

## *Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*

*7:45 & 11 am Traditional Worship*

*October 20, 2024*

*Living Lord Lutheran Church*

*11107 Palmbrush Trail*

*Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202*

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*Ed Holloway, Interim Pastor*

*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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Frederick Atkinson/Wagner

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

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

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.**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

**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** **Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**7:45 CONTINUES WITH THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ON PG. 6.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**     *Because He Lives*     Gloria & William Gaither/Schrader  
Chancel Choir

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12**

Reader     A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10**

Reader A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**



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: Mark 10:35-45

**P** The holy gospel according to Mark.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

<sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.

<sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.  
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## CREED

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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 Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

A Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,

**C our prayer.**



A Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace *especially* Josh, Theo, Chris and Jim; for Connie T., Angie, Bonnie and Diane; for Gayle, Donnie, Pauline and Barbara; for Kyle, Barb, Debbie and Marty; and the Call committee; for the family of Russ North, Gisele and Sandy 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 Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**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)

*Higher Ground*

Thomas Dorsey/Hayes

## 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: our selves, 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 PG. 12.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

## DIALOGUE

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the  
resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

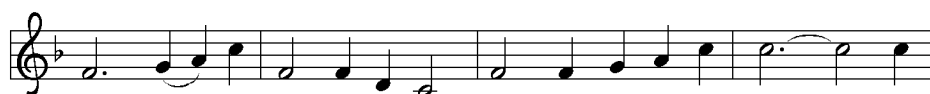
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**ELW p. 207**

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**

**P** 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**

**ELW p. 208**

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

**7:45 CONTINUES WITH POST COMMUNION BLESSING ON PG. 14.**

# COMMUNION SONG

ELW p. 208



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.

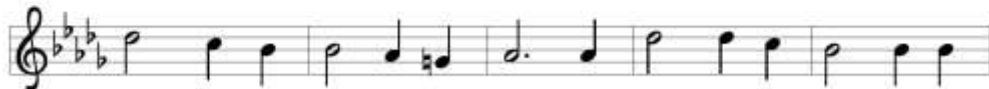
# MEAL SONG 1

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## When Peace, like a River *It Is Well with My Soul*



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.




It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.


Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888  
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

## As the Grains of Wheat


*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from




all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
 Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen  
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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** God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**SENDING OF COMMUNION**

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**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**

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

**C** Amen.

**SENDING SONG**

Traditional spiritual (7:45 - 1,4)

**I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL

*♩ = 150*

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of eight systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar chord line. The lyrics are: "I'm gonna live so God can use me any where Lord any time I'm gonna live so God can use me any where Lord any time I'm gonna work so (work so) God can use me any 3. pray so (pray so) 4. sing so (sing so) where Lord any time (any time) I'm gonna work so (work so) pray so (pray so) sing so (sing so) God can use me any". The chords used are F7, C7sus, F7, Bb7, D-7, G-7, C7, and D-7. There are first and second endings for the final phrase "I'm gonna".

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33 WHERE LORD AN - Y TIME I'M GON - NA

37 TIME AN - Y WHERE LORD AN - Y TIME

**DISMISSAL**

**ELW p. 209**

**A** Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

Lowell Mason

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

*The Eternal Candle for the month of October is given by Denny and Lisa Pyeatt.*

*The Altar Guild Karen Hansing and Kathy Murgatroyd*

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**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](http://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 or online giving with banking or credit card payments at [www.livinglordfl.org](http://www.livinglordfl.org) (Give Tab).

**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 Building Improvement. Purchase gift cards at the table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** K thru 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grade thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Faith Formation for teens - every Sunday from 10:05 to 10:55. Confirmation class is still being determined.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL** 10:05-10:50am in the Activities Hall. Bible study of the Old testament and Epistle lessons read in Sunday worship is an opportunity to dig deeper into the message with other adults. Bring your cookie, coffee, questions and insights as we explore with friends the readings' connections to our lives today.

<b>GENERAL OFFERING #4010</b>		
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	<b>2023 ACTUAL</b>
September 30, 2024 \$243,062.23	September 30, 2024 \$278,009.28	September 30, 2023 \$275,822.29

**PUB THEOLOGY** All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. Share views about how God interacts in our everyday lives? At the Beef O' Brady's, Lakewood Ranch Blvd, 6:30pm. The format is simple: beer, conversation, and God. For more information contact Doug Holst at (813) 447-9917.

**JAZZ CONCERT** It is our pleasure to announce that on Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 4PM, "The Orion Trio" will present a Fall Jazz Event. It includes Thomas Pizzi on piano, Rich Mac Donald on drum and Joe Porter on bass. Along with Scotty Wright, vocal, Valerie Gillespie, sax/vocals and John DePaola, trumpet. Mark your calendars now. Invite family and friends and neighbors to be entertained. Donation is \$15.00 per person.

**Hurricane Helene & Milton** hit the coast of Florida as severe hurricanes, ravaging communities in the southeast, from Florida to Virginia. As the floodwaters have started to recede, the extreme devastation — especially in North Carolina and Tennessee — has become clearer. Entire towns, roads and bridges have been washed away, and millions are without power and cell service. Whatever unfolds because of this storm, Lutheran Disaster Response will be there. Lutheran Disaster Response has strong relationships in the region and is already at work on the ground. Working alongside synods and other partners, Lutheran Disaster Response is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. We anticipate that our greatest impact will be reaching those in underserved and rural areas. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to those affected by hurricanes and related disasters, such as mudslides, severe storms and flooding. These gifts also empower us to respond to disasters whenever and wherever they strike. Gifts to “Hurricane Response” will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by hurricanes, until the response is complete. Give through your congregation **or** make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 and write “Where needed most” or “Hurricane Response” on your check’s memo line.

**DON'T BE A VICTIM...BE SAFE** You won't want to miss this one! Come one come all. Sat, Nov 2, 2024 from 10 to 12 noon ACTIVE SHOOTER Seminar with Manatee County Sheriff's Department Deputy Tom Kaczmarek. Sign up today.

**A New Season Calls YOU for Faith Talks!**  
**Let's get together on Mondays at 10:00-11:30 AM**  
**beginning October 14, 2024 in Activities Hall**

Beginning in October, we will resume thought-provoking discussions from current news and talk about some related Bible readings. All members and friends are welcome to attend any or all sessions. Each week's topic will be different.

**What is included in this 90-minute adult forum experience?**

- 1. In the News.** Printed lessons will present a quick summary of a news topic and cite the sources for more detail. (*Selected by The Wired Word editorial team.*)
- 2. The Big Questions.** We will be challenged with 3-6 critical questions raised by the topic being discussed. We often expand based on our own ideas and experiences.
- 3. Scripture Confronts the News.** From Old and New Testament, we will read 5-6 verses to enlighten today's issue. What does God want us to know? How is the Holy Spirit guiding our responses? Can we connect living today to the message?
- 4. Participation.** Members explore the ideas presented, contribute their own experiences, raise questions, and consider how to apply faith today. We expect diverse opinions, expressed in love and friendship. We encourage self-expression.
- 5. Closing prayer.** We address God and focus on ways He has guided us today.

The Wired Word offers us two the topics, based on recent news events. One of these weekly topics will be covered in our 90 minutes together. All printed lesson materials are provided every week at the Monday class to all attending. Unlike previous church courses, there is NO video component for this class. We will read aloud and use our Bibles. We will learn through active thinkers, personal experiences, and conversational insights. (<https://www.thewiredword.com>)

**Abundant life means adapting to changes in society. Be informed with us!**

Just 90 minutes on Mondays offers a chance to practice and grow by expressing ourselves in matters of Christian daily life. We are free to speak our concerns and seek answers, because we trust our relationships among friends! Sometimes we even change our minds about the subject!

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