

Living Word Lutheran Church
Order of Worship – In Person/YouTube Service
Sunday, April 18, 2021, The 3rd Sunday of Easter

When you hear the bell, please be seated

Prelude/Welcome/Announcements

Prayer

Opening Hymn:

Verse 1

My faith looks up to thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away,
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly thine!

Verse 2

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

Verse 3

While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

Verse 4

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior then in love
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

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Confession and Absolution

P: We come to this moment of confession in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses.

C: Wash us from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sins.

P: You, O God, know our sin. Nothing is hidden from You. Therefore, You are justified when You speak, and You are right when You judge.

C: Make us pure, O God. Wash our slate clean. Turn from our sin and remember it no more.

P: Hide Your face from our sins. Grant us mercy, even though we are unworthy.

C: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence and please do not take Your Holy Spirit away from us.

P: Give us the joy of Your saving help and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit.

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; in Your great compassion blot out our offenses.

P: Let us take some time to confess our sins before God.

<Silence for personal prayer and confession>

P: Almighty God...

C: We have fallen short of Your glory. We have done things that You are not well pleased with and we have failed to do things that would have helped our neighbor. We confess that sin has come between You and us. We come before You now in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and ask for Your forgiveness, oh God. Hear our prayer. We want to be in a right relationship with You - asking You to remove all those things that we allow to get in the way. We are sorry for what we have done. So, we humbly come before You with our confessions and thanks for Your loving kindness - asking for a clean heart. Amen

P: People of God, you have made confession of your sins before the Lord. Therefore, you are promised forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. So, by the authority of God our Father and Jesus Christ His only Son and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I boldly and confidently announce the forgiveness of all your sins. You have been washed clean and purified of your sins. Rejoice and be glad, for you are a child of God.

C: Praise be to God and Amen!

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

Prayer

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“Ancient Words”

Sung by Sharon Johnson and Cheryl Hedlund

This Reading is from the Book of Psalms, Psalm 4 (ESV)

(to be read responsively)

Reader: Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!
You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Congregation: Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

R: ² O men how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

C: How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?

R: ³ But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself.

C: The LORD hears when I call to him.

R: ⁴ Be angry, and do not sin;

C: ponder in your own hearts on your beds and be silent.

R: ⁵ Offer right sacrifices

C: and put your trust in the LORD.

R: ⁶ There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?”

C: Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”

R: ⁷ You have put more joy in my heart

C: than they have when their grain and wine abound.

R: ⁸ In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

C: for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

This reading is from the Book of Acts, the 3rd chapter (ESV)

¹² And when Peter saw it, he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant^l Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—

by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus^[a] has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.¹⁷ “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,

(The Word of the Lord.)

The Gospel according to St Luke 24th Chapter. (ESV).

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,^[a] ⁴³ and he took it and ate before them.⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I

was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for^[a] the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

(The Gospel of our LORD.)

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Music

“Now the Feast” sung by Barbara & Dwight Griswold, Sharon Johnson, and Dan Owen

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Confession of Faith –

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.

Words of Institution

**Prayers of the Church
Offering**

Benediction “The Lord Bless and Keep You” sung by Barbara & Dwight Griswold, Sharon Johnson, and Dan Owen

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Closing Hymn

Verse 1

Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love’s baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing – You are my own.

Verse 2

Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son’s story;
Here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

“Go My Children with My Blessing”

Verse 3

Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful, and free.

Verse 4

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace

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