

# 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

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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.

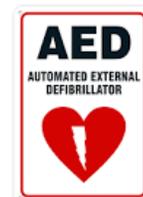
We believe and teach that Christ’s body and blood are truly present and are really given in, with, and under the bread and wine of the Holy Eucharist. Communion at present is given in one kind – that is, the consecrated Body of Christ. It is given, along with the words spoken by the Presiding Minister, “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 2th, 2022**  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
**Pentecost 7**



**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**

*Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God’s own. “When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.”*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ASSEMBLY SONG**

*“Sweet Hour of Prayer”*

See p. 11

**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.*



**A LITANY OF CONFESSION**

*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. All: Amen.

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: 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**

*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

ELW #781

**+ 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: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only 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: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]**

*The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about "the empty lure" of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.*

*The reading is announced:*

L: A reading from Colossians.

*The reading may be concluded:*

L: The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ASSEMBLY SONG

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

ELW #742

### PSALM: Psalm 138

*Your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. (Ps. 138:8)*

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will <sup>l</sup>ing your praise.

**<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;**

**for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

**<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.

**<sup>6</sup>The Lord is high, yet cares or the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

**<sup>8</sup>You will make good your purpose for me;  
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

*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 11:1-13**

*In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.*

L:     The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> 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**

*"Lord, Be Glorified"*

ELW #744

### **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**

*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**

*“Nearer My God to Thee”*

See pp. 12-13

*“Rock of Ages*

ELW #623

*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**

*“How Great Thou Art”*  
ELW #856

### **DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

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### **GOSPEL MESSAGE**

**July 24, 2022**

**LECTIONARY 17**

***God’s Goodness Doesn’t Sting***

Sometimes when people are in need, they pray. And then they wait. They wonder. They wait some more, and pray some more. *Is God listening? Will God answer my prayer?* Some people may worry that they have done something to deafen God’s ears to their needs. Maybe they fear they are unworthy to be heard and helped, or that their lives don’t matter. Maybe they just give up on themselves and on God.

Jesus is well aware of the challenges of being a person of faith and trusting in God when life is tough. He invites people into a deep trust in God. Why? Because God gives us everything we want, even if it is bad for us? No! God doesn't give scorpions to sting us, even if we ask for them. Jesus invites people into a deep trust in God because of God's profound goodness. Jesus urges us to ask God for the sustenance we need: bread, fish, eggs, mercy, justice, love. God will give us such good things because God is so good.

The heart of Jesus' message is rooted in God's goodness. It is not centered on our worthiness, but on God's generous heart. God is good. God is merciful. God is compassionate. God responds to our need out of that benevolence. The Good One gives good things for those in need. This is who God is for us.

This doesn't resolve our tough and appropriate questions about when and how prayers get answered. It does tell us that we are invited to trust that we are cared for no matter what. We are provided for beyond our comprehension, not because of *our* goodness, but because of *God's*. We can come forward to Christ's table—hungry for acceptance, longing for the bread of mercy—and know we will receive that bread in our hands.