

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Growing Family of Faith February 28, 2021 Second 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 "Blessed Be Your Name"

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, You have called us to follow You, yet we turn away from Your will to follow our own sinful desires. We listen to the temptations of the world around us instead of listening to our Shepherd's voice. We sin against You each day in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus.
- P. God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior, the Good Shepherd who came to lay down his life for His sheep. Jesus died and rose from death and in Baptism we were buried with Him and raised to new 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. You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

(Please be seated)

WORSHIP SONG "Ancient Words"

SCRIPTURE LESSON FIRST READING

R. The first reading is from the book of Ephesians 4: 22-24:

²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

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

RESPONSIVE PSALM R. The responsive Psalm is Psalm 121:

R.¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

C.² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

R.³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

C.4 Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

R.5 The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

C.6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

R.⁷The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C.8 The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

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 15th chapter, verses 21-28:

C. Glory to you, O Lord

"²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

<u>MESSAGE</u> "Daily Christian Renewal" Pastor Lyndon Korhonen

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,

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 "Glorious Day!"

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 1-Council Meeting, 5 PM at church

March 3- 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 4: 7-30. 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 7- Special Congregational Meeting immediately following worship

March 10-6:30 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 5:1-15. 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 14-Pastor Dan Storvick worships with us.

Blessed Be Your Name

1-Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

2-Blessed be Your name When I'm found in the desert place Though I walk through the wilderness Blessed be Your name

Chorus Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

3-Blessed be Your name When the sun's shining down on me When the world's all as it should be Blessed be Your name

4-Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name
Chorus

Chorus
5-You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name
Chorus

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Ancient Words

1-Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world They resound with God's own heart O let the ancient words impart

2-Words of life words of hope Give us strength help us cope In this world where'er we roam Ancient words will guide us home

Chorus: Ancient words ever true Changing me changing you We have come with open hearts O let the ancient words impart

3-Holy words of our faith
Handed down to this age
Came to us through sacrifice
O heed the faithful words of Christ

4-Holy words long preserved
For our walk in this world
They resound with God's own heart
O let the ancient words impart
Chorus

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

My faith looks up to Thee Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away O let me from this day be wholly Thine

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire
As Thou hast died for me O may my love to Thee
Pure warm and changeless be, A living fire

When life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside

When ends life's passing dream
When death's cold solemn stream shall o'er me roll
Blest Savior then in love, fear and distrust remove
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul

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Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

One day when heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men my example is He
The Word became flesh
And the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Chorus Living He loved me
dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming
O glorious day (glorious day)

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He
The hand that healed nations
Stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

Chorus

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose over death He had conquered
Now is ascended my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him
The grave could not keep Him
From rising again

Chorus

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming One day the skies with His glories will shine Wonderful day my beloved one bringing My Savior Jesus is mine

O glorious day glorious day O glorious day

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