



Fourth Sunday of Easter
7:45 & 11 am Traditional Worship
April 21, 2024

Living Lord Lutheran Church
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Thomas Pizzi, Minister of Music

Our Mission Statement
Make disciples, Serve selflessly, and Live faithfully



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

ALLELUIA

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude, Op. 28, No. 20

Frederic Chopin

GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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P In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Gracious God,

C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C Amen.

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877
 Music: St. COLUMBA, Irish tune

GREETING

ELW p. 203

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 OF THE DAY

ELW p. 205

A Let us pray.

C O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and
 guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we
 shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father
 and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

7:45 CONTINUES WITH THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ON PG. 5

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Reader A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Reader A reading from 1 John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
 one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
 Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt., based on Psalm 23
 Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional

CREED

ELW p. 206

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

A Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems *especially* for Josh, Theo, Chris and John; for Kathy, Carol and Deb; for Jeanette, Pauline and; for June, Barb and Olivia and for the families of Lenore, Marlene, Janet and Charlie; for the Call committee and for those on our long-term prayer list; and those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause)..., God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

ELW p. 206

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING MUSIC

(11:00 ONLY)

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

American traditional melody, arr. J. Martin

OFFERING

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
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OFFERING PRAYER

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P Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

7:45 CONTINUES WITH THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE ON P. 11

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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P 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

ELW p. 208

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

**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.**

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

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P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

7:45 CONTINUES WITH THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING ON P. 14

COMMUNION SONG

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1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

GATHERING

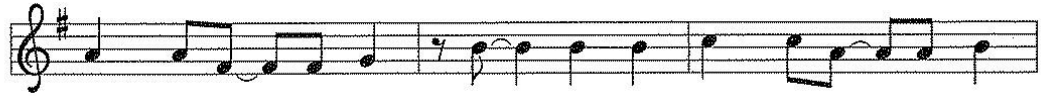
The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

The Feast Is Ready

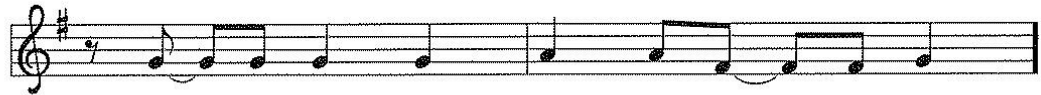
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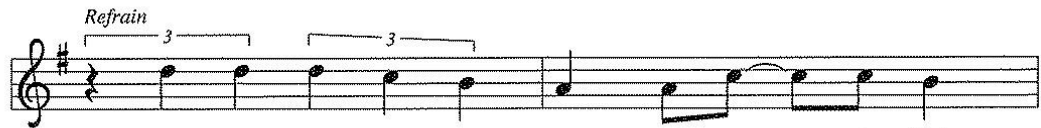
1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud

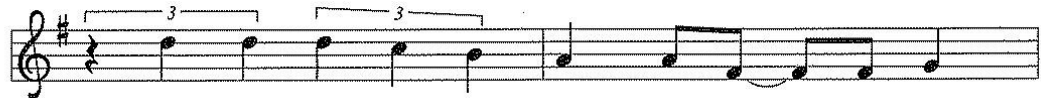


and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.

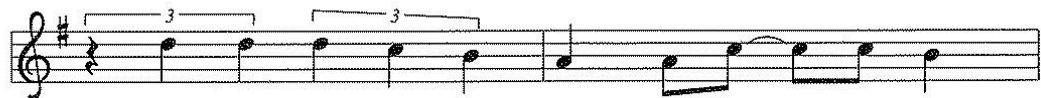


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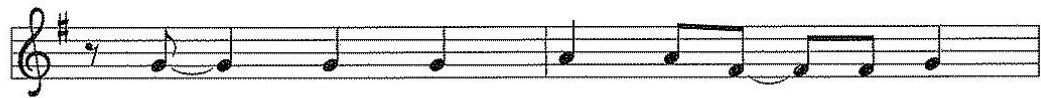
Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



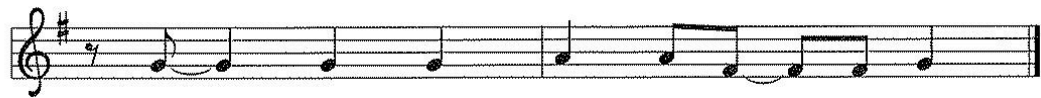
Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



the feast is read - y to be - gin.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950
 Music: Graham Kendrick

THE FEAST IS READY
 LM and refrain

Children of the Heavenly Father
Truggare kan ingen vara



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING OF COMMUNION

ELW p. 209

P Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

ELW p. 209

P Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG

ELW 773 (7:45 Vs. 1,3)

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

THOMAS DORSEY

Chord symbols: E^{b7}, A^{b7}, A^{b7}/C, D^{b7}, D^{o7}, A^{b7}, F-7, B^{b7}, D^b/E^b, E^{b7}, E^{b-7}, A^{b7}, A^{b7}/C, D^{b7}, D^{o7}, A^{b7}, B^{b-7}, E^{b7}, D^b, A^{b7}/C, B^{b-7}, A^{b7}, E^{b7}

5 PRE - CIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND LEAD ME ON LET ME STAND I AM
 WHEN MY WAY GROWS DREAR PRE - CIOUS LORD LIN - GER NEAR WHEN MY
 WHEN THE DARK - NESS AP - PEAR AND THE NIGHT DRAWS NEAR AND THE

9 TIRE I AM WEAK I AM WORN THRU THE
 LIFE IS AL - MOST GONE HEAR MY
 DAY IS PAST AND GONE AT THE

13 STORM THRU THE NIGHT LEAD ME ON TO THE LIGHT TAKE MY
 CRY HEAR MY CALL HOLD MY HAND LEST I FALL
 RIV - ER I STAND GUIDE MY FEET HOLD MY HAND

HAND PRE - CIOUS LORD, LEAD ME HOME

DISMISSAL

ELW p. 209

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

My Redeemer Lives

Reuben Morgan

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The Altar Flowers are given by Sandy Coffman to the glory of God and all new beginnings.

The Eternal Candle for the month of April is given by Mike and Madelyn Tetmeyer in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary.

The Altar Guild Beverly Brockschmidt, Tori Ann Campbell and Diane Buechner

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** – www.livinglordfl.org. 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.

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 (✓) 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:

- The wearing of masks is optional. Each individual should choose what is right for them.
- The use of the common cup during communion distribution is suspended until further notice.

Fully participate in the mission and ministries here at Living Lord by helping:
Live Stream, Sound system, Celebration of Life, Life Group Coordinator.
Contact the office if interested.

SCRIP after each service. An ongoing fundraiser designated towards the purchase of an electronic sign. You can purchase gift cards at our table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS 10:05-10:50 am Teacher is Roger Raddatz. Class meets in the Activities Hall.

MONDAY "FAITH TALKS" Mondays, **10am-11:30** Join us. A newsworthy topic from *The Wired Word* curriculum will be the weekly focus of our adult education discussion. Bring your Bible. Last session May 6th.

DIRECTOR OF JUBELLATION HANDBELL CHOIR NEEDED This is a paid part-time position with practice one evening a week and performance in the Sunday service 1-2 times a month. If interested, please contact the office at (941)-753-9365. www.livinglordf.org.

A STITCH AND A PRAYER Thanks to all who generously participated in our recent Spring Handicrafts raffle. \$760 was made and given toward a new church sign. Join us Friday mornings at 10:30 for fellowship and fun while working on quilting, knitting, and crocheting projects for our community. Instructions can be given. Monetary and material donations are always welcome. If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl or prayer lap quilt, contact Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 or Marsha Holloway at (352)843-0353.

Are you on the Parish Life Team? Remember, we meet the first Sunday of each month at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary Hall. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday May 5th!

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION The second Thursday of every month the LLL lunch bunch meet at 11:30 am. The next luncheon will be on Thursday ***May 9, 2024 at Skillets on State Road 64.*** This luncheon is open to all who wish to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Cubberly 941-773-3517.

DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Our annual Day Camp will be held from **June 10th -14th** right here at Living Lord. We have already secured Luther Springs Counselors to run the programming, but we need a chairperson to coordinate the event and volunteers to help with meals, crafts, registration, nursing, and security. Please contact the office if you can help. Day Camp Registration begins in April.

THE CALL COMMITTEE has been working together to define our church's purpose in preparation for our new Pastor. We are asking for the congregation's input. What do you believe Living Lord's purposes are? (ie. needs, wants and desires). We will be giving you a handout on 4/21/2024 and on 4/28/2024 to get your input and we would like for you to complete them by 4/28/2024.



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