



The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 17, 2018



“The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.” *Mark 4:26*

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 /June 17-23, 2018

This week's activities:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am	Worship Service Coffee Hour
Wednesday	8:00 am 6:45 pm	LWLC Prayer for Guidance at the LWLC Office Adult Bible Study at the LWLC Office
Thursday	10:30 am	Midweek Bible Study at the LWLC Office
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Ministry Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant

**The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Ardene Bartness
in memory of all our loved ones who passed.**

Today's Worship Assistants

Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)- Al Auge, Ron Heilman, Gary Gjerstad, Joe Burdick, Jim Gronhovd, Daryl Olson, Ron Johnson
Larry Vollmer; **Ushers**- Dick Schmidt, Lorraine Stargel; **Acolyte**-Viviana Vashchenko; **Lector**-Debbie Stankovich;
Communion Set-up/takedown- Nancy Martin, Ardis Kilber; **Communion Assistants**- Gary & Barbara Gjerstad, Skip Whelan;
Comm. Bread-Gayla Fenimore; **Sound System**-Andy Anderson; **Tellers** – Morgan Olson, Judy Krumwiede; **Coffee Hour**- Barbara
Griswold, Judy Williams; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Judy Williams, Barbara Gjerstad; **Parking Lot Duty**-Al Auge;
Julian Estates Worship Leaders-Gary & Barbara Gjerstad

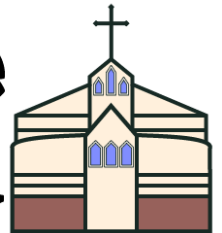
Bible Verse of the Day: -"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be men of courage; be strong." 1
Corinthians 16:13

Quote of the Day: "When a father gives to his son, both laugh; when a son gives to his father, both cry."—William Shakespeare

**LWLC's Annual Congregational Meeting
will immediately follow the worship service
next Sunday, June 24th.**

**Please plan to attend as a quorum is
necessary to elect the new Board Members.**

**Welcome
to our
Church Family**



Next week's Scriptures:

Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

June 24th

**Welcome our New Church Members
Tracy Prince Cathy Schaffer
Mike and Debbie Stankovich**

*Happy
Father's
Day!*

**Happy Father's Day!! Cookies of every kind are for the men
in celebration of Father's Day. After the service choose a
dozen cookies from the wide variety of cookies, put them in
the bag provided to take home to enjoy.**

This is your day!

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 as we enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Let us give thanks to him and bless his holy name!***

Prelude **LWLC Choir** **"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas Dorsey, arr. By Sheldon Curry**

Opening Hymn **"We Praise You, O God"** **LBW #241**

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: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin 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: have mercy on us. We confess to You that 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 trusted You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In Your compassion forgive our sin and uphold us by Your Spirit that we may live and serve You in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P: (*facing the congregation declares God's grace*): With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

We Worship with the Setting from "Now the Feast and Celebration"

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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.

Kyrie

Cantor: In peace, in peace, Let us pray to the...
C: ***LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.***

Cantor: For Your people here, who have come to give You praise, for the strength to live Your Word, let us pray to the...
C: ***LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.***

Cantor: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the...
C: ***LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.***

C: ***LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.***
Cantors: Help, save and defend us, O God.
C: ***Amen.***

Now the Feast*Refrain:*

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom:
praise and glory forevermore!**

1. **Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. (Refrain)**

2. **Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ, forever. (Refrain)**

3. **For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. (Refrain)**

P: *The LORD be with you.*

C: *And also with you.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY (we pray together):

Creating God, your reign of love makes all things new. Plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts, so that, trusting your word, we may live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and was raised for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Worship by Reading God's Word

This reading is from the Prophet Ezekiel, the 17th chapter. (ESV)

²² Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar.

And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴ And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it." (Here ends this reading.)

LWLC Choir

"Jesus Paid It All"

by Elvina Hall, John Grape, arr. Jack Schrader

This reading is from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 92 (ESV)

(to be read responsively)

Reader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

Congregation: to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

R: ² to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

C: **and your faithfulness by night,**

R: ³ to the music of the lute and the harp,

C: **to the melody of the lyre.**

R: ⁴ For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

C: **at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

R: ¹² The righteous flourish like the palm tree

C: **and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**

R: ¹³ They are planted in the house of the LORD;

C: **they flourish in the courts of our God.**

R: ¹⁴ They still bear fruit in old age;

C: **they are ever full of sap and green,**

R: ¹⁵ to declare that the LORD is upright;

C: **he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

This reading is from Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians, the 5th chapter (ESV)

⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those

who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. [\[a\]](#)

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

(Here ends this reading.)

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

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

LBW #409

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter. (ESV) C: Glory to You, O LORD

²⁶ And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet

when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

(The Gospel of the LORD.)

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Eric Hullstrom

We Worship in Thanksgiving by Offering Our Gifts

Offertory

The offering is received.

The congregation stands as the ushers bring the offering forward.

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain:

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread; so
may all Your people from all the ends of earth be
gathered into one in You.**

1. **As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of Your love. (Refrain)**
2. **Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when
all creation shares this feast with You. (Refrain)**

We pray together the offering prayer: P: Merciful God, **C:** everything in heaven and earth
belongs to You. We joyfully release what You have entrusted to us. May these gifts
be signs of our whole lives returned to You, dedicated to the healing and unity
of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers of the Church (Each petition ends with “LORD, in Your mercy”; 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.*

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

P: *Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.*

C: *And also with you.*

C: *We lift them to the LORD.*

C: *It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

P: It is our duty and delight... (*Here the minister continues with the preface:*)

**Holy, holy, holy are You, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in Your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

The Words of Institution & 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 and ever. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

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.)

Lamb of God

1. *Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*
2. *Lamb of God, You break the chains of hatred and fear: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*
3. *Lamb of God, You are the way of justice and peace: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*
4. *Lamb of God, You are the way of mercy and love: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.*
5. *Lamb of God You take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.*

Communion Hymns:

<i>"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"</i>	LBW #305
<i>"Rock of Ages"</i>	LBW #327
<i>"When Peace, Like a River"</i>	LBW #346

P: May the grace of our LORD Jesus Christ and the gifts of His body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle

*Praise to You, O God of mercy,
Thanks be to You forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
Thanks be to You forever!*

*Strong is Your faithfulness,
Strong is Your love, rememb'ring
Your covenant of life with us.*

*From of old You loved and sought us,
Thanks be to You forever!
Truth and justice You have taught us:
Thanks be to You forever!*

*Praise to You, O God of mercy,
Thanks be to You forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly:
Thanks be to You forever,
Thanks be to You forever!*

The Post Communion Prayer

C: Amen.

The Benediction (Pastor)

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

On Our Way Rejoicing!

Closing Hymn

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

LBW #259

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, please sign the Guest Book. 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 (June 24th) 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**- Mary Vollmer, Bob Martin; **Acolyte**-Barbara Gjerstad; **Lector**-Jan Halverson;
Communion Setup/takedown- Barbara Gjerstad, Sharlene Parker; **Communion Assistants**- Gary & Barbara Gjerstad, Sharlene Parker; **Communion Bread**- Gayla Fenimore; **Sound System**-Alex Burdick; **Tellers** – Dave Ostendorf, Al Auge;
Coffee Hour-Cynthia Faul, Jothi Holmes; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Jan Halverson, Linda Schmidt; **Flowers**-Judy Williams;
Parking Lot-Tom Groce; **Children's Time**- Lori Schmidt; **Julian Estates**-Skip Whelan & Jeff DeBord

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 Carole Williams-Wood** on the passing of her brother. Prayers of comfort for the **Pannell family** upon the death of Cecilia (Sue Gronhovd's Aunt). Peace and comfort to all who knew and loved **Elaine Kroger** (Dwight & Barbara Griswold) who passed away.

Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness. **Dixie** (Sharlene Parker's sister). **Don Minnick** (Harold & Clarice Liemohn). **Bob Lungberg** (Bob & Nancy Martin), **Aunt Glenda** (Lorraine Stargel), **Cousin Sandy** (Lorraine Stargel). **Snookie Pankrantz**. **Taressa** (Dennis & Judy Krumwiede's daughter-in-law). **John Paul Webber** (Heidi Sturdivant. **Elaina** (Ron & Gaye Anderson). **Tony Horne** (Bob Martin & Hal Martin) **Robert Hawthorne** (Jim & Mei Barker), Sister-in-law **Wanee** (Sharlene Parker) starting her chemo, may her treatments go smoothly and she have no side effects. May God's peace be with her and her family. **Mary Anne Horiskey** (Bonnie DeBord), prayers for her eternal soul & for a peaceful passing as she is in the last days of hospice care.

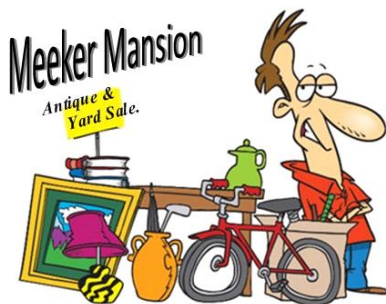
Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery.

Bob Ostrom (Steves' daughter-in-law's father) prayers for wisdom for caregivers to restore him to full mobility after stroke. **Kay Dightman** (relative of Phil & Virginia Steves) who has shingles, pray for recovery back to full health and to be pain free. Praise to God for **sister Dixie's** (Sharlene Parker) successful surgical procedure, prayers for quick healing. **Luda Vashchenko** (Barbara & Dwight Griswold), recovering from surgery, pray for comfort, peace and a speedy recovery. Pray for **Jim Held** for quick recovery and freedom of pain from shingles. Pray for son-in-law **Kurt Alfano** (Tom & Denise Alvord) as he recovers from a stroke, pray for strength, comfort and quick healing. Pray for healing and comfort for **Joe Burdick**. Pray for healing and comfort for **Joan** (Sarah DeBord's grandma) in the hospital for an infection that is having complications.

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.

Thank you

Dear Friends in Christ, the many cards, flowers and most of all your prayers, have been much appreciated. The care given to me has helped make my recovery from surgery go very well.
 Thank you! Luda Vashchenko



Men's Ministry Yard Sale!!
Saturday, Aug 11, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
 Meeker Mansion, Puyallup, WA

Get ready for the gigantic Meeker Mansion Antique and Yard Sale **on August 11th from 9am to 4pm**. One man's junk is another man's treasure. Either search for treasures or sell your treasures. **Needed: clothing, furniture, tools and any items usually found at a yard sale.**

The origin of Father's Day

One Sunday in 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a sermon honoring mothers. Her mother had died some years before, so her father had raised her by himself. Dodd wondered why there wasn't a day to honor fathers, so she arranged a tribute to her father at a church in Spokane, Washington. The date was June 19, 1910. Many people believe this was the beginning of Father's Day.

Another account holds that a West Virginia church held a tribute service for fathers in 1908, following a mine explosion that killed 360 men. Regardless of which story is correct, President Calvin Coolidge was the first president to designate a special day to honor fathers. In 1924, he proclaimed the third Sunday in June as Father's Day.



What is a dad?

A dad is someone who wants to catch you before you fall
but instead picks you up, brushes you off, and lets you try again.

A dad is someone who wants to keep you from making mistakes
but instead lets you find your own way, even though his heart breaks in silence when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who holds you when you cry, scolds you when you break the rules,
shines with pride when you succeed, and has faith in you even when you fail.

—Unknown

