



LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith

February 21, 2021

First 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.

All: Let us worship God, who walks with us every day.

GATHERING SONG "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

RESPONSIVE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C. Almighty God, we are citizens of your kingdom through faith in Jesus our Lord, but we do not live as your subjects should live. We do not always follow your will and your Word. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus our Lord.

P. God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to suffer and die in our place, to suffer the penalty of death that we earned through our sin. Jesus died and rose from the dead for us, and for his sake 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. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)

(Please be seated)

WORSHIP SONG “Hallelujah, Your Love is Amazing”

1st Sunday of Lent-special video

BURY THE ALLELUIAS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FIRST READING

R. The first reading is from the book of Hebrews, chapter 4, verses 14-16:

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 25: 1-10

R. ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C. ² O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

R. ³ Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C. ⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

R. ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C. ⁶ Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

R. ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

C. ⁸ Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

R. ⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C. ¹⁰ All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

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 4th chapter, verses 1-11:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set

him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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 “As the Deer”

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. 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 (please rise as you are able)

SENDING SONG "And All the People Said Amen"

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:

- **February 24-** 6:30 PM Mid-week Lenten Devotions
- **February 28-** Pastor Lyndon Korhonen from AFLC worships with us! Join us at 9 AM for donuts and coffee to visit with Pastor Korhonen and view a special presentation about AFLC!
- **March 1-** Council meeting 5 PM at church
- **March 3-** 6:30 PM Mid-week Lenten Devotions

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

1-All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all

2-Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all

Lord of all, You are Lord of all! (x2)

3-Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all

Lord of all, You are Lord of all! (x2)

And crown Him Lord of all! (x3)

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Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)

Chorus Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Your love makes me sing

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah

Your love makes me sing (repeat chorus)

Your love is amazing, steady and unchanging

Your love is a mountain firm beneath my feet

Your love is a myst'ry, how You gently lift me

When I am surrounded, Your love carries me

Chorus

Your love is surprising, I can feel it rising

All the joy that's growing deep inside of me

Ev'ry time I see You,

All Your goodness shines through

I can feel this God song, rising up in me

Chorus

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As the Deer

As the deer panteth for the water

So my soul longeth after Thee

You alone are my heart's desire

And I long to worship Thee

You're my friend and You are my brother

Even though You are a King

I love You more than any other

So much more than anything

Chorus: You alone are my strength

my shield

To You alone may my spirit yield

You alone are my heart's desire

And I long to worship Thee

I want You more than gold or silver

Only You can satisfy

You alone are the real joy giver

And the apple of my eye

Chorus

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All the People Said Amen

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid, you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus And all the people said amen... whoa
And all the people said amen
Give thanks to the Lord for His love
never ends
And all the people said amen

If you're rich or poor well, it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

Chorus

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

Chorus x 2

And all the people said amen

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