

# LIVING LORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Our Mission Statement

*“Living Lord Lutheran Church is a family of believers, renewed through the Holy Spirit, to be the real presence of the Risen Christ in this place, our community, and the world.”*

**PASTOR**

The Rev. Gregory Shreaves, ELCA

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

Mrs. Pamela Wilcox

**MUSICIAN**

Phillip Rich

## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 AM

Living Lord Lutheran Church is a church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (www.elca.org.) With over 9,100 congregations and 4 million members throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands, we are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world.

We believe and teach that Christ’s body and blood are truly present and are really given in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist. Communion at present is given in one kind – that is, the consecrated Body of Christ. It is given, along with the words spoken by the Presiding Minister, “The Body of Christ, the Blood of Christ.” Children and adults are invited to come forward to receive a blessing if you do not wish to receive the Sacrament.

Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all newcomers, as well as those returning home to Living Lord today. We do not consider newcomers to be visitors. This is the church of Jesus Christ, and there is a place for you here. We invite you to join the conversation, participate fully in the spiritual life of this community, and proclaim with us the Good News to all the world. Again, welcome to Living Lord Lutheran Church. If you are visiting today, please inform an usher or the Pastor. Restrooms are located in the hallway off the lobby of the church.

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**In the event of emergency, an AED device is located in the lobby/narthex of the church. You will find it on the wall leading to the restrooms Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**



**Service of Holy Communion**  
**Pentecost 9**  
**Pamela Wilcox's Last Sunday**

**WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY**

*As the music begins please silence your phones and end your conversation with your neighbor and begin your conversation with the LORD.*

+ Indicates that the congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**      *Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ASSEMBLY SONG**    *(the assembly remains seated...)*

**All Things Bright and Beautiful**

*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,  
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

*Refrain*



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*



### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

+ P: In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.     **C: Amen.**

*The presiding minister may lead one of the following or another prayer of preparation.*

+ P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*The Presiding Minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

P: Hear the good news!  
God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.  
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen.**

### **+ENTRANCE HYMN**

*"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"*  
ELW #784

### **+ APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.     **C: And also with you.**

### **+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. *(The assembly prays together. A brief silence is kept before the prayer.)*

**C: Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The assembly is invited to be seated...*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*



### READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

*The reading is announced:*

L: A reading from Ecclesiastes.

*The reading may be concluded:*

L: The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### ASSEMBLY SONG



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12**

*My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)*

1 Hear this, all you peoples;

give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

2 **you of high degree and low,**

**rich and poor together.**

3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom,

and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

4 **I will incline my ear to a proverb**

**and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

5 Why should I be afraid in evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

6 **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,**

**and boast of their great riches?**

7 One can never redeem another,

or give to God the ransom for another's life;

8 **for the ransom of a life is so great**

**that there would never be enough to pay it,**

9 in order to live forever and ever

and never see the grave.

10 **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish**

**and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

11 Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,

though they had named lands after themselves.

12 **Even though honored, they cannot live forever;**

**they are like the beasts that perish.**

*The assembly is invited to stand as you are able as we welcome the gospel among us.*

**+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Verse 1**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And His righteousness

And all these things.

Shall be added unto you.

Alleluia!

**Verse 2**

Man shall not live by bread alone

But by ev'ry word that proceeds

From the mouth of God

Alleluia!

**Verse 3**

Ask and it shall be given unto you

Seek and ye shall find

Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.

Alleluia!

**+ GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

The gospel is announced:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The reading may be concluded:*

L: The gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

The Rev. Gregory Shreaves

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon. The assembly is invited to stand as you are able...*

**+ HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Voices Raised to You"*

ELW #845

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## + PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayers are said responsively. The worship leader follows each petition with these or similar words: “Lord, in your mercy”. The assembly follows with “Hear our prayer”.*

*The leader invites the community into prayer with these or similar words.*

A: In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world.

Therefore, let us be bold as we pray,  
trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

A: Now, gathering our many prayers into one, let us pray to the LORD.

*A brief silence.*

*Here other intercessions may be offered. The Presiding Minister concludes the prayers with these or similar words...*

P: Into your wide embrace, O God, we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting that you will receive them into your heart of mercy, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

## LAYING ON OF HANDS

*The Presiding Minister continues...*

P: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near, and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing – with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

*The Presiding Minister addresses the assembly in these or similar words...*

P: Sisters and brothers in the faith, I invite you to raise your hands as a symbol of a laying on of hands for the entire assembly, and receive a message of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

*The Presiding Minister offers the following reading...*

## PSALM 8

*A Psalm of David, when he fled from his son Absalom.*

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, how many are my foes!

Many are rising against me;

<sup>2</sup> many are saying to me,

“There is no help for you<sup>[a]</sup> in God.”

<sup>3</sup> But you, O Lord, are a shield around me,

my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.

<sup>4</sup> I cry aloud to the Lord,

and he answers me from his holy hill.

<sup>5</sup> I lie down and sleep;  
I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.  
<sup>6</sup> I am not afraid of ten thousands of people  
who have set themselves against me all around.  
<sup>7</sup> Rise up, O Lord!  
Deliver me, O my God!  
For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;  
you break the teeth of the wicked.  
<sup>8</sup> Deliverance belongs to the Lord;  
may your blessing be on your people!

*The Presiding Minister offers words of healing, and a blessing to the entire assembly gathered.  
The Prayers are concluded with the following or similar words...*

### **+THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**

*The peace is shared. The service continues with the Offering.*

### **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*



### **THE OFFERING OF THE GIFTS**

*The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared. All are invited to place their offering in the offering plates as they are passed among the assembly. All are invited into quiet reflection as the Offertory is played.*

### **OFFERTORY**

*The assembly is invited to stand as you are able...*

### **+ OFFERING PRAYER**

A: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. C: **Amen.**

### **+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*The presiding minister offers the Words of Institution over the bread and wine...*

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.**

*The Presiding Minister continues...*

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With hearts full of memories and hopes,  
we break this bread and share this cup,  
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ,  
and his promise to be with us always  
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

C: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us.  
You are our heart's desire.  
You are our priceless treasure.  
You are the garden of paradise.

Come down, O Love divine.  
Come among us, O passionate Fire.  
Come within us, O Spirit of unity.  
Come, Holy Spirit.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts,  
which we are about to receive from your bounty.  
Bless our table and the feast we share.  
Bless us with gladness of heart.  
Come, Holy Spirit.

C: **Come, Holy Spirit.**

At this table make us your body.  
Form us to be people of justice and peace.  
Fill us with gratitude and generosity

that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed.

Come, Holy Spirit.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Praise to you, Author of creation.

Praise to you, O Beloved One.

Praise to you, O Giver of all good things.

Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity,  
one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: And now we pray boldly as our LORD Christ taught us to pray:

### **+LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
    who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

*The assembly is seated...*

*The Sacrament is distributed.*

*As the Presiding Minister offers these words, "The body of Christ, given for you", and the Assisting Minister offers these words, "The blood of Christ, shed for you" each is invited to respond with "Amen."*

*During the distribution of the Sacrament, the assembly is invited to sing below:*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*“For By Grace”*

ELW #598

*“One Bread, One Body”*

ELW #496

*After the distribution of the Sacrament is completed, all are invited to stand as you are able...*

+ P: The body and blood of our LORD Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

## + POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus. C: **Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*



## +BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: The God of peace,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

C: **Amen.**

*The assembly is invited to be seated for Ministry Announcements...*

## MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The assembly is invited to stand for the Sending Hymn, as you are able. ...*

## SENDING HYMN

*“Blessed Assurance”*

ELW #699

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor. C: **Thanks be to God.**

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## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**July 31, 2022**

### **LECTIONARY 18**

#### ***The Richness of Life***

Many people in the United States have such an abundance of possessions that they don't even notice it. It feels normal to have things in excess. For others in the same culture, paying rent or the mortgage and having enough to buy food is a struggle. Scarcity is a daily reality.

Someone in the crowd asked Jesus, "Tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me" (Luke 12:13). It feels urgent. Is he being impatient? Is his brother refusing to give him a fair share of the estate? Is he being greedy? Is he desperate because he is unable to pay his debts or care for his children?

We don't know who is living in abundance of possessions and who is living in scarcity in this story. Whether we are rich or poor, greedy or needy, we can fall into the trap of thinking that an abundance of possessions is what life must be about. Having enough to live and be safe is important for everyone. But having as much as possible while others go without is outside of God's good intentions for human community.

Jesus points beyond abundance of possessions to finding the key to life in an abundance of something else: being "rich toward God" (v. 21).

What could this mean? First, it means knowing that God provides abundantly for us and for all, so we live with gratitude to God for all we have. Second, it means knowing our only true security is in God's love and grace, which we always have. Third, it means responding to the God of abundance with the same generosity toward others. Being rich toward God means being generous toward our neighbors.

Why is this the key to life, and not abundance of possessions? Because we are created to live in relationship with God and each other. And in living generously toward each other we participate in the goodness of God. That is the richness of life.