

# 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

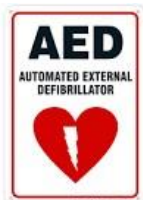
Living Lord Lutheran Church is a church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (www.elca.org.) With over 9,100 congregations and 4 million members throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands, we are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. We 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, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
**Easter 4.**  
**Good Shepherd 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 is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.*

**WE SING** *‘The Old Rugged Cross’*  
*see back of bulletin*

**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.*



*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.**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**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:** 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.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness with these or similar words.*

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

+ **ENTRANCE HYMN**

*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”  
see back of bulletin*

+ **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.**

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+**KYRIE**

**Kyrie**

Mass of Remembrance

Marty Haugen

Dm

A7

Dm

Gm

Dm

A7

Dm

## **+PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. *(The assembly prays together. A brief silence is kept before the prayer.)* C: **O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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

## **WORD**

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



### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47**

A reading from Acts.

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

*The reading is announced:*

L: A reading from Acts.

*The reading may be concluded:*

L: The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 23**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord<sup>l</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not<sup>l</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord makes me lie down<sup>l</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be-<sup>l</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my<sup>l</sup> soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways<sup>l</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall<sup>l</sup> fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they<sup>l</sup> comfort me. R**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence<sup>l</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is<sup>l</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days<sup>l</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the<sup>l</sup> Lord forever.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

*The reading is announced:*

L: A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Peter.

*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 to welcome the gospel.*

**+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Verse 1**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things.  
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 Shall be  
Alleluia!

*continued on next page...*

**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: John 10:1-10**

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*

*The gospel is announced...*

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

*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** “O Christ, Our Hope”  
ELW #604

**+ 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 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”.*

**A:** United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*The Presiding Minister concludes the prayers with these or similar words:*

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**

**“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”**

## ELW #502

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

### + OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord

**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

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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...*

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**All: 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.**

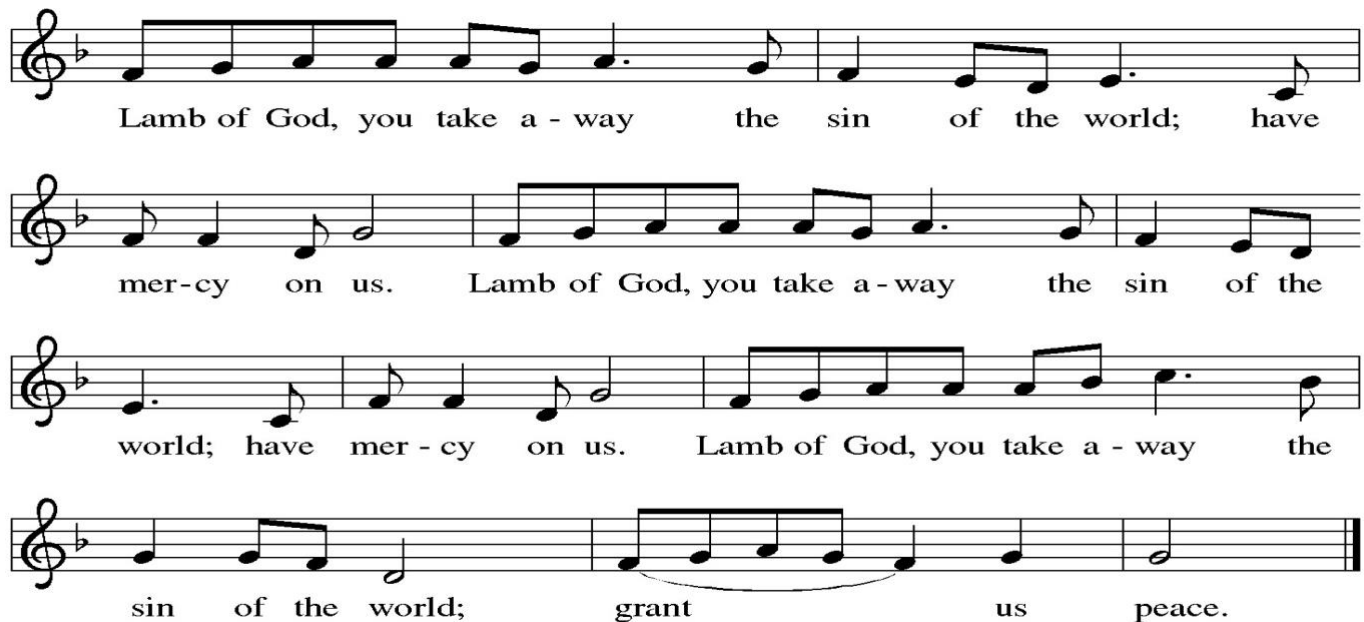
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

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

## AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

*The Sacrament is distributed. Worshipers will come forward to receive a host from the Presiding Minister, and then receive the wine from the Assisting Minister.*

*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.” Ask the Ministers of Communion for a wine an/or a gluten free alternative.*

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

## COMMUNION HYMN

***“Take and Eat”***

***See back of bulletin***

*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. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to

show your love and serve the world in  
Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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



### **+BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

P: The God of all, who raised †  
Jesus from the dead, bless you by the  
power of the Holy Spirit to live in the  
new creation.

**C: Amen.**

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

### **MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **+ RECESSIONAL HYMN**

***“Victory in Jesus”***  
**see back of bulletin**

### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### ***Tables Spread for Life Abundant***

Sometimes a table is spread in a generous fashion but still feels impersonal, like the buffet at a big conference. You can fill your plate as many times as you want, but that doesn't change the fact that you're wearing a printed name tag because no one in the room actually knows your name. And sometimes a table spread seems meager because it's the end of the month or you didn't have time to make it to the store, but you're with friends who feel like family, so no one is worried about how simple the meal is.

Today we have the best of both worlds. We have abundance to the point of extravagance, and we have a God who knew our names even before we were born. We have a table heaped with grace upon grace and our heads anointed with oil, and we have a God whose voice we recognize as soon as we hear our names spoken aloud. All our beloveds have been invited, and every last one of us has a name card in front of our plates, handwritten in our favorite color, no doubt. Today we're reminded that even when the world feels like a wreck, God shows up with abundance, inviting us by name.

Where have you noticed this lately? Where have you noticed goodness and mercy following you around? Where have you noticed evidence that God wants you to experience life? In the feisty weeds poking up through the cracks in the sidewalks? In the hope of the students who are so close to summer break they can taste it? In the bright sunshine breaking through the clouds not thirty seconds after the thunder stops? In the youngest members of your worshiping community, skipping forward with their hands outstretched for bread and blessing? It's there, this evidence of God's life abundant. Go looking for it. Go looking to remind someone else. It's way too good to miss.

#### **Upcoming Commemorations**

##### **Philip and James, Apostles**

**Monday, May 1, 2023**

Philip was one of the first disciples of Jesus, and called Nathanael to "come and see." He later responded to an Ethiopian official's request for teaching and baptism. Little is known of James, the son of Alphaeus, called "the Less" to distinguish him from another apostle named James.