

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

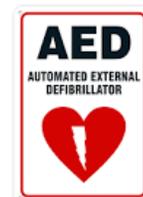
Living Lord Lutheran Church is a church of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (www.elca.org.) With over 9,100 congregations and 4 million members throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands, we are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God’s grace. We 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 3rd, 2022
Service of Holy Communion
Pentecost 4



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 *God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.*

ASSEMBLY SONG

"God Bless Our Native Land "
ELW 891

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 presiding minister addresses the assembly.

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



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

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: 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: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors. 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

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"
ELW #888

+ 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: **O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother
who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may
spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, 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: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in “the family of faith.”

The reading is announced:

L: A reading from Galatians.

The reading may be concluded:

L: The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ASSEMBLY SONG

“God of Our Fathers”

See p. 12

PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9

All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. (Ps. 66:4)

¹Be joyful in God, all you lands;
be joyful, all the earth.

²**Sing the glory of God’s name;
sing the glory of God’s praise.**

³Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

⁴**All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your name.”**

⁵Come now and see the works of God,
how awesome are God’s deeds toward all people.

⁶**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in God.**

⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;
let no rebels exalt themselves.

⁸**Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.**

⁹Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

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 10:1-11, 16-20

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

L: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th Chapter.

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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

ELW #759

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".

A: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Here 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.

Amen.

+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

"God Bless America"
(all sing; see p. 11)

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

+ OFFERING PRAYER

A: God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.

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.

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...

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

*“Eternal Father Strong to Save”
ELW #756*

*“O God of Every Nation”
ELW #713*

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

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

“ Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory ”
ELW #890

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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GOSPEL MESSAGE

July 3, 2022

LECTIONARY 14

I Want to Be in That Number

In today’s gospel, Jesus sends out seventy disciples to do some evangelizing. But who are they? There is lore that says some of the first leaders of the church were in this original cadre of disciples sent out “like lambs into the midst of wolves” (Luke 10:3): Barnabas, Mark,

Rufus, and Justus are a few who might be familiar to us. But this is all legend, and one has to wonder why these seventy aren't explicitly named by the gospel writer, especially because it was the first mass evangelism tour that Jesus encouraged.

But perhaps the anonymity is on purpose. Perhaps they aren't specifically named because their names can be ever-rotating—an ever-moving list of saints that, generation after generation, are sent out with the strong name of Christ to confront the evils of the world. Perhaps you are one of the seventy, sent out by Jesus to confront the demons of this world: demons like racism and sexism, demons that destroy the temples of our bodies and cloud our minds with thoughts of hate and extremism.

It's important to consider that the seventy came back rejoicing because even the demons submitted to the name of Jesus (Luke 10:17). We may not consider that the demons of our world today can be subdued when they seem so gargantuan. Yet it has happened before, by the power of God. Indeed, it happens again and again and again as followers of Jesus go out into the world with God's name upon their brows, denouncing the ills of the world and working for justice and peace as our baptismal calling compels us to do.

That old spiritual "Oh, when the saints go marching in" (ACS 950) is most appropriate for this first Sunday in July. It speaks of longing to be among the saints entering the beloved kingdom of God, but it may also apply to these seventy saints sent out in today's gospel. We too are in that number, wielding the powerful name of Christ. Rejoice!

God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home

God bless America, land that I love
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