



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

September 20, 2020

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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. Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord:

C: There is no one like our God!

P. The First and Last-the only One:

C. There is no one like our God!

P. Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer and King:

C: There is no one like our God!

P. The Rock in whom we place our trust:

ALL: Let us worship God this day!

GATHERING SONG “Morning Has Broken”

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 “Give Thanks”

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **FIRST LESSON**

R. The first lesson is from the book of Philippians 1:21-30:

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will

remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. ²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 145:1-8:

R. ¹ I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

C. ² Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

R. ³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

C. ⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

R. ⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C. ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness.

R. ⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

C. ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

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 20th chapter, verses 1-16:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

¹“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when

those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

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 "One Bread, One Body"

MESSAGE Pastor Michael Birnbaum

OFFERING PRAYER and PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

(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)

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

SENDING SONG "I'll Fly Away"

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

God Bless You! See you next week. Invite a friend or relative to worship with us!

**Upcoming
Events:**

- Sept 23-Men's Bible Study and Fellowship 8 AM
- Sept. 26-**The Return: National and Global Day of Prayer and Repentance—on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. & around the nation and around the world.**
- Sept. 27-Pastor Steve Bergeson worships with us.

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven;
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden;
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning;
God's recreation of the new day!

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I'll Fly Away

When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away
To that home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

I'll fly away O glory, I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away

(Oh) Just a few more weary days and then, I'll fly away
To a land where joys will never end, I'll fly away

I'll fly away O glory,
I'll fly away (in the morning)
When I die hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away

I'll fly away O glory, I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away
When I die hallelujah by and by
I'll fly away

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son
Chorus
And now let the weak say I am strong
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks

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One Bread, One Body

Chorus: One bread, one body
One Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many
Throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord
Gentile or Jew, Servant or free
Woman or man, no more
Chorus
Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord of all
Chorus
Grain for the fields
Scattered and grown
Gathered to one, for all
Chorus

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