

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

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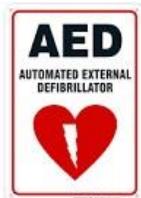
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 AM

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, January 1st, 2023
Service of Holy Communion
Service of Lessons and Carols



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.

As we gather we hear again the good news the angels proclaimed: God has come for all people through the birth of the one named Jesus. Through Bethlehem's manger God comes into the chaos, messiness, and vulnerability of the world. In all things and at all times, we rejoice that God comes to save us and reigns in love. We come to adore Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.

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

PREUDE **“I Wonder as I Wander”**
WOV (blue) # 642

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the announcements, the assembly is invited to stand as you are able...

GATHERING

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

+ **BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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



+ **DIALOGUE**

The presiding minister addresses the assembly. Silence is kept from reflection before continuing...

P: The light shines in the darkness,

C: **and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: **and we have beheld Christ's glory.**

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: **In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

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

P: Amid the troubles and fears of this world, let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

C: Forgive our lack of faith and trust.

P: Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

C: Forgive our neglect of the poor.

P: The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

C: Forgive our selfishness and complacency.

P: With great joy the angels proclaimed, "Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy. Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

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

P: In ✝ Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven. May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens. Indeed, God's forgiveness is good news of great joy! **C: Amen.**

Silence before continuing...

+ **ENTRANCE HYMN**

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

ELW #281

+ **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The Presiding Minister and the assembly greet each other.

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation 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)*

C: O God, you have been our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. As we welcome this new year, bless us with peace. Fill our days with the light of Christ and lead us on the path of life until we see you in our heavenly home. You live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

The assembly is invited to be seated, and to remain seated throughout the readings and carols.

WORD

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



FIRST READING: John 1:1-14

Today we hear from the lesser read Gospel passages surrounding Jesus' birth. Typically, we acknowledge that the Gospel of Luke and Matthew depict the birth of Jesus, but John's gospel also reveals the birth of Jesus through the spoken Word – the way in which Adam and Eve were birthed.

The reading is announced:

L: A reading from the gospel of St. John.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The reading is concluded...

L: The gospel of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing!”
ELW #270

SECOND READING: Luke :1:39-45

While the visitation of the angel Gabriel to Mary is a familiar scripture, we'll continue to read what happened afterwards when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to confirm what the angel had told her.

The reading is announced:

L: A reading from Luke's gospel.

The assembly responds:

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Ave Maria”

Offered by Adria Ryan

FOURTH READING Luke 2:25-35

The prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna are rarely referred to around Christmas, but their stories also involve Jesus' birth.

The reading is announced:

L: A reading from Luke's gospel.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. ²⁷Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation,

³¹which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

³³And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

The reading may be concluded:

L: The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

ELW #283

FIFTH READING Luke 2:36-40

The reading is announced:

L: A reading from Luke's gospel.

⁶There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The reading may be concluded:

L: The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*
ELW #275

REFLECTION

+ NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

+ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The service continues with the prayers of intercession.

A: As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

The prayers are concluded with these or similar words...

P: God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen.**

+THE PEACE

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

The peace is shared by remaining in place and bowing, waving, extending a hand to those around you.

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 in the lobby/narthex of the church either prior to entering the worship space, or on the way out of the church. All are invited into quiet reflection as the Offertory is played.

OFFERTORY **"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"**
ELW # 276

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

+ OFFERING PRAYER

A: Eternal God,
You make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Savior. **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.

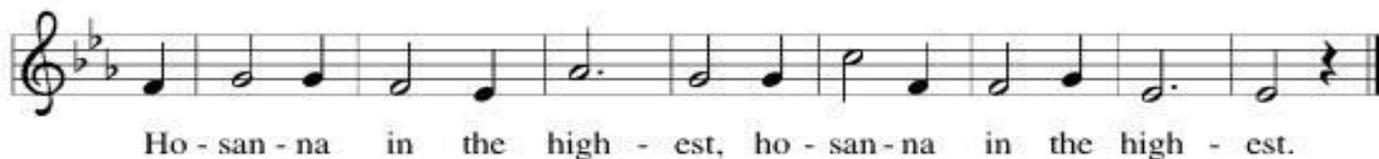
PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we
should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise
to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior
Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the
Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in
the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth
and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their
unending hymn:

+SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy *Great Thanksgiving*



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The Presiding Minister continues...

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

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: Even as we watch and wait, Christ is here. Come, eat and drink.

COMMUNION SONG

The assembly is invited to be seated for the distribution of the Sacrament.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of four staves. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff is labeled 'All' and contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the melody for the third line of lyrics. The fourth staff is labeled 'All' and contains the melody for the fourth line of lyrics. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.' The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Cantor
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
All
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.
Cantor
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,
All
grant us peace, grant us peace.

J. Michael Joncas
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The Sacrament is distributed. Worshipers will come forward, respecting social distancing, to receive a host from the Presiding Minister, and moving to the right, receive the wine from the Assisting Minister. Proceed to the right of the church as you face it, depositing the used wine container in the receptacle provided.

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 HYMN

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: Faithful God,
In this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ,.

as we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy my story.

Guide us toward your promised future,

coming to birth now in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

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



+BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: God is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

God grant you grace and peace at the dawn of this new year.

Amen.

All flesh is grass, but the word of God remains forever.

God who is eternal keep you in hope of the resurrection.

Amen.

The past, the present, and the future rest in God's hands.

God guard your coming in and your going forth,

this new year and forevermore.

Amen.

Almighty God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is invited to be seated for Ministry Announcements.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

+ SENDING HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

ELW # 289

+DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is born among us!

C: Thanks be to God.

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