. Lent calls us to worship together, **C. to tell future generations the good news.**

P. Lent calls us to faithful living, **C. to trust the One who gives us life.**

P. Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, **C. to trust the One who bears it with us.**

P. Lent calls us to journey with God.

C. Let us worship God, who walks with us every day.

GATHERING SONG "I Will Follow"

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P. Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus our Lord.

C. Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Instead of serving others in love, as Jesus did, we seek to put our own good above the good of others. We do not truly love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Forgive us for Jesus' sake and help us to live as your humble servants.

P. God sent his Son to be our Savior. On the cross Jesus suffered the penalty of death in our place. Through his suffering, death and resurrection we have forgiveness for our sins and the gift of eternal life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C. The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer!

(Please be seated)

WORSHIP SONG "Draw Me Close to You"

SCRIPTURE LESSON **FIRST READING**

R. The first reading is from the book of Ephesians 2: 1-10:

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the

passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22:

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

C. ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble

R. ³ and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

C. ¹⁷ Some were fools through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities suffered affliction;

R. ¹⁸ they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death.

C. ¹⁹ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.

R. ²⁰ He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.

C. ²¹ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!

R. ²² And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

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 3rd chapter, verses 14-21:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the

light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

SERMON SONG “Come Thou Fount”

MESSAGE “Back to the Basics” Pastor Daniel Storvick

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. We offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

BLESSING, BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG "Lead Me Lord"

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

God Bless You! See you next week. Bring a friend or relative!



COMING UP:

March 17- 6:30 PM Mid-week Lenten Devotions; Join us in our Lenten Challenge-to refocus our lives on Jesus Christ! Our scripture for Wednesday will be John 9:1-34. As you read, pray first and ask the Lord to place in your heart and in your mind what it is HE wants you to learn through this text.

March 21- 5th Sunday of Lent

March 24- 6:30 PM Mid-week Lenten Devotions; Join us in our Lenten Challenge-to refocus our lives on Jesus Christ! Our scripture for Wednesday will be John 11:1-44. As you read, pray first and ask the Lord to place in your heart and in your mind what it is HE wants you to learn through this text.

March 28-PALM SUNDAY!

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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Draw Me Close

Draw me close to You, never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend
You are my desire, no one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way, bring me back to You

Chorus You're all I want
You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know You are near

Repeat verse, Repeat chorus x2

Help me know You are near

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Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1-Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

2-Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

3-O that day when freed from sinning
I shall see Thy lovely face
Clothed there in blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace
Come my Lord no longer tell me
Take my ransomed soul away.
Send Thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless days

4-O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart; O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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Lead Me Lord

Lead me Lord I will follow
Lead me Lord I will go
You have called me I will answer
Lead me Lord I will go
Lead me Lord I will go

Sing x 3

I will go
I will go

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