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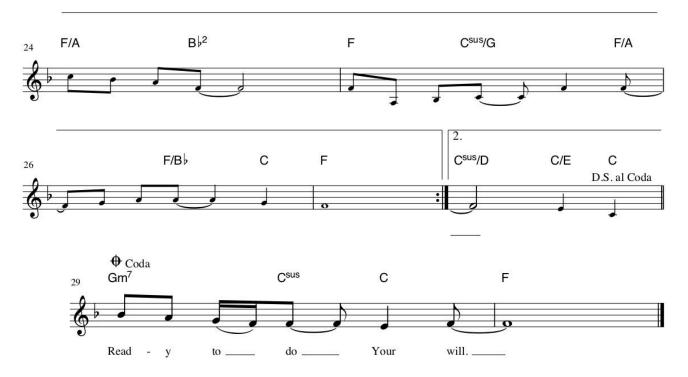


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GATHERING SONG

Refiner's Fire





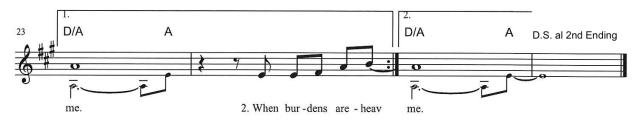
OPENING SONG

Shine Down On Me

Words and Music by Maria Christianson, Margaret Davis, Chris OBrien and Carrie Petrillo



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OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING: Romans 8:22-27

A reading from Romans.

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

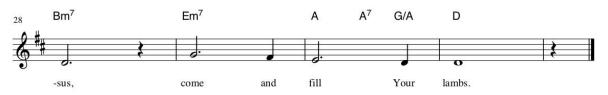
Spirit Song

Words and Music by John Wimber



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Spirit Song - 2



GOSPEL READING: Acts 2:1-21

P A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

How To Spell Chruhc

Let The Fire Fall

Words and Music by George Misulia



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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.

We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized.

For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made.

For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment.

For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way. We pray especially for any who are sick, 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)...,

For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light.

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. **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 Wonderful Words of Life P. Bliss/Hamilton

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.

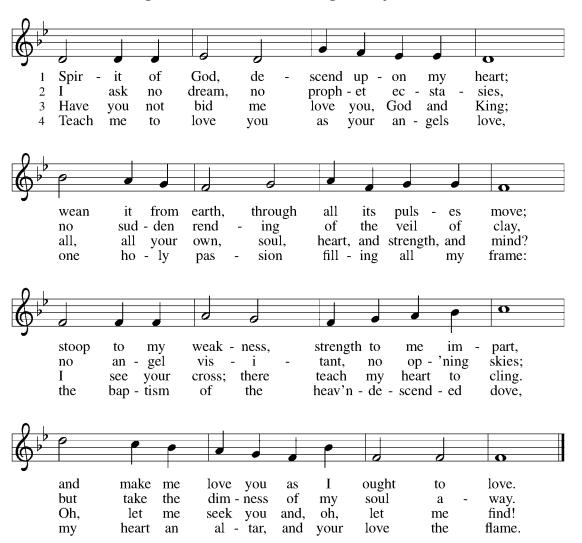
LORD'S PRAYER



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

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

Music: MORECAMBE, Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841–189

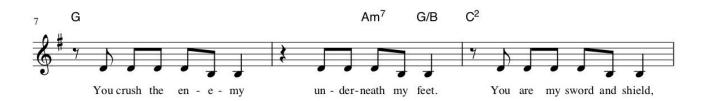
MEAL SONG 2

Whom Shall I Fear (God Of Angel Armies)

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Scott Cash



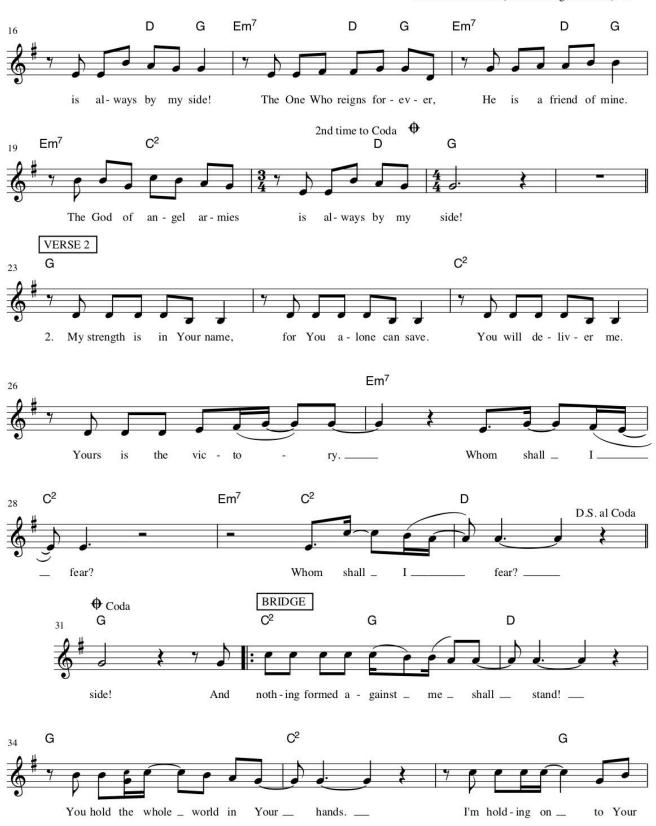








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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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.

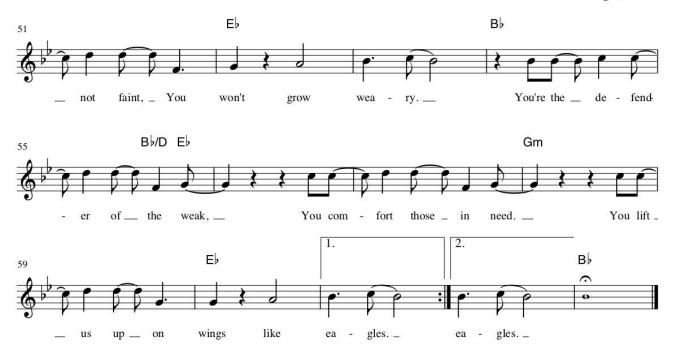
C Amen

SENDING SONG

Everlasting God







DISMISSAL

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Joy In The Journey

Words and Music by Michael Card



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The Altar Flowers are given by Mike and Madelyn Tetmeyer in remembrance of our parents and brother.

The Eternal Candle for the month of May is given by Patty Kunkel in loving memory of my beloved husband, Walter.

The Altar Guild

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.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS today is the last class. We'll meet again in the fall.

<u>DIRECTOR OF JUBELLATION HANDBELL CHOIR NEEDED</u> 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>PUB THEOLOGY</u> Will meet on Wednesday May 22nd to share views about How does God interact in our everyday lives? The group will meet at the Beef O'Brady's Lakewood Ranch Blvd at 6:30pm. The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. For more information contact Doug Holst at (813) 447-9917.

JUST HELP FOR DAY CAMP Plans are well underway for this year's day camp June 10th-14th, but there are still many opportunities to help. There are four counselors coming from Luther Springs to lead each group, and we need to provide a helper in each group. If you could help any of the days, or even a half day, let us know. We are also planning to host the counselors for dinner each evening (This could be in your home or just taking them out to dinner). We also are in need of additional nursing volunteers, which can again be at your convenience. Another great way to help is by donating gift cards through the Scrip Program. A list of suggested cards will be at the table and you are supporting two programs at once! If you can help, contact the office, Pam Lange or Janice Pinsonneault.

HOPE FAMILY SERVICES The next Outreach project will be Hope Family Services. It will run from May 12 to May 26. 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.

<u>Graduation Sunday</u> Join us TODAY to congratulate and celebrate the high school graduates at the 11am service. Presentation of scholarships to the students, cake and coffee will be served following the service for the congregation.

Míles Fetterman Brooke Laschke Robert Powers

ATTENTION MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS (former, current, or future) and anyone interested in being involved in the LLLC First Aid and Emergency Response Clinic. We are looking for people interested in assisting with the development of the First Aid and Emergency Response Clinic. This meeting is for collecting ideas and input from all. First team building meeting date will be: Thursday 5/23/24 @ 10AM Please contact Beverly Brockschmidt at 352.464.1177 if you are interested and plan to attend. If you leave a message, please include your name, phone number and that you are from LLLC

Building Improvement Team Update

The building improvement team has been hard at work prioritizing some much needed repairs and updates that our church home certainly deserves. The lists include:

- AGC Plumbing
- Signage
- Women's / Handicap / Family restroom
- Flooring in the Sanctuary hall
- Activities Hall

Thankfully we have a few remaining funds in our Forward in Faith account and even more thankfully we have received a few very generous restricted donations to address some of these items.

A \$30,000 donation has been received to specifically give the Activities hall a makeover and a \$25,000 gift was received for the purpose of replacing/repair all of the external road signage for the church.

A third matching gift of \$50,000 has also been received, however we as a congregation need to raise an additional \$50,000 in order to receive it and those funds will be used to address the flooring in the Sanctuary, hallways and bathrooms.

We hope that you'll find it in your heart to be able to give of your precious wealth so we can complete the tasks in front of us. You may see a formal campaign to raise the matching funds, however why wait for that when all you have to do is place your gift in an envelope or a check in the offering plate with Building Fund noted in the notes section. With your help we can get these items done this year. Any and all funds received for the building are always set aside in the budget and only used for their intended purpose, so whenever you give, your wishes will be honored.

Wow!! These gifts are so appreciated and will really make a difference as we embark on a new day in the life of Living Lord Lutheran. THANK YOU to our donors and Thanks to each and everyone of you for your gifts and prayers.



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