



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

May 3, 2020

4th Sunday of Easter



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. 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!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

P: Let us pray, **C. Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught up in the worries of the world. Forgive us for not sharing the Good News. Forgive us for our selfish ways and call us back to the path of Christ. In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Congregational response: **AMEN**

WORSHIP SONG "Amazing Love"

GOSPEL LESSON P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John 10: 1-10:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

¹"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to

them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH/OFFERING PRAYER

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***

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER, CONSECRATION OF ELEMENTS, LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

BLESSING/BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN "I Offer My Life to You"

P. Go in peace and serve the Living Lord. ***C. Thanks be to God!***

P. Christ is risen! ***C. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

Amazing Love

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again (repeat verse)

Chorus Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King, would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
In all I do to honor You

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken
I'm accepted, You were condemned
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again

Chorus
You are my King
You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Jesus You are my King
Chorus

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I Offer My Life

All that I am all that I have
I lay them down before You O Lord
All my regrets all my acclaim
The joy and the pain

I'm making them Yours
Chorus Lord I offer my life to You
Everything I've been through
Use it for Your glory
Lord I offer my days to You
Lifting my praise to You
As a pleasing sacrifice
Lord I offer You my life

Things in the past things yet unseen
Wishes and dreams
That are yet to come true
All of my hopes all of my plans
My heart and my hands are lifted to You

Chorus
What can we give that You have not given
And what do we have
That is not already Yours
All we possess are these lives we're living
And that's what we give to You Lord
Chorus x 2

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