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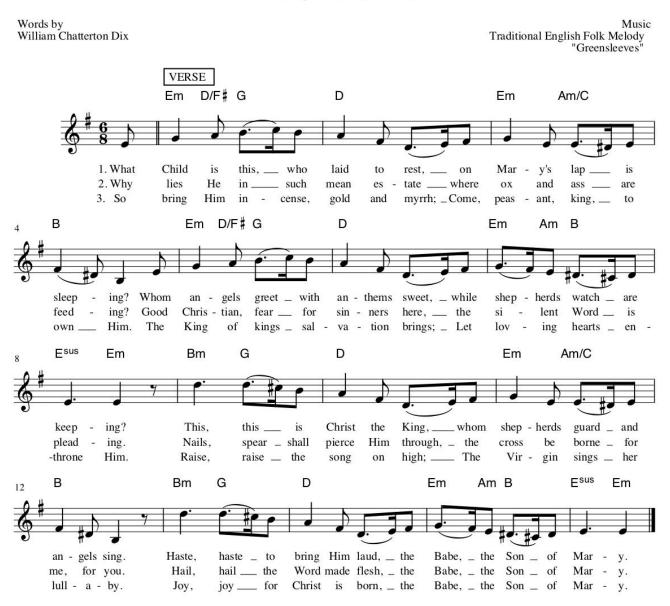
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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING SONG

What Child Is This



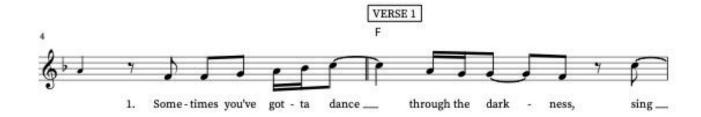
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OPENING SONG

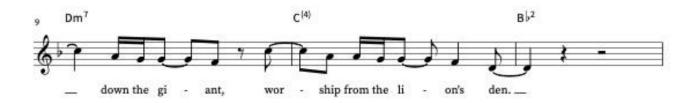
Praise You Anywhere (based on the recording by Brandon Lake | original key: B)

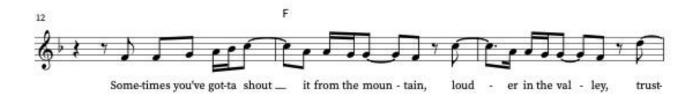
Words and Music by Ben Fielding, Brandon Lake, Hank Bentley and Jacob Sooter











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OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from Hebrews.

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

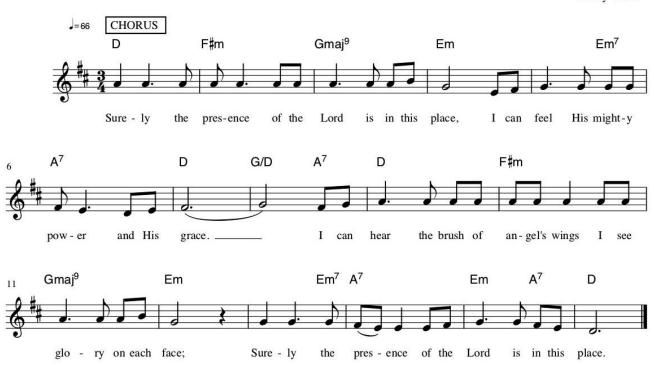
⁷Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

GOSPEL SONG

Surely The Presence Of The Lord

Words and Music by Lanny Wolfe



GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]

A reading from Luke.

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

MESSAGE

The Path to Favor

MESSAGE SONG

Love Has Come

Words by Ken Bible Music by French Carol Melody Arranged by Ken Bible



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

God our uniter, increase communication and cooperation in our relationships with those of other traditions and religions. Root your church in the radical message of your incarnation, and enable us to pursue your justice in the world.

God our creator, we praise you for the beauty that surrounds us. Awaken in us a renewed sense of care for the wildlife in our communities. Form us into faithful stewards of what you have made.

of life that lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things. Nurture in local governments and municipalities a desire to care for all who are overlooked and ignored.

God our beacon, as the northern hemisphere begins its slow turn toward more daylight, remind us that even in the deepest nights, you are there. Comfort the lonely and bereaved. Hold closely the frightened, anxious, depressed, and ill. We pray especially for...those who have asked for our prayers, those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause).

God our guide, shepherd the leadership of this congregation. Bless the council and staff in discerning future ministry and open their hearts to the voices of the community.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God our life, you remember the promises you have made to your people. In gratitude for those who have died, we praise you for your faithfulness throughout history.

Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.

For Unto Us a Child Is Born G.F. Handel/Hayes OFFERING MUSIC

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

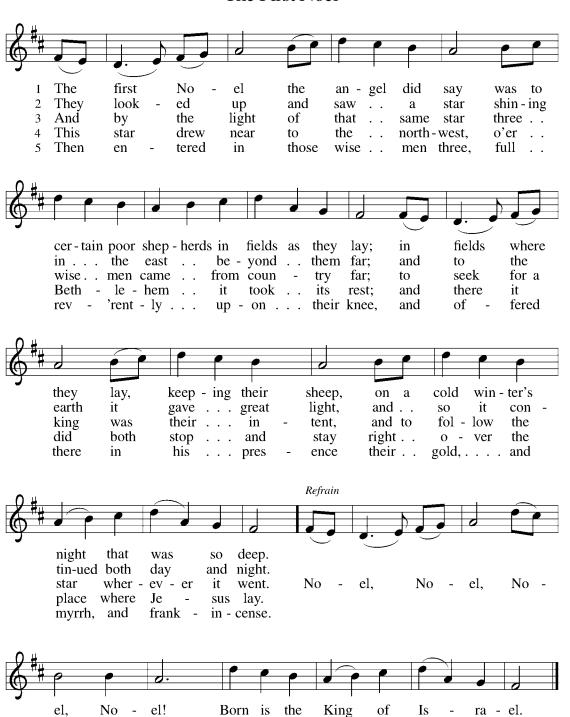


MEAL INSTRUCTIONS

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

MEAL HYMN 1 (Vs. 1, 2, 3) ELW 300

The First Noel



Text: English traditional

Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional

MEAL SONG 2

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Words and Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman



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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 (VS. 1, 2, 3)

Hark The Herald Angels Sing



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DISMISSAL

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JOY IN THE JOURNEY



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The Altar Flowers are given by Jeff and Nancy Taylor in memory of their son Scott and son-in-law Chris.

The Eternal Candle for the month of December is given by Bob and Carolyn Scott. Happy Birthday, Jesus.

The Altar Guild Beverly Brockschmidt and Margi Furey

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 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 ($\sqrt{}$) 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.

Week of Dec. 23 - Dec. 29

Monday

No Faith Talks Tai Chi 10am AA Meeting 11:30am GA Meeting 7pm

Tuesday

AA & Al-Anon Meeting 11:30 am Christmas Eve Services 4pm, 7pm AA Meeting 7pm

Wednesday

AA Meeting 9:30am, 11:30am Christmas Day – Office Closed

Thursday

AA Meeting 11:30am
Bldg. Improvement Meeting 3pm

Friday

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

Saturday

AA Meeting 4pm Al-Anon Meeting 4pm

Sunday

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

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.

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

<u>ANGEL TREE</u> – Thank you to everyone for the generosity. We made Christmas a lot merrier for 55 children in our community.

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION The second Thursday of most months, the Lunch Bunch meets. Our next gathering will be on January 9, 2025 at 11:30. We will meet at Rosedale Country Club located at 5100 87th St. E, Bradenton. The country club and restaurant is off SR 70. This luncheon is open to all who wish to attend. There is a signup sheet posted in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Miller at 616-540-1745.

GENERAL OFFERING #4010			
YEAR-TO-DATE	2024 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	
November 30, 2024	November 30, 2024	November 30, 2023	
\$289,391.95	\$326,998.47	\$325,393.48	

CHURCH COUNCIL

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.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

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.

PARISH LIFE TEAM Is asking for volunteers to help on *Saturday January* 11th at 10:00am to take down and put away the Christmas decorations.

Christianity

As Told by the Evangelists
Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

On Mondays starting in January. In Activities Hall 10:00-11:30 AM

In 18 weekly classes we will learn and experience Jesus, who transcended humble origins, showed us God's love, paid the price for our forgiveness, and transformed his followers forever.

This course is free. Because God's gifts are FREE!

January 6, 13, 20, 27, 2025:

Peter and Paul and the Christian Revolution.

What happened to the disciples after the crucifixion of Jesus? Would Jesus disappear from history? Video and readings in Luke's book of Acts, where the church began.

February 3 through April 7:

Understanding New Testament Gospels

Lectures by professors of Christian theology and history to enhance your reading of Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John. Discussion of texts.

April 14: MOVIE **The Gospel of John**, read by Christopher Plummer, 2 hours Easter Monday April 21, 2025 NO CLASS

April 28 and May 5, 2025 TO BE ANNOUNCED (Sacred Journeys?)

Documentaries, Bible Readings, Instructional Videos, Lesson Summaries, Discussions, and your Questions. *Just like college!* <u>Videos easy to see on 85 inch TV.</u> Ruth McConnell, leader



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