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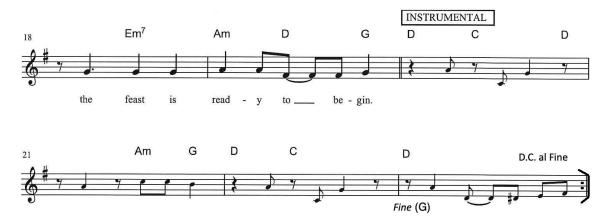
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The Feast Is Ready



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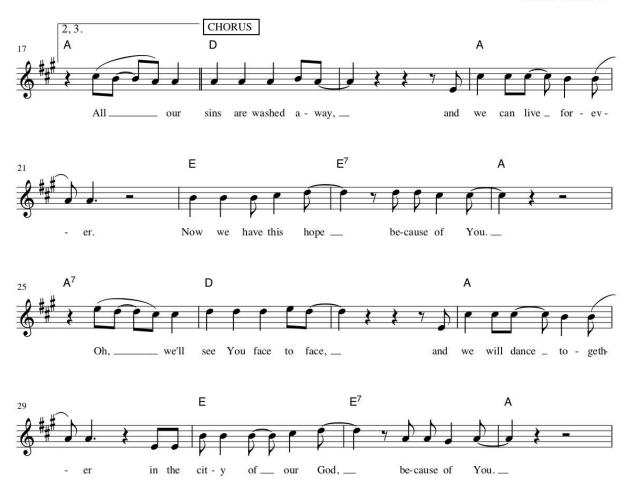
OPENING SONG

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OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING: 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from First John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that he 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.

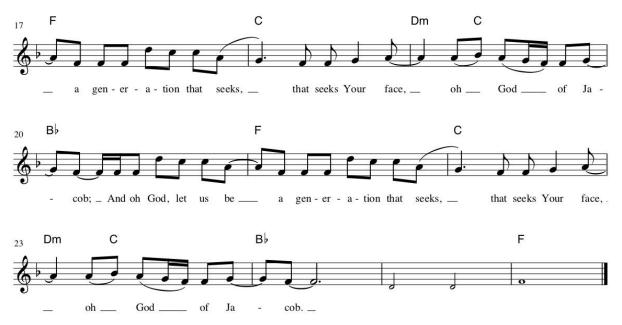
GOSPEL SONG

Give Us Clean Hands



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GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18

A reading from John.

¹¹I 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."

MESSAGE

This Is Amazing Grace



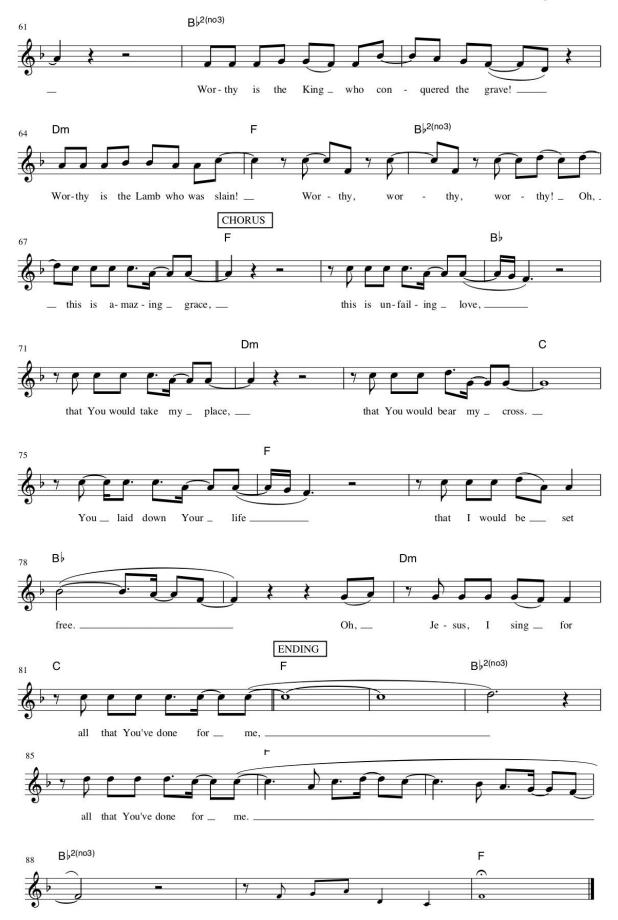
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This Is Amazing Grace - 3





PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

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. 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. 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.

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. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. We pray for any who are sick especially for those who have asked for our prayers and those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause)...,

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. *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

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

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.

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

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need American traditional melody, arr. J. Martin

SONG BEFORE THE MEAL

This I Believe (The Creed)

Words and music by Matt Crocker and Ben Fielding



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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

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

My Shep-herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name. 1 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres-ence is my stay; 2 The sure pro - vi - sions of 3 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, all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread; Your hand, in sight of Here would I find set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come; а 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. strang-er or a guest, but like a child at no more a home.

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

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

Build My Life



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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P 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



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DISMISSAL DISMISSAL SONG

Joy In The Journey

Words and Music by Michael Card



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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 Apríl 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** – <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.

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:

- 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.

<u>SCRIP</u> 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.

<u>A STITCH AND A PRAYER</u> 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.

<u>Are you on the Parish Life Team?</u> 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 <u>all</u> 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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