

# The Journey April 27, 2025 9am

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# **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **GATHERING PRAYER**

C Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, Grant that in the same Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. AMEN

#### **GATHERING SONG**

#### Celebrate Jesus



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#### **OPENING SONG**

#### He Is Risen

Words and Music by Graham Kendrick and Paul Baloche



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#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### FIRST READING: Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from Revelation.

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

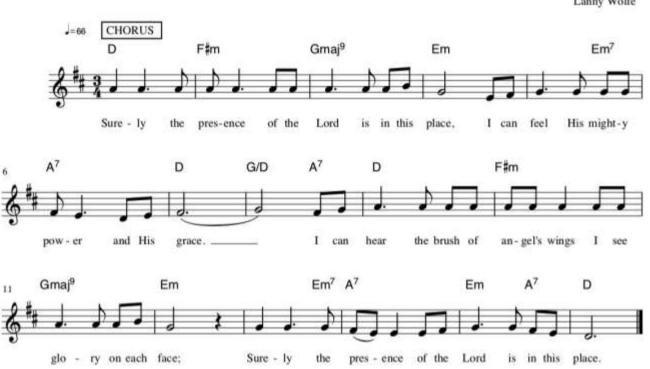
So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

## **GOSPEL SONG**

# Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by Lanny Wolfe



#### **GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31**

A reading from John.

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**MESSAGE** 

**Eyewitness Testimony** 

**REFLECTION TIME** 

#### **MESSAGE SONG**

# Glory To The Lamb

Words and Music by Bill Batstone



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#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people.

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation.

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities.

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way. We pray *especially* for those who have asked for our prayers, those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause)...

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.** 

#### **OFFERING**

Let us give thanks to God for our many blessings as we offer our monetary gifts for the mission and ministry of this community of faith. For those who are online, you can offer your financial support for our mission and ministries by going to our website livinglordfl.org and clicking on the give button at the top of the home page.

#### **OFFERING MUSIC**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Lobe den Herren/Hayes

#### SONG BEFORE THE MEAL

### This I Believe (The Creed)



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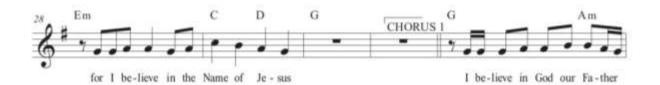
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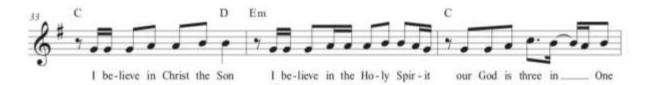
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#### THE MEAL

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, are yours
now and forever. Amen.

#### **MEAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Holy Communion here is just this simple: All are welcome because this is the Lord's table. It is Jesus who invites us to share in this meal. So, it doesn't matter who you are or how you are but that you simply come because God's gifts are...

## C Free

## MEAL SONG 1 (VS. 1, 3) ELW 392

## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

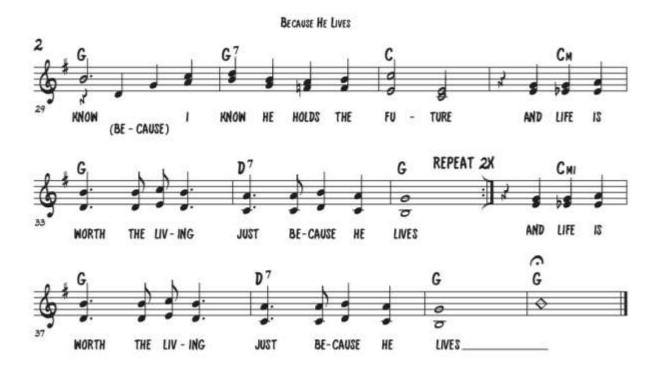


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#### **MEAL SONG 2**





#### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forevermore.

#### C Amen

#### **SENDING SONG**

# I'M SO GLAD

#### AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL





# **DISMISSAL**

#### **DISMISSAL SONG**

# JOY IN THE JOURNEY



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**The Altar Flowers** are given by Dan and Alison Brumenshenkel in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**The Eternal Candle for the month of April** is given by Mike and Madelyn Tetmeyer in celebration of their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** All who have faith in the words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin" is really worthy and well prepared to receive this sacrament. Communion is by individual cup (wine or white grape juice and gluten free wafers are available). Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

The **Sunday bulletin** focuses on the what, when, and where of announcements and ministry opportunities for the upcoming week. Detailed information is available on our **Facebook** page, in the **Link**, which is published weekly, and in the **Voice**, our monthly newsletter, and on our **website** – <u>www.livinglordfl.org</u>. Extra copies of the **VOICE** are available in the Narthex in the mail bins on the south wall.



**Financial Support** Thank you for your continued support for our ministry and mission. Offerings can be mailed to the church or online giving with banking or credit card payments at <a href="www.livinglordfl.org">www.livinglordfl.org</a> or scan this QR code, click Menu, Give, scroll down to give now.

**Attendance Pads** Please fill out the attendance register and pass it down the aisle and let us know you were here. Add your name and if you are communing place a "C" in the member or visitor column. Otherwise, simply place a checkmark ( $\sqrt{}$ ) in that column. This is a change to satisfy our constitutional requirement to maintain a record of those who have communed. Thank you for helping us with this detail.

## **Covid-19 Guidelines Update:**

The Worship Team's current guidelines include: Optional masks. Each individual should choose what is right for them and the use of the common cup during communion distribution is suspended until further notice.

## Week of Apr 28 - May 4

## **Monday**

Faith Talks 10am
AA Meeting 11:30am
Boy Scouts 6pm
GA Meeting 7pm

## **Tuesday**

AA & Al-Anon Meeting 11:30 am Cub Scouts 6pm AA Meeting 7pm

## **Wednesday**

AA Meeting 9:30am, 11:30am Pastor's Bible Study 1pm

## **Thursday**

AA Meeting 11:30am Euchre 10am Choir 6pm By Grace 7:15pm

### **Friday**

GA Meeting 9:30am Crafting 10:30am AA Meeting 11:30am AA Meeting 6pm, 8pm

## **Saturday**

AA & Al-Anon Meeting 4pm

## <u>Sunday</u>

9am The Journey
7:45am Traditional Service
10am Parrish Life Meeting
11am Traditional Service
Congressional Pot Luck
AA Meeting 6pm
NA Meeting 8pm

**SCRIP** After each service. An ongoing fundraiser designated towards Campus Improvement. Purchase gift cards at the table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Ages 3 thru 3rd grade, available during both 9am and 11am Services, following Pastor's Children's Sermon. FAITH FORMATION for older children and teenagers 10:05 to 10:55.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:05-10:50am in the Activities Hall. Dig deeper into the message of the Old Testament and Epistle lessons with other adults. Bring your snack, coffee, questions and insights as we explore and connections to our lives today.

ANNUAL FLORIDA BAHAMAS
SYNOD ASSEMBLY Will be held
June 12-14, 2025 in Kissimmee, FL.
Delegates from each congregation are encouraged to attend. If you would like to participate this year, reach out to Pastor Ed at 941-753-9365.

## **CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK**

May 4<sup>th</sup>, following the 11:00 service on. Join us for fellowship and to wish all our friends heading north in the coming weeks, safe travel. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex to help us plan for numbers and food variety.

GENERAL OFFERING #4010			
YEAR-TO-DATE	2025 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	
March 31, 2025	March 31, 2025	March 31, 2024	
\$90,777.65	\$85,629.56	\$82,155.76	

## <u>APRIL 2025 MONDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS PLAN</u> - 10:00-11:30

April 28, 2025 LAST MONDAY ADULT CLASS

Story of the 12 Apostles 90 minutes documentary

The extraordinary stories of the men chosen by Jesus to bring God's plan to the world. From their early fear and discouragement at the shock of the Crucifixion, to the final acceptance of the Resurrection and their epic mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the known world, it's an inspiring story of the ordinary men who became the messengers of the Good News and founders of Christian communities.

Narrated by Martin Sheen and produced by the Paulist Productions for the History Channel.

**LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION** - The second Thursday of the month, the LLL Lunch Bunch meets for lunch. Our next luncheon will be on May 8<sup>th</sup>, at <u>11:30</u>. We will meet at Geckos located at 4310 E SR 64, Bradenton. This luncheon is open to <u>all</u> who wish to attend. There is a signup sheet posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Miller at 616-540-1745.

<u>ALL LLLC TEAM LEADERS</u> Attention, On Tuesday, May 6, our follow-up meeting will be held at 2pm in the Activities Hall. Please bring the team's job write up you've prepared. A snack and beverage will be provided.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** May 9th from 6pm to 8pm. It will be another Bingo night, but we are asking participants to bring a white elephant gift for prizes. Sign up in the narthex.

<u>LLLC SUMMER DAY CAMP</u> June 2-6. We provide snacks for the campers and meals for the counselors during the week. A list of items needed is posted in the narthex. We appreciate any help you are able to give. Flyers for the camp are also available as we have a limited number spaces still available.

HOPE FAMILY SERVICES The next Outreach project will be Hope Family Services. It will run from May 4th to May 26th. The mission of Hope is to provide safety, strength and well-being for those affected by domestic violence in Manatee County. They need everything for families to start a new life. Everything from baby and children items to adult and home items. There are lists of items needed attached to a poster in the narthex. They also welcome gift cards and the Holloways would love to sell you some.



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