

# 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**

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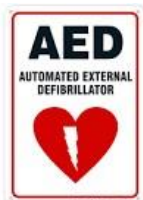
## SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 AM

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, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
**Service of Holy Communion**  
**Easter 5**



**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**

*As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.*

**WE SING**

*“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”  
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.*

*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**

*“Rock of Ages”*

*ELW # 623*

+ **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

Musical score for Kyrie, featuring three staves of music in 3/4 time. The first staff (measures 1-8) has chords Dm, A7, Dm, Gm, Dm, A7, Dm. The second staff (measures 9-13) has chords F, C, Gm7, Asus4, A, A7. The third staff (measures 14-21) has chords Dm, A7, Dm, Gm, Dm, A7, Dm. The lyrics are: Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Chri - ste e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son. Je - sus Christ, have mer - cy: we ask for your for - giv - ness. 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: 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.*)  
Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

## WORD

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



### FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

*The reading may be announced:*

A reading from Acts.

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

*The reading is announced:*

L: A reading from Acts.

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*The reading may be concluded:*

L: The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

*Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. (Ps. 31:5)*

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be <sup>1</sup> put to shame;  
deliver me <sup>1</sup> in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your <sup>1</sup> ear to me;**  
**make haste to de- <sup>1</sup> liver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag <sup>1</sup> and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead <sup>1</sup> me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly <sup>1</sup> set for me,**  
**for you are my tow- <sup>1</sup> er of strength. R**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I com- <sup>1</sup> mend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, <sup>1</sup> God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are <sup>1</sup> in your hand;**  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who <sup>1</sup> persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine up- <sup>1</sup> on your servant;  
save me in your <sup>1</sup> steadfast love.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

*Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

*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!

### 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 14:1-14**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

*The gospel is announced...*

P:      The holy gospel according to St. John, the 14<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

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
**ELW #815**

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## + 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.

\* *Christian*

## + 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**

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

*ELW #742*

*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

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...*

## COMMUNION SONG

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,". The second staff is for All, with the lyrics "have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.". The third staff is for the Cantor, with the lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,". The fourth staff is for All, with the lyrics "grant us peace, grant us peace.". The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and a repeat sign at the end of the second staff.

*The assembly is invited to be seated for the distribution of the Sacrament . . .* J. Michael Joncas  
*The Sacrament is distributed. Worshipers will come forward to receive a host from the* Music © 1989, WLP  
*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 and/or a gluten free alternative.*

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

## COMMUNION HYMN

***“At the Name of Jesus”***  
***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

*“Come, We That Love the Lord”*

**ELW #625**

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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# GOSPEL MESSAGE

May 7, 2023

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### *Are You New Here?*

“You know the way to the place where I am going,” Jesus tells his followers (John 14:4), but they aren’t so sure. So he goes on, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6), but they’re still confused. Finally, he asks, “Have I been with you all this time . . . and you still do not know me?” (John 14:9). It’s as if he’s asking them, “Are you new here?”

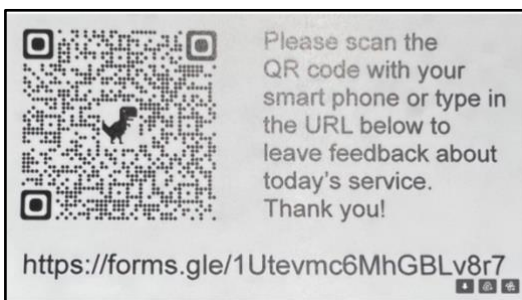
They’ve had him all this time. They’ve watched him and listened to him and learned from him. But, suddenly faced with the idea that he won’t always be there in quite the same way, it’s as if they remember nothing.

Yet, Jesus isn’t one of those teachers who says, “Do as I say, not as I do.” He lived his very life here on earth as a model for us, even now. Our road map to the place where he is going is to understand his words and actions, not only as *his* way, truth, and life, but as *our own* as well.

It’s as complicated as that, but it’s also that simple. “Do not let your hearts be troubled” (John 14:1), Jesus tells them. Indeed, road maps are meant to reassure us, by giving us direction and setting us on the right course.

He didn’t say it would be easy. He also didn’t tell this to any of them alone, and his words are intended for us to hear in community today as well. Living out our understandings of Jesus as the way, truth, and life is a collective act, not an individual one. We do this every time we gather in community, whether that’s a congregation, a parent-teacher organization, an extended family, or a neighborhood Buy Nothing group.

“You know the way to the place where I am going,” Jesus tells us. We might feel new here, but it turns out we’ve had the road map all along.



### **Tell Us How We Did Today**

If you have a QR code reader on your smartphone, we’d love to have you check out our little questionnaire asking how the worship experience was for you today. It’s anonymous, and easy – just a few questions. Simply scan the QR code that you see on the left. Thanks. Your feedback helps us immensely