

Living Word Lutheran Church

The 6th Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

John 15:12-13

Greater love has no one than this,
Greater love has no one than this,
Greater love has no one than this,
Greater love has no one than this,
Greater love has no one than this,

This is my commandment,

that you love one another as I have loved you.
Greater love has no one than this,
that someone lay down his life for his friends.

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 6-12, 2018

This week's activities:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour Children's Sunday School
Monday	9:30 am 2:00 pm	Finance Committee meet at the LWLC Office Rainier Vista Care Center Visit
Tuesday	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Women's Ministry Board at the LWLC Office LWLC Board meet at the LWLC Office
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
Friday	6:30 pm	Busy Women's Bible Study at Sharlene Parker's Home
Saturday	1:00 pm	Lee Brown's Memorial Service at Sunrise Baptist Church



**The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Don & Carol Brennan
in honor of former member Sandy Fielder who is visiting us today!**

Today's 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**- Tony & Linda Deas; **Acolyte**- Hannah Vashchenko; **Lector**- Kailan Burdick;
Communion Set-up/takedown- Judy Williams, Ardis Kilber; **Communion Assistants**-Pastor Alec, Al Auge, Dave Ostendorf;
Comm. Bread-Gayla Fenimore; **Tellers** – Don Brennan, Judy Krumwiede; **Coffee Hour**- Sharlene Parker, Carol Richey; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Carol Brennan, Jan Halverson; **Sound System**-Joe Burdick **Parking Lot Duty**-Dennis Krumwiede;
Julian Estates Worship Leaders-Skip Whelan



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 6th	<u>Special Congregational Meeting</u> will follow our Worship Service today. The congregation will be holding their 1 st vote on changes to LWLC's constitution and an addition to the LWLC's by-laws.
May 6th	<i>The Tapestry Singers present a Spring Concert "Melodies of Broadway" at the United Methodist Church, 1919 W. Pioneer Ave., Puyallup, WA May 7th at 3 pm. There will be a complimentary reception following the concert.</i>
May 12th	 <p style="text-align: center;">Lee Brown Memorial Service at 1:00 pm at the Sunrise Baptist Church. Reception will be in the large fellowship hall.</p>
May 27th	<p>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 <u>May 20th</u>, 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).</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">MEMORIAL DAY</p>

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

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Verse 1

***Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.***

Verse 2

***Jesus, loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor
Lord of the universe, Light of the world***

Verse 3

***Jesus, Way of salvation
King of kings, Lord Of Lords,
The way the truth and the Life,
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend***

We Worship with Confession.

Pastor: Remembering the covenant God has established with us through 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: 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 more fully love You and more worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our LORD. **Congregation: Amen.**

P: (invites worshippers to confess their sins): The First letter of John (1:8) reminds us that, 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.

Silence for personal reflection and self-examination

P: (facing altar which symbolizes God's presence): *Most Merciful God...*

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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.

P: (facing the congregation, declares God's forgiveness): In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for Jesus' sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by Jesus' authority I declare to you, *being penitent*, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the (✠) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

We are called to make disciples of all nations; we begin by sharing the peace of God with one another.

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.

Cantors: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

Cantors: *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 mercy.

Cantors: *For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: Lord, have mercy.

Cantors: *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

C: Amen.

This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God!

Cantors: *This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!*

1. ***Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing, and glory are His.***

Refrain: ***This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!***

2. Women: ***Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:***
Men: ***Blessing and honor and glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.***

3. ***This is the feast of victory for our God. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Alleluia!***

P: *The LORD be with you.*

C: ***And also with you.***

PRAYER OF THE DAY (All pray):

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and You restore all things in glory through the victory of Your son, Jesus Christ. Through his love we are redeemed from sin and death. In like manner, may our love for one another and for those who do not know You, bring redemption and thus lead people to bring glory to Your holy name. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

We Hear and Read God's Word

This reading is from the Book of Acts, the 10th chapter (ESV)

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter

declared, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

(Here ends this reading.)

LWLC Choir

"Hallelujah Resurrection Day!"

Larry Shackley

This reading is from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 98 (ESV)

(to be read responsively)

Reader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song,

Congregation: **for he has done marvelous things!**

R: His right hand and his holy arm

C: **have worked salvation for him.**

R: ² The LORD has made known his salvation;

C: **he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

R: ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

R: ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

R: ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,

C: **with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

R: ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn

C: make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

R: ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

C: the world and those who dwell in it!

R: ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands;

C: let the hills sing for joy together

R: ⁹before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

C: He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

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

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes

the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

(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

⁹As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know

what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

(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.

Hymn of the Day

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

LBW #315

Sermon

Pastor Alec Rivera

We Worship In Thanksgiving By Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

The offering is received

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

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with Your free Spirit.***

Let us pray together the offering prayer:

Blessed are You, O LORD our God, King of the universe. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made 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

**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. 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:

“Let Us Break Bread Together” LBW #212
 “Amazing Grace” LBW #448
 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” LBW #370

Post-Communion Prayer and Canticle

*Thank the LORD and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
 Let everyone who seeks the LORD rejoice and proudly bear His name.
 He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
 With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

The Benediction (Pastor)

The congregation sings 3-fold “Amen”

On Our Way Rejoicing

Closing Hymn

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

LBW #527 vs. 1,5,6,7

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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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 of comfort for neighbor **Aleksandr's family** (Phil & Virginia Steves) on his passing. Prayers for the **family of Bea Reatia** (Bill & Debbi Zavadiil) on her passing. Prayers for **Dan Owen and family** on the passing of his father.

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). Prayers for **Snookie Pankrantz** diagnosed with cancer. 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. **Elaine Kroger** (Bob & Nancy Martin) recently diagnosed with lymphoma. Prayers for daughter **Elaina** (Ron & Gaye Anderson) recovering from surgery, and prayers also for the doctors and all caregivers. Prayers for quick recovery and healing for **Gaye** after hip replacement surgery. Prayers for medical personnel serving our members and their families, may all decisions lead to healing and peace.

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 Zavadiil) recovering from pancreatitis. Pray for healing for employee **Mark** (Gary & Cynthia Faul) as he injured his hand, prayers as he sees a specialist to see if he will need surgery. Prayers for healing and strength for **Elaine Flammang** who had knee surgery recently. Prayers for successful open heart surgery for my friend **Terry** (Cynthia Faul) and for his healing and recovery.

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.

What deeds of power are being done by his hands!" Mark 6:2

In His Hands

The Hands that made the world and gave the sun and moon their light
are the tiny Hands of a baby born one cold December night...

The Hands that stilled the wind and tamed the fury of the sea
are the calloused Hands of a carpenter who lived in poverty...

The Hands that held the power to break the binding chains of sin
are the gentle Hands that washed the feet of tired and dusty men...

The Hands that cleansed the leper, healed the blind and raised the dead
are the praying Hands of one who cried, "Not My will, but Thine instead..."

The Hands that shaped the universe and flung the stars in space
are the nail-pierced Hands of a dying man who suffered in our place...

The Hands of our Creator, Lord and King of Heaven above,
are the Savior's Hands, forever reaching out to us with love.

B. J. Hoff



Submitted by Nancy Martin

NEXT WEEK's (May 13th) 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

Next week's Scriptures:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13
John 15:18-27

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

C2.02. This congregation confesses Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and the Gospel as the power of God for the salvation of all who believe.

- a. Jesus Christ is the Word of God incarnate, through whom everything was made and through whose life, death, and resurrection God fashions a new creation.

As written:

- b. The proclamation of God's message to us as both Law and Gospel is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy through word and deed, beginning with the Word in creation, continuing in the history of Israel, and centering in all its fullness in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Change to: (add)

b. The proclamation of God's message to us as both Law and Gospel as found in the *English Standard Version Bible (2001)* is the Word of God, revealing judgment and mercy through word and deed, beginning with the Word in creation, continuing in the history of Israel, and centering in all its fullness in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

Reasoning. There are several new bibles being printed including asexual and a feminist (God the Mother) versions. If Living Word Lutheran Church should ever be sued because we refuse to perform or even acknowledge marriages other than those between one man and one woman or other rites not practiced or recognized by our church, we will be able to support our stance by reference to one particular version of bible. It will, in effect, become our most important, defining, immutable foundation.

C5.03. As written:

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Add:

Only such authority as is delegated to the Congregational Board or its organizational units in the congregation's governing documents is recognized. All remaining authority is retained by the congregation. The congregation is authorized to, **but not limited to:**

- a. call a pastor;
- b. terminate the call of a pastor;
- c. approve the annual budget;
- d. acquire real and personal property by gift, devise, purchase, or other lawful means;
- e. hold title to and use its property for any and all activities consistent with its purpose;
- f. sell, mortgage, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of its property by any lawful means;
- g. elect its officers and Congregational Board, and require them to carry out their duties in accordance with the constitution, bylaws, and continuing resolutions; and
- h. enter or terminate a relationship with any association as provided in Chapter 6.

Reasoning: That the specific authorities do not exclude all others.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

Add: V,C,2,b,18

18: Hiring may be done for non-pastoral (called) positions by the board after a job description and budgeting has been submitted to the congregation reviewed and approved.

- a. Job description will be developed IAW the Human Resources Manual (HRM) as approved by the board.
- b. Candidate for said position will be selected by HR and approved for hiring by the board.
- c. Employees/contract labor may be discharged for cause or have their positions eliminated by the board.
- d. Job descriptions may be modified per HR manual and approved by the board.

Reasoning: To clarify hiring procedures and grant the board authority to select employees to fill approved positions.

Reason for enclosure in the bylaws: Constitution 12.04---Duties of the board are per the bylaws.

Questions, please consult a board member.