

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.

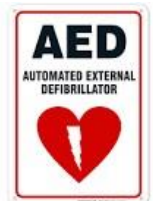
Our parish family extends a warm welcome to all newcomers, as well as those returning home to Living Lord today. We do not consider newcomers to be visitors. This is the church of Jesus Christ, and there is a place for you here. We invite you to join the conversation, participate fully in the spiritual 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, February 5th, 2023
Service of Holy Communion
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



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 *Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.*

ALL SING **“He Touched Me”**
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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...



+ 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.

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: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.**

We have not practiced your righteousness.

**Our hearts have turned away from you.
 For the sake of the world you so love,
 forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another
 for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Thus says our God:
 “The former things have come to pass
 and new things I now declare.”
 God’s mercy makes us new.
 We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.
C: Amen.

+ENTRANCE HYMN “Bring Forth the Kingdom”
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+ 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.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

C: **Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, 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.



FIRST READING: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

¹Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

²Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

³“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

The reading is announced:

L: A reading from Isaiah.

The reading may be concluded:

L: The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

[¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Though people such as the Corinthians are enamored with human philosophy and wisdom, Paul continuously presents God's hidden wisdom which is Jesus Christ crucified. True spiritual maturity involves judging ourselves and others in light of God's revelation in the cross.

The reading is announced:

L: A reading from 1st Corinthians.

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: Matthew 5:13-20

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

The gospel is announced...

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th 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 *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* *ELW # 815*

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: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.
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 Lord Jesus prayed for the unity of his disciples.

We look for the day when the church will shine forth
in unity at his holy supper.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The ministers and the assembly may greet one another with a gesture of Christ’s peace.

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: Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice

and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus 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 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.
The Presiding Minister continues...
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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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.

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever. **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 taste the joy of God!

The assembly is seated...

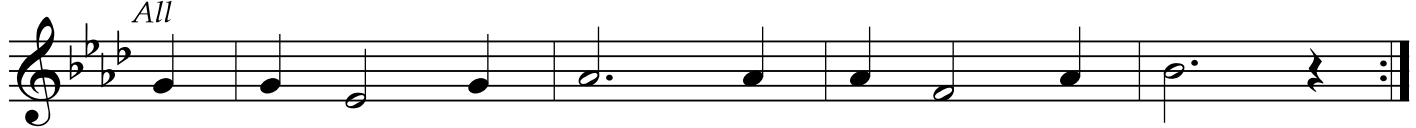
LAMB OF GOD

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. _____

The Sacrament is distributed.

J. Michael Joncas
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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

“Let Us Break Bread Together” (*)
ELW #471

“Something Beautiful”
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: Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

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



+BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✚ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,

today 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

*“This Little Light of Mine” (**)
see back of bulletin*

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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GOSPEL MESSAGE

February 5, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Salt and Light

What we believe about ourselves has the power to shape our behavior in profound ways. If we believe we aren't good enough or are unwanted, that will likely show up in the way we carry ourselves, in the way we interact with others, and in the opportunities we seek out or don't. On the other hand, if we know that we are loved or if we feel like we belong, we will probably bring more assurance to our interactions with others, and will be more likely to take risks and to reach out and engage with our communities.

Similarly, our identity as disciples of Jesus has the power to shape the way we live. It all starts with who Jesus says we are. “You are the salt of the earth,” Jesus tells his disciples. “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:13-14). Salt preserves food and adds flavor. Used masterfully, it brings out the best in the other flavors of a dish. It can pull other elements together to help create a new thing. Light nurtures life. It can comfort, energize, and help make things clear. Together, salt and light sustain, nourish, and welcome new life in the world around them.

What kind of people would we be if we really believed we were the salt of the earth and the light of the world? Nurturers, sustainers, co-creators with God in making all things new? What fears could we let go if we simply trusted that we are who Jesus says we are? What risks would we take? How would we show up in our communities? As we gather for worship today, we are invited to hear anew this identity we are given in Christ. Then, nourished by word and sacrament, we are sent forth with the promise that Christ is forever at work in us, keeping us as salt and light in all times and places.

(*) from p. 12 – An African American spiritual

(**) from p. 13 – An African American spiritual