

The Journey November 17, 2024 9am

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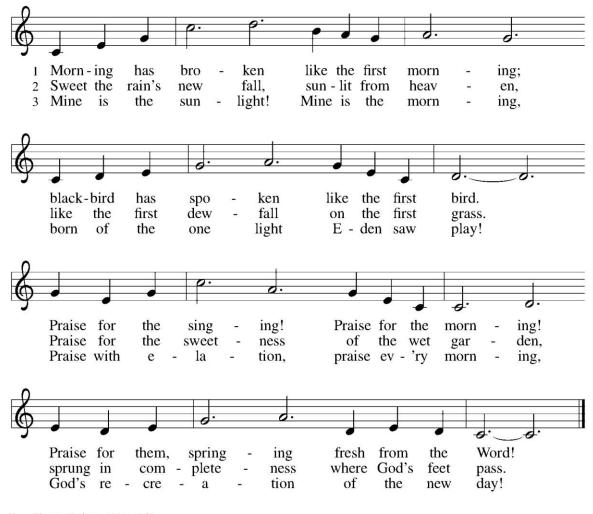


Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands. **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Morning Has Broken



Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965 Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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OPENING SONG

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Brenton Brown



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Hosanna (Praise Is Rising) - 2







OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING: Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

A reading from Hebrews.

¹¹And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶"This is the covenant that I will make with them

after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds,"

¹⁷he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL SONG

Vs. 1 only

Spirit Song

Words and Music by John Wimber



GOSPEL READING: Mark 13:1-8

A reading from Mark.

¹As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ²Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished? ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

MESSAGE

"Babylon"

MESSAGE SONG

Who Am I

Words and Music by Mark Hall

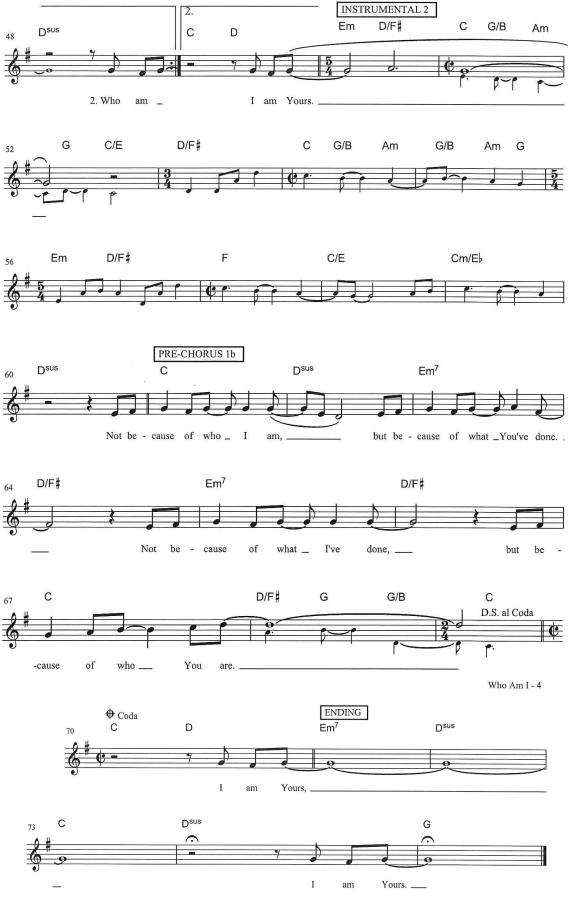


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Who Am I - 2



Who Am I - 3



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving we remember (*Elizabeth of Hungary and all*) saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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 He's Got the Whole World in His Hands Traditional spiritual/Keveren

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.

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

Lamb Of God - 2

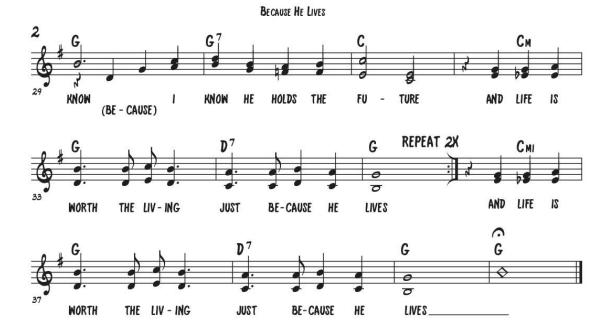
Lamb Of God



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20 C/G G^{sus} C G F C G F C C/G G^{sus} C G F C C Christ, the Lamb of God.





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

I Walk By Faith



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DISMISSAL DISMISSAL SONG

JOY IN THE JOURNEY

SWING



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The Altar Flowers are given by Joyce Dous in memory of her brother, John Perseo.

The Eternal Candle for the month of November is given by Sandy Coffman to wish Happy Birthday her daughter, Colleen and great-grandson, Kane.

The Altar Guíld Barbara VanBuren, Karen Symos and Nancy Taylor

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: Optional masks. Each individual should choose what is right for them and the use of the common cup during communion distribution is suspended until further notice.

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 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>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		
October 31, 2024	October 31, 2024	October 31, 2023		
\$264,276.08	\$303,305.15	\$301,210.16		

Hurricane Helene & Milton Lutheran Disaster Response working alongside synods and other partners, is prepared to provide support throughout the impacted region. Gifts to "Hurricane Response" will be used (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" in the memo line.

<u>CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS</u> 8 inch, red poinsettias will be available for \$12.00. Flower order envelopes are on the Welcome Desk. Please indicate how many poinsettias you would like. Envelopes can be placed in the offering plate.

PUB THEOLOGY All are welcome to join us on Wednesday, December 12. 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.

OUR DAILY BREAD SERVERS

We need 6 servers on December 7th from 9:15 am until approximately 11:45 am. No experience required, on the job training, pay is great, hearing the "thank-yous" from the homeless as you serve lunch. Please do not forget to include your phone number when signing up. There may be changes required at the last minute and we'll need to reach you. If you want to help, but have questions, call **Bob Scott**, **(941) 758-5954 or (817) 313-2945**.

ANGEL TREE - The tree with Angels IS HERE TODAY. The Angels and gifts will need to be back at church on Sunday December 1st.

<u>CHRISTMAS IS COMING!</u> The church and the Christmas trees will be decorated on Saturday, November 30th at 10:00am. If you can help, please contact Stephney at 941-782-8005 or Marilyn at 614-570-5483.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENT NEWS

As we wait for our roof to be repaired, we continue to concentrate on completing the corridors, kitchen and Narthex. With the corridors now being painted we will clean the tile floor and install the base. Bulletin boards are being

Week of November 18-24

<u>Monday</u>

Faith Talks 10am Tai Chi 10am AA Meeting 11:30am Boy Scouts 6pm GA Meeting 7pm

<u>Tuesday</u>

AA & Al-Anon Meeting 11:30 am Cub Scouts 6pm AA Meeting 7pm

<u>Wednesday</u>

AA Meeting 9:30am, 11:30am Pastor's Bible Study 1pm Girl Scouts 6pm Council Meeting 7pm

<u>Thursday</u>

AA Meeting 11:30am Building Improvement Mtg 3pm By Grace 6:30pm

<u>Friday</u>

GA Meeting 9:30am Crafting 10:30am AA Meeting 11:30am AA Meeting 6pm, 8pm

<u>Saturday</u>

AA Meeting 4pm Al-Anon Meeting 4pm

<u>Sunday</u>

7:45am Traditional Service **9am** The Journey **11am** Traditional Service AA Meeting 6:30pm

studied to determine what can be updated or is needed.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!Please be sure to greet our new members.Richard and Lynne WatsonCindy KingLes and Jan KrausWally Oetjen

<u>CHURCH COUNCIL</u> Interested in being on our church council starting in January 2025? Talk to Pastor Ed or Maggie to make us aware of your interest. Our council meets once a month to discuss the business of LLLC.

<u>CHRISTIAN LIFE</u> Our current small groups are starting up this fall. If you are interested in being a part of our existing small groups or being a part of a new group, talk to Deb Miller and sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex.

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

As our Stewardship campaign is underway, we truly thank everyone for their continued faith and support. We hope you will reflect on your commitment to our church and ministries as we plan for 2025. Please return your Pledge and Time and Talent Survey by November 24th.

Giving Tip: Living Lord can accept stock donations.

QUILT RAFFLE Please look forward to our holiday raffle and silent auction/sale by the handicrafts/quilting group, A Stitch and A Prayer, December 1st and 8th. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each or \$20/4 tickets. Proceeds will go toward supplies for future community projects. Donations are always appreciated. Thanks for your support!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be held on Wed, Nov 27th at 6:30pm.

ADVENT SERVICES There will be mid-week services on Wednesday December 4, 11 and 18 at 6:30pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES will be at 4:00pm and 7:00pm.

A New Season Calls YOU for Faith Talks! Let's get together on Mondays at 10:00-11:30 AM 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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