

# 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

**MINISTER OF MUSIC**

Adria Ryan

**MUSICIAN EMERITUS**

Pamela Wilcox

## **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.

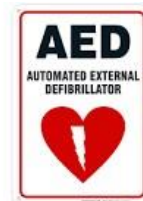
Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all newcomers, as well as those returning home to Living Lord today. We do not consider newcomers to be visitors. This is the church of Jesus Christ, and there is a place for you here. We invite you to join the conversation, participate fully in the spiritual 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, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022**  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
**Pentecost 19**



**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** *Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.*

**WE SING**                    **"Stand By Me" (reflecting on Hurricane Ian)**  
   *see p. 14*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

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

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. The assembly is invited to stand as you are able...*



*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

+ P: In the name of the Father, and of  
the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

**+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **All: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

We have failed to do justice,  
 love kindness,  
 and walk humbly with you.  
 Turn us in a new direction.  
 Show us the path that leads to life.  
 Be our refuge and strength on the journey,  
 through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

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

P: Beloved of God:  
 your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.  
 God points the way to new life in Christ,  
 who meets us on the road.  
 Journey now in God's abiding love  
 through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
 C: Amen.

+ENTRANCE HYMN "To God be the Glory"  
 see p. 15

+ 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.

+KYRIE

# Kyrie

Mass of Remembrance

Marty Haugen

Dm A7 Dm Gm Dm A7 Dm

Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Chri - ste e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son.

9 F C Gm7 Asus4 A A7

Je - sus Christ, have mer - cy: we ask for your for - giv - ness.

14 Dm A7 Dm Gm Dm A7 Dm

Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Chri - ste e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



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!

## +PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, 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.*



*The lessons may be found on the back cover of this bulletin.*

## FIRST READING: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

*In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.*

*The reading is announced:*

L: A reading from Jeremiah.

*The reading may be concluded:*

L: The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM Psalm 84:1-7**

*Happy are the people whose strength is in you. (Ps. 84:5)*

<sup>1</sup>How dear to me is your dwelling,  
O Lord of hosts!

<sup>2</sup>**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

<sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God.

<sup>4</sup>**Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
They will always be praising you.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are the people whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

<sup>7</sup>They will climb from height to height,  
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

*The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.*

L: A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy.

*The reading may be concluded:*

L: The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*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  
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 And  
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 18:9-14

*The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.*

*The gospel is announced...*

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

*The reading may be concluded:*

P: 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** *“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”*  
ELW #596

## 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: “God of grace”. The assembly follows with “**Hear our prayer**”.*

A: Together with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, the world, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

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

P: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

*The service continues with the sharing of the peace.*

### **+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 Longer I Serve Him”  
see p. 16**

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

### **+ OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.  
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*The Presiding Minister continues...*

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

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.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord  
and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's  
body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and  
receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he  
comes as victorious Lord of all.

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...*

## **LAMB OF GOD**

*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.*

*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.”*

## **COMMUNION HYMN/S**

**“In This Place ”  
see p. 17**

*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: God of the abundant table,  
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal  
with bread for the journey.  
Give us your grace on the road  
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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**

**“Soon and Very Soon”**  
**ELW #439**

### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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## GOSPEL MESSAGE

October 23, 2022

### LECTIONARY 30

#### *Fractured Hearts*

At first glance, the Pharisee in Jesus' parable seems to be doing everything right. He attends worship faithfully, he offers thankful prayers to God, he tithes 10 percent of his income, and he even fasts regularly. That's an impressive list! However, it's not the state of his spiritual habits that Jesus reproaches, but the state of his heart. The Pharisee is diligent and observant, but he is putting trust in himself and his own piety rather than in God.

Martin Luther interpreted the first commandment, "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3), to mean that we should put our whole confidence in God alone, trusting in God above all else. Our hearts should cling to God, Luther said. When our hearts start clinging to other things, as the Pharisee's did to his religious routine, we turn those things into idols.

In one version of the communal confession we use in worship, we admit to God: "We have not loved you with our whole heart" (*ELW*, p. 95). Despite our best intentions, our hearts can become fractured, clinging to all kinds of things before they cling to God. Sometimes all that's left for God is a tiny portion of our hearts. The words of the confession reorient us by reminding us of our dependence on God and our need for God's grace. We echo the prayer of the tax collector in Jesus' parable: "God, be merciful to us sinners!"

No matter how fractured our hearts become, though, God's response to our prayers will always be the same. God overflows with mercy and compassion toward us. At the end of our confession, we receive the assurance of forgiveness in Christ. That good news is for everyone—Pharisees and tax collectors alike. We are all God's beloved children, freed and forgiven by the radical grace of God.

**Today – Memorial Service for Marion Hawk** follows worship on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. She will be interred in our Columbarium in a short service following the memorial service. All are invited to attend.

**Next Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> – Reformation Sunday.** Wear your reddest red! Also, we are receiving new members on this Sunday.

**Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Service for Rip Wieler** follows worship. Please sign up in the church narthex/lobby so that we know how many to prepare for. Thank you.

Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 3:00 pm– Piano and organ recital by Nancy Triebel, the organist and choir director at Pastor Greg's former congregation in the Reading, PA area, Allegheny Evangelical Lutheran Church. Nancy will be offering both sacred and secular music in this 75 minute program, and she'll also include songs of the season for a sing along. Proceeds from a free will offering will to Lutheran Disaster Response. Here at the church.