

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

MUSICIAN EMERITUS

Pamela Wilcox

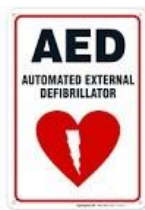
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION - 10:00 AM

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.

Pastor Greg’s contact information email: gbsbuckeyel@gmail.com



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, August 10th, 2025
Pentecost 9
Service of Holy Communion



WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY

As worship 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 *Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

WE BEGIN IN SONG ***“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”***
words on the screen
remaining seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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. **Amen.**

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ But if we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(from 1st John 1:9)*

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *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.

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 *“Standing on the Promises of God”*
words also on the screen

R. Kelso Carter

1. Standing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King, Through e - ter - nal a - ges let His
 2. Standing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, When the howl - ing storms of doubt and
 3. Standing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e - ter - nal - ly by
 4. Standing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall, Lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment to the

prais - es ring; Glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 fear as - sail, By the liv - ing word of God I shall pre - vail,
 love's strong cord, O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 Spir - it's call, Rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,
 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior; Stand - ing, Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

+ 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

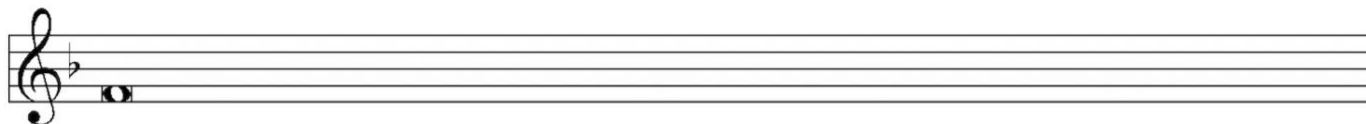
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A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **B** Lord, have mer - cy.

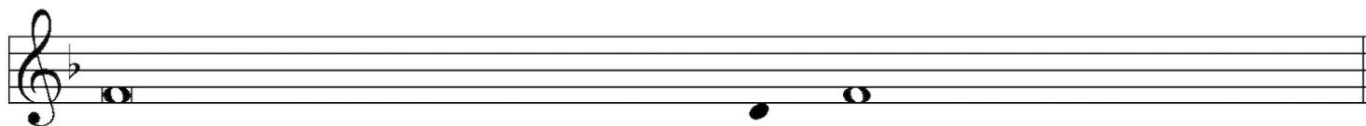
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

B Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



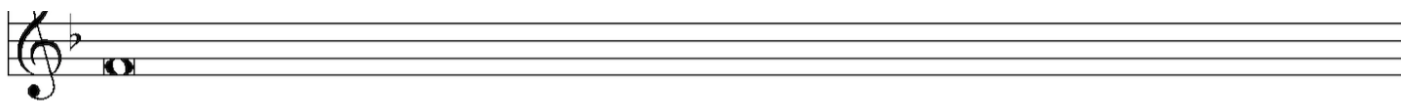
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

+HYMN OF PRAISE

“Lord be Glorified ”
follow words on the screen

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. . . .

(the assembly is invited to pray this prayer together)

**Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you
wherever you appear, 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 Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.

The text for this reading may be found on the back of the bulletin cover

L: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 33:12-22

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)

- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God [|] is the Lord!
Happy the people chosen to [|] be God's heritage!
- ¹³ **The Lord looks [|] down from heaven,
and sees all [|] humankind.**
- ¹⁴ God sits firmly en- [|] throned and watches
all who dwell [|] on the earth.
- ¹⁵ **God fashions [|] all their hearts
and observes [|] all their deeds.**
- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size [|] of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by [|] their great strength.
- ¹⁷ **The horse gives vain [|] hope for victory;
despite its great strength it [|] cannot save.**
- ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear [|] you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your [|] steadfast love,
- ¹⁹ **to deliver their [|] lives from death,
and to keep them alive in [|] time of famine.**

²⁰ Our innermost being waits for | you, O Lord,
our helper | and our shield.

²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**

²² Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you.

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

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L: Word of God, word of life. **All: Thanks be to God.**

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

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (follow the words on the screen)

+ GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the 12th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The text for this reading may be found on the back of the bulletin cover

After the reading...

P: The gospel of the Lord **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is invited to be seated...



MESSAGE The Rev. Gregory Shreaves

Silence for reflection . . . The assembly is invited into quiet reflection after the message, and before the Hymn of the Day.

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

+ HYMN OF THE DAY *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”*
follow the words on the screen

+ 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 service continues with the prayers of intercession.

A: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

The prayers are concluded with these or similar words...

P: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen.

+THE PEACE

P: The Revelation 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.

Our work – God's work here at Living Lord, is supported entirely by the financial generosity of this community. As an additional option to your giving today, prayerfully consider using the QR code below for a secure payment gateway on our church website. There you may designate where you'd like.



OFFERING HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

(follow the words on the screen, or below or ELW #638)

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

+ OFFERING PRAYER

A: Creator God,

In your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ DIALOGUE

The presiding minister offers the Words of Institution over the bread and wine...

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

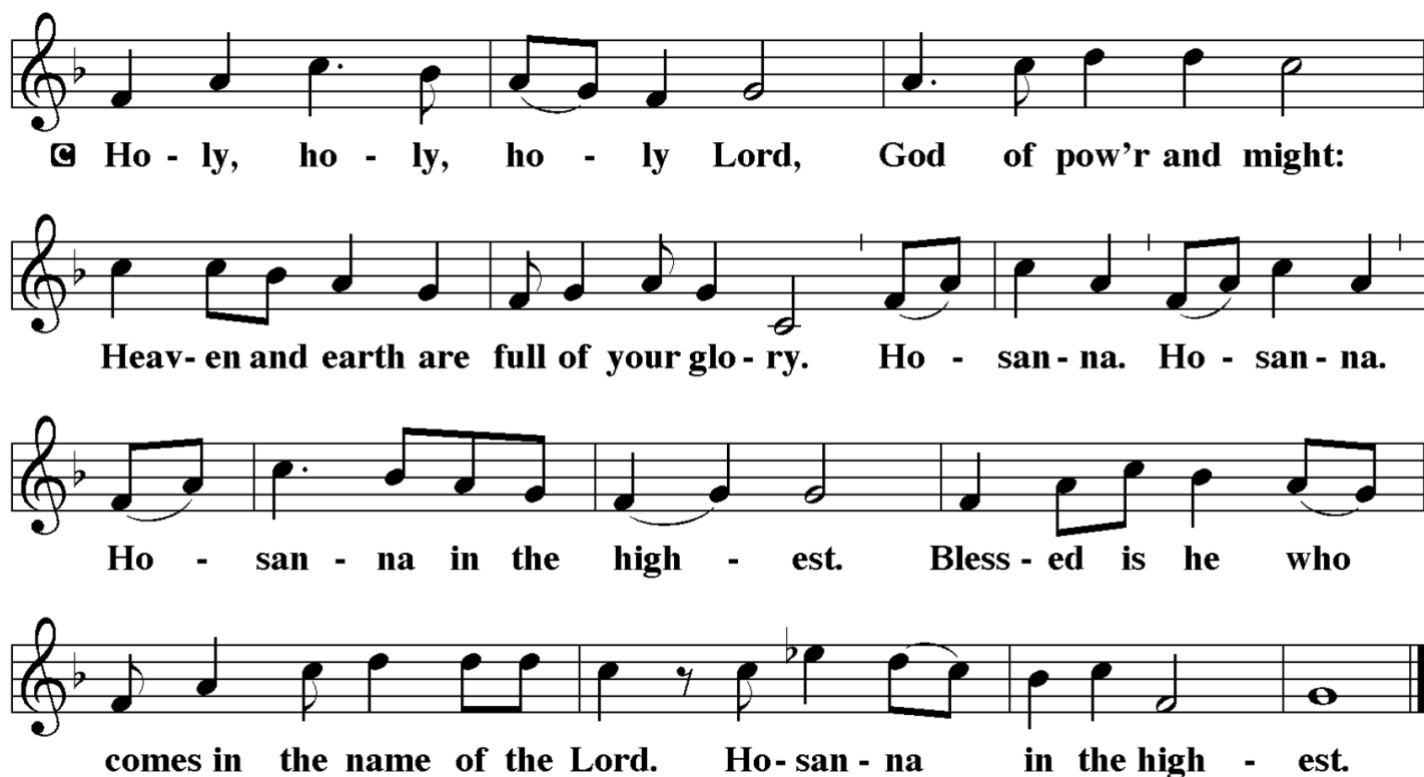
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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 *(spoken...below)*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The Presiding Minister continues...

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection
and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen,

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

+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: All who hunger and thirst for a better life, for a deeper faith, for a better world, here is the bread of life: feed on it with gratitude; here is the cup of salvation drink from it and believe.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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



AGNUS DEI “see words on the screen”

The Sacrament is distributed. Worshipers will come forward to receive a host from the Presiding Minister, and 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.”

During the distribution of the Sacrament, the assembly is offered this song:

COMMUNION HYMN

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
(on the screen or ELW #502)

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 CANTICLE

(words and music on the screen and below)



☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SENDING

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



+BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. C: **Amen.**

The assembly is invited to be seated for Ministry Announcements.

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

+ SENDING HYMN

“Guide Me Ever , Great Redeemer”

(see words on the screen, or ELW # 618)

+DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you. C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL MESSAGE

August 10, 2025

LECTIONARY 19

Always Ready

For which events are you always prepared? Perhaps the coffee is always on in your house, awaiting the unannounced guest at any hour. Or perhaps you always have your passport up to date, ready to take advantage of that spur-of-the-moment vacation deal that arrives in your inbox. Being prepared for what life brings us, knowing we're ready to tackle whatever comes our way, can give us a sense of security.

Today's gospel reading takes the idea of readiness to divine proportions as Jesus reminds the disciples to be prepared for God's inbreaking at any moment. How are we prepared for God to show up in our everyday life? How are we prepared to encounter God being at work, even now?

God's kingdom is like a grand wedding party where everyone is invited and has a light to shine. God's realm is like a gigantic feast where all are fed and no one goes away empty. God's reign is one in which humanity can invest in things that last, instead of hoarding for lean times, because in the community of God there is enough for all so we never need to be afraid.

While many people might hear this reading as referring only to Christ's final coming, in our liturgy we are reminded that Christ arrives in many and various ways all the time. We are blessed by the Holy Spirit in the waters of baptism, in the bread and wine of the eucharist, in the face of our neighbors as we greet one another with God's overwhelming peace.

The kingdom of God is always at hand, breaking through the ordinary and mundane in extraordinary ways. Today we are reminded to be ready for it, to look for it, to anticipate it with fearless expectation. So, how are we ready to encounter Christ today?

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NOTE FROM ADRIA RYAN

Dear All at Living Lord Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your kind, thoughtful and amazing send-off for me last week. No church has ever done something like that for me before. I don't think that I can ever express how thankful I am that God allowed me to serve your community. I will greatly miss being with you. I hope and pray for your best possible future. Much Love, Adria