

Living Word Lutheran Church

The 26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 2018



“There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” *Mark 13:2*

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 /November 18, 2018

This week's activities:

Sunday	9:00 am 10:15 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Worship Service Coffee Hour Adult Sunday School Children's Sunday School Acts 2 Church meet at the home of Pastor Eric and Connie.
Wednesday	8:00 am 7:00 pm	LWLC Prayer for Guidance at the LWLC Office Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday	All Day	Thanksgiving
Friday		Office closed



The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God by Gary and Rosie Heintz in celebration of their 2nd wedding anniversary.

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**- Lorraine Stargel, Bob Martin; **Acolyte**- Kailan Burdick; **Lector**- Cheryl Hedlund; **Communion Set-up/takedown**- Nancy Martin, Judy Williams; **Communion Assistants**- Al Auge, Dave Ostendorf, Judy Williams; **Comm. Bread**- Gayla Fenimore; **Sound System**-Andy Anderson; **Tellers** – Gaye Anderson, Al Auge; **Coffee Hour**-Kaye Sims, Carole Williams-Wood; **Altar Setup/Take Down**-Barbara Gjerstad, TBD; **Parking Lot Duty**-Owen Loshbough;
Worship Leaders-Phil & Virginia Steves;

Bible Verse of the Day: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!" Psalm 100:4

Quote of the Day: "We should certainly count our blessings, but we should also make our blessings count," Neal A. Maxwell

Please make plans for these Coming Events:

Nov 21	Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 pm -Take time to acknowledge God's goodness and present a thank you offering of praise and worship to Him. Let's take time to reflect on all the wonderful ways God has blessed us individually and as a church in 2018.	
Dec 1	Women's Ministry Breakfast: The Christmas Season 'Kick-Off' Saturday, 9:00 am- at the Sunrise Baptist small fellowship hall. Please join us to prepare for the Advent Season, fellowship and to 'fuel-up' prior to shopping or putting up decorations. This year it is asked that every attendee bring a wrapped gift, (no more than \$10.00) it can be something old or new for a gift exchange. A very festive event for the ladies! Sign up to attend at the usher's table.	
Dec 2	Women's Ministry Craft Table -The fundraising at Spanaway Lake High School was successful but we have many items left for the congregation. Take time to look at our craft table and think about the upcoming holidays! Proceeds go towards the LWLC Building Fund.	
Dec 9	The Tapestry Singers present Christmas Around the World -Christmas Concert and Silent Auction at 3 pm at the United Methodist Church, 1919 W. Pioneer. Suggested Donation: \$5-\$10. Complimentary Reception following the Concert.	

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

Opening Hymn

"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

1. I will sing of my Re-deem-er and His won - drous love to me;
2. I will tell the won - drous sto - ry, how my lost es - tate to save;
3. I will praise my dear Re-deem-er, His tri - um - phant pow'r I'll tell,
4. I will sing of my Re-deem-er, and His heav'n - ly love to me;

on the cru - el cross He suf - ered from the curse to set me free.
in His bound-less love and mer - cy, He the ran - som free - ly gave.
how the vic - to - ry He giv - eth o - ver sin and death and hell.
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God, with Him to be.

Refrain

Sing, O sing of my Re - deem - er,
Sing, O sing of my Re-deem - er, sing, O sing of my Re-deem - er,
with His blood He pur - chased me;
with His blood He pur - chased me, with His blood He pur - chased me;
on the cross He sealed my par - don,
on the cross He sealed my par - don, on the cross He sealed my par - don,
paid the debt and made me free.
paid the debt and made me free, and made me free, and made me free.

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

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

Cantors: 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.

Cantors: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to the. . .

Cantors: Help, save and defend us, O God.

C: LORD, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, LORD have mercy.

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!***

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

**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)***

**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):

Holy and awesome God, you create all moments of our lives, giving each its meaning and purpose. Strengthen us to witness continually to the love of Jesus Christ, that we may hold fast in times of trial, even to the end of the ages. Amen.

We Worship by Reading God's Word

This reading is from the Book of Daniel, the 12th chapter. (ESV)

“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. ⁴ But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

⁵ Then I, Daniel, looked, and behold, two others stood, one on this bank of the stream and one on that bank of the stream. ⁶ And someone said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, “How long shall it be till the end of these wonders?” ⁷ And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream; he raised his right hand and his left hand toward

heaven and swore by him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time, and that when the shattering of the power of the holy people comes to an end all these things would be finished. ⁸ I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, “O my lord, what shall be the outcome of these things?” ⁹ He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. ¹⁰ Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be refined, but the wicked shall act wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but those who are wise shall understand. ¹¹ And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days. ¹² Blessed is he who waits and arrives at the 1,335 days. ¹³ But go your way till the end. And you shall rest and shall stand in your allotted place at the end of the days.”

(Here ends this reading.)

LWLC Choir

“Give Thanks to the Lord”

by Lloyd Larson

This reading is from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 16 (ESV)

(to be read responsively)

Reader: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;

Congregation: I have no good apart from you.”

R: ³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,

C: in whom is all my delight.

R: ⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

C: their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

R: ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

C: you hold my lot.

R: ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

C: indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

R: ⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

C: in the night also, my heart instructs me.

R: ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me;

C: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

R: ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

C: my flesh also dwells secure.

R: ¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
C: or let your holy one see corruption.

R: ¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
C: in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope

without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

(Here ends this reading.)

Hymn of the Day

“Soon and Very Soon”

WOV #744

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter. (ESV) **C: Glory to You, O LORD**

And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” ² And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

³ And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵ And Jesus began to say to them, “See

that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.

(The Gospel of Our Lord)

C: Praise to You, O Christ

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.

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.*

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 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:

“One Bread, One Body”

WOV #710

"It is Well with My Soul"

1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
 3 He lives: oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
 4 And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The

sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gar - ded my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound, and the

taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul,

It is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888
 Tune: IT IS WELL, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

"Jesus Paid It All"

1 I hear the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is small; Child of
 2 Lord, now in - deed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine a - lone, Can
 3 And when be - fore the throne I stand in Him com - plete, I'll

weak - ness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine All - in - All."
 change the lep - er's spots, And melt the heart of stone.
 lay my tro - phies down, All down at Je - sus' feet.

Je - sus paid it all, All to Him I owe;

Sin had left a crim - son stain, He washed it white as snow.

Text: Elvina M. Hall
 Tune: John T. Grape

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!*

*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!*

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

*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

"Therefore the Redeemed"

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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, please sign the Guest Book. Coffee hour will follow the worship service. Please join us.

Thanksgiving Eve (Nov 21) Worship Assistants

**Set up/Tear Down -Volunteers Please; Ushers – Tony & Linda Deas; Acolyte-Lydia Auge; Lector-Al Luberts;
Sound System-Bill Zavadil; Tellers- Ardene Bartness, Al Auge;
Altar Setup/Take Down-Carol Brennan, Barbara Gjerstad**

Next Week's (Nov 25) Worship Assistants

**Set up/Tear Down (Team 2)- Al Auge, Ron Heilman, Gary Gjerstad, Joe Burdick, Jim Gronhovd, Daryl Olson, Ron Johnson,
Ushers-Judy Williams, Kaye Sims; Acolyte-Viviana Vashchenko; Lector-Sharlene Parker, Communion Setup/Take down-Jan
Halverson, Yvonne Olson; Communion Assistants-Bob & Nancy Martin, Jan Halverson; Communion Bread-Gayla Fenimore;
Sound System-Joe Burdick; Tellers –Don Brennan, Judy Krumwiede; Coffee Hour-Heidi Sturdivant, Valerie Claiborne; Altar
Setup/Take Down-Lorraine Stargel, Sharlene Parker; Flowers-Dick & Kaye Sims; Parking Lot-Tony Deas; Worship Leaders-Ron
P. Sharon Johnson**

Special Offering

TODAY, we will be collecting a special offering for our brothers and sisters in Christ at Bethel Lutheran Church in Holdrege, NE. Bethel secured two successful votes to leave the ELCA, but the minority members who lost the vote challenged it. After a lengthy legal battle with the ELCA, Bethel was finally granted release (freedom) but still needs to pay the ELCA \$750,000 and give up their parsonage. The Living Word Board voted to send Bethel at least \$1000 or what is collected on the 18th; whatever is greater. Please keep this in your prayers and consider showing your support for these newest members of LCMC. To God be the glory.

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; Curtis & Riley McKenzie, Jacob Ramsey (Fenimore's grandson), Richy (Larry and Mary Vollmer's grandson). *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 **Nathan Rath** (Carole Williams-Wood) who recently passed away.

Prayers for those with cancer or long-term illness. *Roger* (Gary Gjerstad's brother), *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). *Tony Horne* (Bob Martin & Hal Martin), *Robert Hawthorne* (Jim & Mei Barker), *Wanee* (Sharlene Parker), *Mary Anne Horiskey* (Bonnie DeBord), *Dave & Judy's Ostendorf's daughter-in-law*. **Baby Eli and his parents** (Jim & Sue Gronhovd). *Rich Bogle*, (Sharon Edward's cousin's husband) 5-year-old **Lucas Bride** (Heidi Sturdivant) fighting brain cancer and prayers for strength, comfort in God's hands for his family. **Donna** (friend of Harold & Clarice Liemohn) diagnosed with brain cancer.

Prayers for healing and strength for those with health concerns and those facing or recovering from surgery, Continued prayers for **Ron & Sharon Johnson's son & daughter in law** 's new son **Elijah**, pray for growth and healing without complications. Daughter **Jeanette** (Al & Darlene Luberts) having emotional problems and prayers for **Suzy** improving in a home for brain injured people. Brother **Bill** (Ruth Anderson) continued prayers for strength and quick healing for health problems. Pray for continued healthy pregnancy for **Sarah DeBord; Jill West** (Tom & Denise Alvord's daughter), prayers for doctor's discernment, strength and healing. **Tom DeBord** (Jeff DeBord's cousin) who is in stage 3 heart failure, pray for healing and comfort. God's comfort and help for victims and families of the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh. God's healing and guidance for our nation in this troubled time. Prayers for **son Jason and wife Cristi** (Dave & Judy Ostendorf) who are both experiencing medical issues.

Prayers for safe travel and good health for **Larry & Linda Schmidt** as they leave for AZ for the winter. Prayers for **all the people** in California who are affected by the fires.

FOUR BROTHERS

Four brothers left home for college, and they became successful doctors and lawyers. One evening, they chatted after having dinner together. They discussed her 95th birthday gifts they were able to give their elderly mother who moved to Florida. The first said, "You know I had a big house built for Mama." The second said, "And I had a large theater built in the house." The third said, "And I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her." The fourth said, "You know how Mama loved reading the Bible and you know she can't read anymore because she can't see very well. I met this preacher who told me about a cockatoo who could recite the entire Bible. It took ten preachers almost 8 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$50,000 a year for five years to the church, but it was worth it, Mama only has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it."

The other brothers were impressed. After the celebration Mama sent out her "Thank You" notes. She wrote: Milton, the house you built is so huge that I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway." "Marvin, I am too old to travel. I stay home; I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. The thought was good. Thanks." "Michael, you gave me an expensive theater with Dolby sound and it can hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I've lost my hearing, and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just the same." "Dearest Melvin, you were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken was delicious. Thank you so much." Love, Mama



Submitted by Skip Whelan

"Therefore the Redeemed" (sing twice)

There - fore the re - deemed of the Lord shall re - turn, re - turn and come with
sing - ing _____ un - to Zi - on. _____ and ev - er - last - ing _____ joy shall
be up - on their heads. _____ There - fore the re -
deemed of the Lord shall re - turn. re - turn _____ and come with sing - ing _____ un - to
Zi - on. _____ and ev - er - last - ing _____ joy shall be up - on their

Refrain

heads. _____ They shall ob - tain glad - ness and
joy. _____ And sor - row _____ and mourn - ing _____ shall flee a -
way. _____ There - fore the re - deemed of the Lord shall re -
turn, re - turn _____ and come with sing - ing _____ un - to Zi - on. _____ and ev - er -
last - ing _____ joy shall be up - on their heads. _____

Repeat Refrain