

Living Word Lutheran Church

The 7th Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

John 15:18

If the world hates you,
know that it hated me
before it hated you.

PASTOR: The Rev. Eric Hullstrom

Sunday Morning Worship Service at 9 am at the Meridian Habitat & Community Center

(Children's Sunday School and Adult Bible Study available during the school year)

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Mission Statement: "We, God's people of Living Word Lutheran Church, grounded in Holy Scripture, are called to follow and share the inspired Word of God in Christ, to live as faithful and obedient servants, reaching out to all people with the love of Jesus Christ."

Motto: "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Word Alone."

Affiliated with LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

ANNOUNCEMENTS/May 13-19, 2018

This week's activities:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School
Monday	2:00 pm	Rainier Vista Care Center Visit
Wednesday	8:00 am 6:45 pm	LWLC Prayer for Guidance meet at the LWLC Office Adult Bible Study meet at the LWLC Office
Thursday	10:30 am 7:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study at the LWLC Office Choir Practice at the LWLC Office

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Lee Brown's Family
in memory and in honor of Lee.

Today's Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 1)- Bill Zavadil, Andy Anderson, Skip Whelan, Dennis Krumwiede, Rick Fields, Larry Vollmer, Alex Burdick, Gary Heintz; **Ushers**-Ron & Chaileo Heilman; **Acolyte**-Olivia Vashchenko; **Lector**- Linda Deas; **Communion Set-up/takedown**-Nancy Martin, Lorraine Stargel; **Communion Assistants**:-Lorraine Stargel, Carole Williams-Wood, Sharon Johnson; **Comm. Bread**-Gayla Fenimore; **Tellers** – Linda Deas, Al Auge; **Coffee Hour**-Kaye Sims, Mary Vollmer; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Kitty Jepsen, Judy Ostendorf; **Sound System**-Alex Burdick; **Julian Estates Worship Leaders**-Mike & Debbie Stankovich; **Parking Lot Duty**- Owen Loshbough

Happy Mother's Day



The Veterans of LWLC are responsible for the altar flowers for Memorial Day Sunday on May 27th. **Veterans are asked to make a donation by May 20th**, so we can honor our comrades in arms who died in service to our nation. Following the service, the flowers will be placed at the memorial statue in Pioneer Park by **Andy & Ruth Anderson**. If paying by check, make it payable to Living Word Lutheran Church (LWLC) and put in category "Memorial" (pink envelope)



Please silence all electronic devices, including cell phones, upon entering the sanctuary.

Living Word Lutheran Church

Order for Worship

When you hear the bell, please be seated for the announcements.

Announcements

Please sign the attendance register and pass it down the row.

Our worship begins with the prelude. "Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe." (Hebrews 12:28)

Prelude

Opening Hymn

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

LBW #522

We Worship with Confession.

Pastor: Remembering our baptism into Christ Jesus, we gather as we are to live in the name of the Father, and of the (✠) Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the LORD, let us draw near with faithful hearts and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD. **C: Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my sins unto the LORD. **C: May God forgive the offense of my sin.**

P: (facing altar which symbolizes God's presence): *Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer,* **C: we confess to You that we are by nature sinners and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, pleading for and seeking Your grace for the sake of our LORD Jesus Christ.**

(Silence for personal reflection and self-examination.)

P: Most merciful God... **C: You have given Your only begotten Son to die for us. Have mercy upon us, and for Jesus' sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, that by Your grace we may come to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen.**

P: (facing the congregation declares God's grace): Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for Jesus' sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on Jesus' Name, He gives power to become children of God and bestows on them His Holy Spirit. Those who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, O LORD, unto us all. **C: Amen.**

All: Praise the LORD!

We are sent to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19). We begin by sharing the peace of the LORD with one another.

Cantors sing verses 1-3, Congregation sings responsively the refrain.

Cantors: Vs 1- In our arrogance and pride We come to You. In our weakness and our guilt We look to You.

Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.

Cantors: Vs 2- In our trouble and our pain We come to You. In our darkness and our grief We look to You.

Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.

Cantors: Vs 3- Mighty God of love and power We come to You. You are here, and You are now. We look to You.

Congregation: O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy, O Lord, our Lord, Have mercy.

P: 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.

Glory to God

Congregation: (Refrain)

**Glory to God in the highest, Sing! Glory to God!
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on Earth!**

Verse 1: *Lord, God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father;
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory!* **C:** (Refrain)

Verse 2: *Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer!* **C:** (Refrain)

Verse 3: **Women:** *For You alone are the Holy One,*
Men: *You alone are the Lord, the Most High, Jesus Christ,*
All: *with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father!* **C:** (Refrain)

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P (spoken): *The LORD be with you.*

C: (spoken): **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (All pray):

Gracious and glorious God, You have chosen us as Your own, therefore we have nothing to fear in this world, even though this world may hate us because of our faith in Jesus. By Your Spirit, continue to transform us that we may find our joy and peace in Jesus alone. To You be the glory, always and forever, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

We Hear and Read God's Word

This reading is from the Book of Acts, the 1st chapter (ESV)

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the

day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

(Here ends this reading.)

This reading is from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 1 (ESV)

(to be read responsively)

Reader: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,

Congregation: **nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**

R:² but his delight is in the law of the LORD,

C: **and on his law he meditates day and night.**

R:³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season

C: **and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.**

R:⁴ The wicked are not so,

C: **but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

R:⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
C: nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

R:⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

This reading is from the First Letter of John, the 5th chapter (ESV)

⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us

eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

(Here ends this reading.)

The congregation stands and sings:

***Alleluia! The Word of God is living! Alleluia!
 The gospel is among us! Alleluia! Alleluia***

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter. (ESV) C: Glory to You, O LORD

¹⁸ "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin,¹ but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³ Whoever hates me hates my Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works that no one

else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. ²⁵ But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: 'They hated me without a cause.'

²⁶ "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

(The Gospel of the LORD.)

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

We Worship by Confessing Our Faith in the Words of the Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Time with the Sunday School Children.

Hymn of the Day**“Why Me, LORD?”***Written by Kris Kristofferson**Verse 3 written by Gary R. Jepsen**(Gary R. Jepsen) Verse 1*

Why me Lord? What have I ever done
 To deserve even one of the blessings I've known?
 Tell me, Lord, what did I ever do
 That was worth love from you or the kindness you've shown.

(Gary R. Jepsen) Verse 2

Tell me, Lord, if you think there's a way
 I can try to repay all I've taken from you.
 Maybe, Lord, I can show someone else
 What I've been through myself, on my way
 back to you. **Chorus**

Chorus (Congregation):

**Lord help me Jesus I've wasted it so
 Help me Jesus, I know what I am.
 But now that I know that I've needed you so,
 Help me Jesus my soul's in your hand.**

(Gary R. Jepsen) Verse 3

Tell me, Lord, why you'd go to the cross,
 To redeem this poor lost soul that I am?
 You, Lord, did what I couldn't do,
 Always faithful and true, loving me to the end.

Chorus: 2X**Sermon****Pastor Eric Hullstrom****We Worship In Thanksgiving By Offering Our Gifts****Offertory***The offering is received*

As the congregation stands, the ushers bring the offering forward.

“With Grateful Joy”

With grateful joy for you the source of all life
 We raise one voice to you from whom all blessings flow.
 You are the Giver of Life; you are the Lover of life,
 the Good Sustainer of Life. We live in you. We live in you.

We pray together the offering prayer: P: Merciful Father...

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our LORD. Amen

The Prayers of the church

(Each petition concludes with “LORD, in your mercy”, to which the congregation responds: “hear our prayer”)

We Worship by Receiving Our LORD in His Holy Meal**The Great Thanksgiving (Spoken)**

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 Him thanks and praise.

P: *It is indeed right and salutary . . . (Here the minister continues with the preface:)*

**C: 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.**

The Words of Institution and The LORD'S Prayer (congregation sings)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Holy Communion: Lutherans believe the LORD's Supper is a holy sacrament in which Christ comes to us with His grace, love, compassion, and forgiveness. The crucified and risen Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine – He promises "This is my body... This is my blood". Therefore, the Apostle Paul says we should examine ourselves lest we eat or drink in an unworthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27ff.). Martin Luther wrote, "Anyone who does not believe these words ('this is My body given for you this is My blood shed for you.'). is neither prepared nor worthy; for the words, 'FOR YOU' requires simply a believing heart." Therefore, all (including children who have received instruction) who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior and LORD and who see His presence in the sacrament are welcome to commune with us.

As you come forward for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers in the water of the baptismal font and then make the sign of the cross on your forehead as a reminder of Christ's claim upon you through your baptism.

(For those with gluten allergies, we now have gluten-free wafers available for Communion on the Baptismal Font.)

The congregation sings: "**Lamb of God**"

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymns:

One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;
one cup of bless - ing which we bless,
and we, though man-y through-out the earth,
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

Refrain

one in the Lord of all.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" LBW #439

"I Love to Tell the Story" LBW #390

Post-Communion Prayer and Canticle

Thank God and sing praise! Raise our voic-es high - er! Pro - claim
 Christ's Way! Thank God and sing praise! Make the cir-cle wid - er!
 All who know the taste of grace! God's peop-le gath-ered all
 ov - er the world, led on in prom-ise, sent forth in joy with
 shouts of thanks - giv - ing all ov - er the world, sing Hal - le - lu - jah!

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The Benediction (Pastor)

The congregation sings 3-fold **"Amen"**

On Our Way Rejoicing

Closing Hymn

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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We Worship By How We Live During the Week

P: Go in Peace! Serve the LORD!

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Musician: Mary Kaye Owen

Choir Director: Dan Owen

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Thank you for worshipping with us this morning!

If you are a visitor, we are blessed that you have joined us for worship. We encourage you to pick up a 'Welcome' packet at the Visitor's table to introduce you to our church. Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.

Next week's Scriptures:

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:24-35

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26 – 16:15

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
 When my life is al - most gone.
 And the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light,
 Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I fall.
 At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

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NEXT WEEK's (May 20th) Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)- Al Auge, Ron Heilman, Gary Gjerstad, Joe Burdick, Jim Gronhovd, Daryl Olson, Ron Johnson, Duane Claiborne; **Ushers**- Carole Williams-Wood, Zale Wood; **Acolyte**-Lydia Auge; **Lector**- Tony Deas; **Communion Set-up/takedown**- Jan Halverson, Yvonne Olson; **Communion Assistants**- Jan Halverson, Tom & Denise Alvord; **Comm. Bread**- Gayla Fenimore; **Tellers**- Gary Gjerstad, Judy Krumwiede; **Coffee Hour**- Carole Williams-Wood, Laura & Kailan Burdick; **Altar Setup/Take Down**- Kitty Jepsen, Judy Ostendorf; **Sound System**-Ron Heilman
Parking Lot Duty-Gary Gjerstad; **Flowers**-Bill & Debbi Zavdil; **Julian Estates Worship Leaders**-Sharlene Parker, Jeff DeBord

Quote of the Day: "The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the love of a Mother." St. Therese

***Who can find a virtuous woman? She is far more precious than jewels...
 Strength and honor are her clothing, and she can laugh at the time to come.
 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and loving instruction is on her tongue.
 She watches over the activities of her household and is never idle.
 Her sons rise up and call her blessed.***

He husband also praises her:

Many women are capable, but you surpass them all!

Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord will be praised.

~Proverbs 31:10, 25-30

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. *2Chronicles 7:14*

Prayers for those who are serving our country (military, firefighters & police) and their families and keep them safe: Josh Jepsen, Chase, Seth Hearld, Powell, Evan Gregory Blodgett, Ken Solbrack, Michael Elliott, Chris Berentson, Cole Lufkin (Gjerstad's grandson), Brady Woodman (Relma Burmeister's grandson), Devlin Durkin, Damien Benigno (Lydia Auge's brother); Curtis & Riley McKenzie, Brandon Bules (Carole Williams cousin), Jacob Ramsey (Fenimore's grandson), pray for safety and draw close to God. *Our prayers for all those in harm's way are urgently needed during this time of turmoil and strife in this country.*

Prayers for those who have recently lost a loved one. Prayers for the **family of Bea Reatia** (Bill & Debbi Zavdil) on her passing. Prayers for **Dan Owen and family** on the passing of his father. Prayers for the **Jack Larson Family** (Carole Williams' cousin) who recently passed away.

Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness. *Dixie* (Sharlene Parker's sister). *Judy Ostendorf*. *Jeff* (Don & Carol Brennan's son). *Don Minnick* (Harold & Clarice Liemohn). *Pastor Dave Steffenson* (Dave Ostendorf). *Hank Anderson* (friend of Kaye Sims). *Bob Lungberg* (Bob & Nancy Martin), *Aunt Glenda* (Lorraine Stargel), *Cousin Sandy* (Lorraine Stargel). *Snookie Pankrantz* . . *Elaine Kroger* (Bob & Nancy Martin). Prayers for **Taressa** (Dennis & Judy Krumwiede's daughter-in-law) as she begins chemo for her very aggressive cancer. Pray for **John Paul Webber** (Heidi Sturdivant)-renewed battle with melanoma, prayers for his family as they care for him. **Bob Ostrom** (Steves' daughter-in-law's father), pray for recovery and strength from stroke. Prayers for daughter **Elaina** (Ron & Gaye Anderson) recovering from surgery, and prayers also for the doctors and all caregivers. Prayers for medical personnel serving our members and their families, may all decisions lead to healing and peace. **Tony Horne** (Bob Martin & Hal Martin) who has been diagnosed with cancer. **Robert Hawthorne** (Jim & Mei Barker) suffering from advanced prostate cancer, pray for his comfort at this difficult time.

Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery.

Janet (Carole Williams-Wood friend), pray for doctor's discernment and good results from tests concerning her back pain. **Gerri** (Carole Williams-Wood friend), pray for strength and quick recovery from surgery. Prayers for **Linda Johnson** (Debbi Zavdil) recovering from pancreatitis. Prayers for successful open-heart surgery for my friend **Terry** (Cynthia Faul) and for his healing and recovery. **Betty Larson** (Carole Williams' Aunt) prayers for speedy recovery after hip surgery. Prayers for quick recovery and healing for **Gaye** after hip replacement surgery.

Prayers for faith, strength and guidance. God's continued guidance and blessings in our search for a new church home. God's guidance and peace between nations of the earth especially between the U.S. and North Korea. God's love to overcome hate and fear in hearts around the world. Prayers for safe travels this month for **Jim & Mei Barker** as they visit their son in Indiana.



"Thank you all for your prayers and condolences on the passing of my father. To have the support from my congregation family gives me comfort and strength. Dan Owen

BRIDGES OF LOVE



Want to be a part of a ministry that helps to make a difference in our community? We help Churches help our neighbors in need. We are looking for some volunteers who can be our receptionist and answer our incoming phones from 9 am - Noon Monday through Thursday. Each volunteer can come in one day per week for 3 hours a day. Computer Skills needed for a little data entry. If you are available to help, please fill out our volunteer application: <http://bridgesoflovenw.org/.../get-inv.../volunteer-application/> Our office is in Tacoma now, but still in the Puyallup School District zone.

Blessed to be a blessing! Sherry Phinisey, Bridges of Love NW/Formerly Love INC

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Happy moments, praise God.
Difficult moments seek God.
Quiet moments, worship God.
Painful moments, trust God.
Every moment, thank God.