

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost 7:45 & 11 am Traditional Worship *October 6, 2024*

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Our Míssíon Statement Make díscíples, Serve selflessly, and Líve faithfully



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Ballade, Op. 38, No. 2 (excerpt) Freder

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.

GATHERING SONG

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Blessing, Honor, and Glory



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GREETING

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

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P Let us pray.

C Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

Reader A reading from Genesis.

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,

for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Reader A reading from Hebrews.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

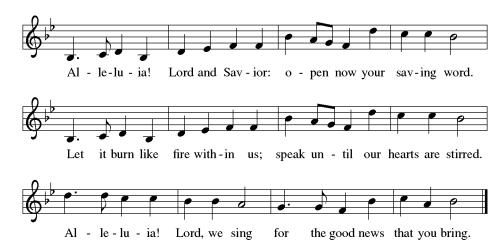
¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

NIL

HYMN OF THE DAY

(7:45 - VS. 1,2, 5) **ELW 434**

Jesus Shall Reign



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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CREED

- 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 God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

A Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering *especially* Josh, Theo, Chris and Lori; for Connie T., Angie, Bonnie and Diane; for Gayle, Donnie, Pauline and Barbara; for Kyle, Jim, Debbie and the Call committee; for the family of Gisele, 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)...Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet (*especially William Tyndale, translator and martyr, whom we commemorate today*). 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

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- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

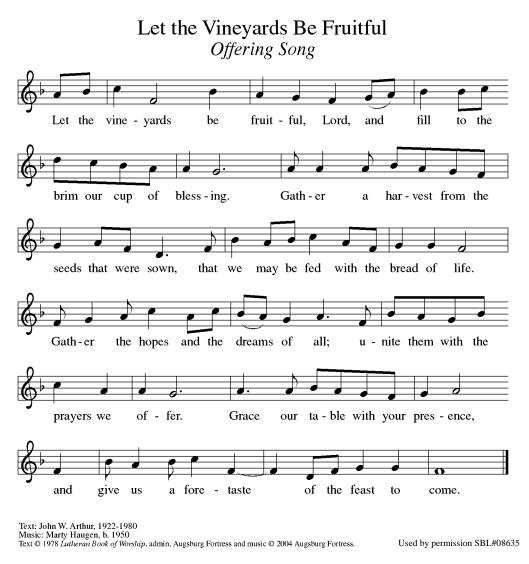
OFFERING MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision

(11:00 ONLY) Irish folk melody/Hayes

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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

- 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

P 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,

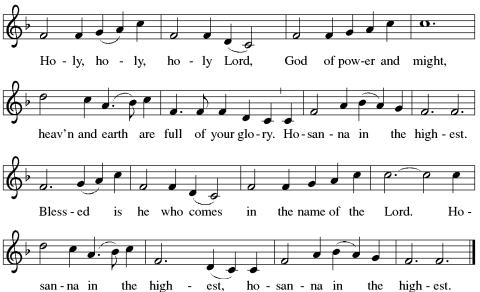
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

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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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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, 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

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

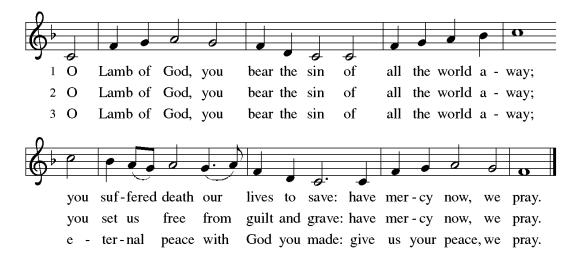
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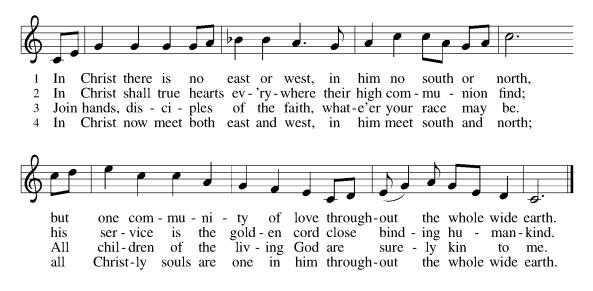
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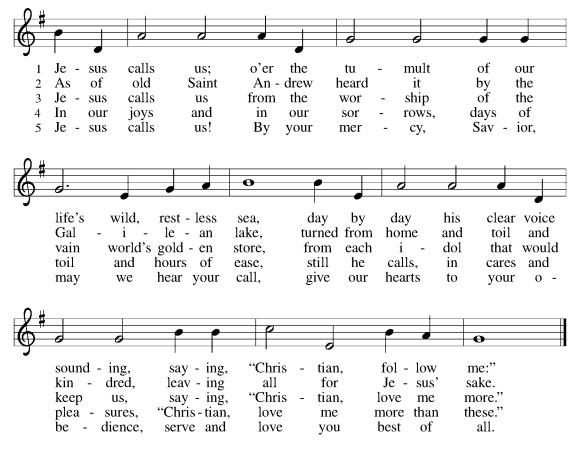


Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

(VS. 1,3,5) **ELW 696**

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

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

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. **Amen.**

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BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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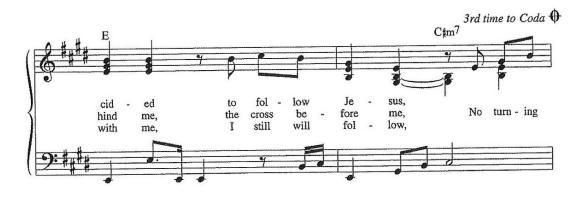
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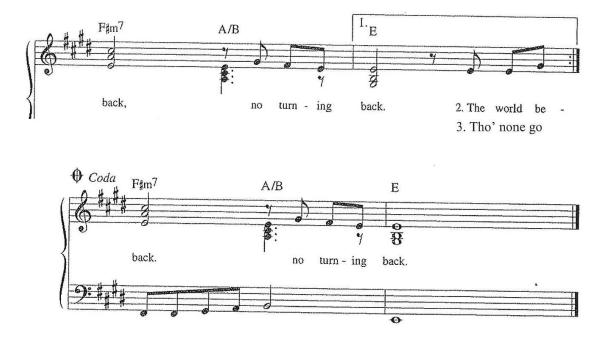
Words by Unknown Author, Music: Folk Melody From India, Arranged By Michael Omartian Mark 8:34







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DISMISSAL

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- A Go in peace. Christ is with you.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Glory to the Lamb

Bill Batstone

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The Altar Flowers are given by Jimmy and Sue Copeland in honor of Sami's 24th birthday on September 26th.

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

Altar Flowers The Altar Guild Karen Hansing and Kathy Murgatroyd

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 <u>www.livinglordfl.org</u> (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 ($\sqrt{}$) 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 Building Improvement. Purchase gift cards at the table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

LUNCH BUNCH October 10th at 11:30 at Skillets at 9722 SR 64 East. This is open to everyone who loves to eat and have a delightful conversation at the same time. Contact: Patty Kunkel at 941-748-6669 (no texts).

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

<u>A NEW SEASON OF FAITH TALKS BEGINS</u> October 14 at 10am. Our Adult Education Forum about weekly news topics, 90 minutes of scripture and facts to enlighten us. Based on <u>https://www.thewiredword.com</u> curriculum. Fresh topics every week in Activities Hall on <u>Mondays</u>. Come as you are, whenever you can! Questions? Call Ruth McConnell 941-751-8053

<u>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL</u> 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.

GENERAL OFFERING #4010			
YEAR-TO-DATE	2024 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	
August 31, 2024	August, 31 2024	August 31, 2023	
\$215,613.95	\$257,102.99	\$254,916.00	

Upcoming Family Fun Night will be an Oktoberfest celebration on Oct. 11th. Please note the time has changed to 6:00- 8:00 pm. Brats will be provided so bring your favorite accompaniment to share. Sign up in the narthex and join us for a fun evening! Questions? Contact Pam Lange 404-358-1124.

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION Our next luncheon will be on October 10th at 11:30 at Skillet at 9722 SR 64. This is open to all who wish to enjoy lunch with food and friendly conversation. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Any questions, please call Patty Kunkel at 941-748-6669 (no texts).

Hurricane Helene hit the coast of Florida as a Category 4 hurricane, 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 Come one, come all – Saturday, October 12th, 2024 from 10 to 12pm for Active Shooter Seminar with Manatee County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Kaczmarek. The entrance fee is an unopened bag of Halloween candy for the Sheriff's Annual Trunk or Treat. Sign up today.

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.

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.

<u>The Wired Word</u> 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!

For more information and to join us, contact Ruth McConnell, Facilitator, 941-751-8053.



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