

# The Journey December 8, 2024 9am

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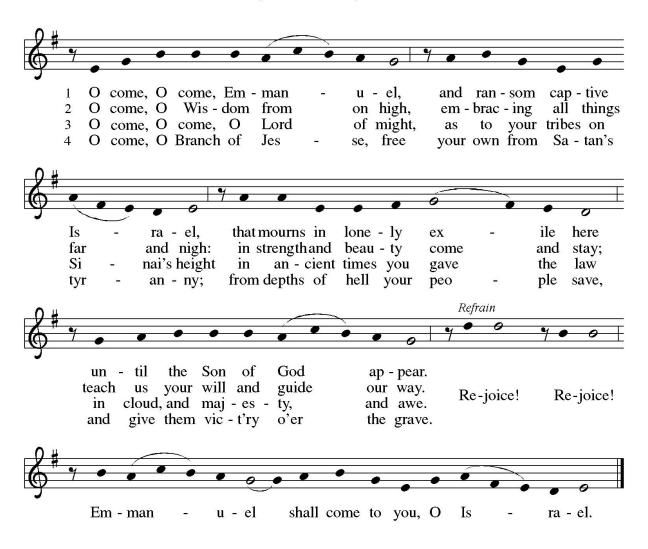
#### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **GATHERING SONG**

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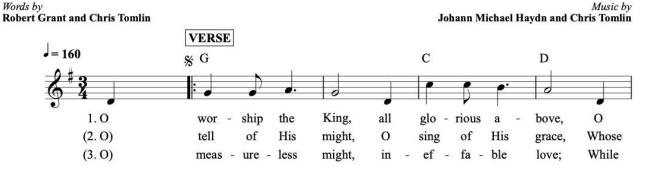
#### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

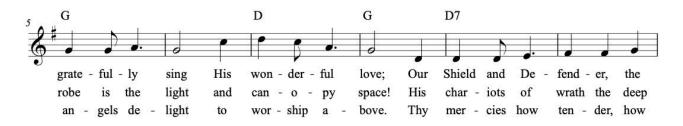


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#### **OPENING SONG**

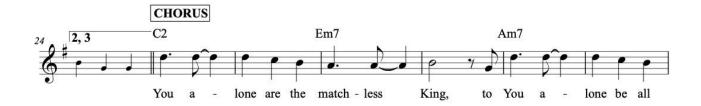
#### O Worship The King





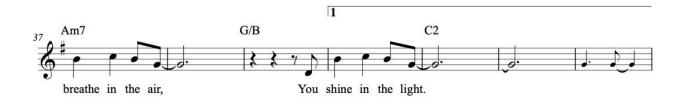


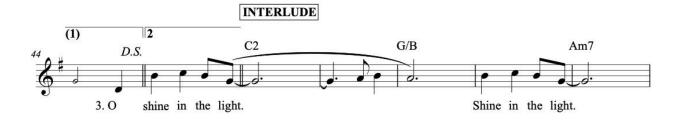




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## **OPENING PRAYER**

#### FIRST READING: Philippians 1:3-11

A reading from Philippians.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup>constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup>because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup>to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup>having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

#### **GOSPEL SONG**

## Good Soil



#### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:1-6**

A reading from Luke.

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup>as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

#### **MESSAGE**

#### The Path of Proclamation

#### **MESSAGE SONG**

#### Jesus, What a Wonderful Child



#### 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.

Refining God, move through your church. Root out practices that harm your people, and kindle a fire for sharing the gospel among bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized.

Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made, and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats.

Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict.

Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering. 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)...Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future.

Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by worship committees, music ensembles, staff, clergy, and lay leaders as they work in the weeks ahead.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you. Guide us in deep gratitude for their life, and allow us to learn from their faithful witness.

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.

#### **OFFERING MUSIC**

# Of the Father's Love Begotten

#### 12th c. chant/Hayes

#### SONG BEFORE THE MEAL

for I be-lieve

in the Name of

#### This I Believe (The Creed)



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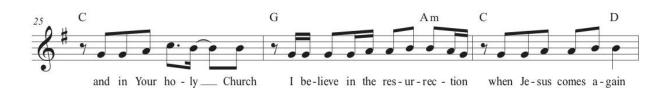
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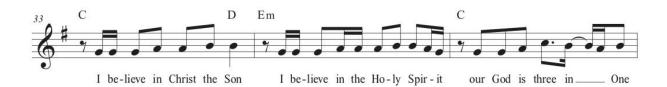
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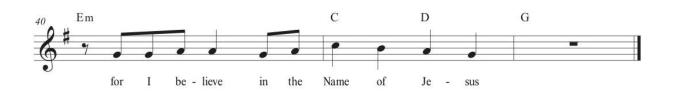












#### THE MEAL

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.

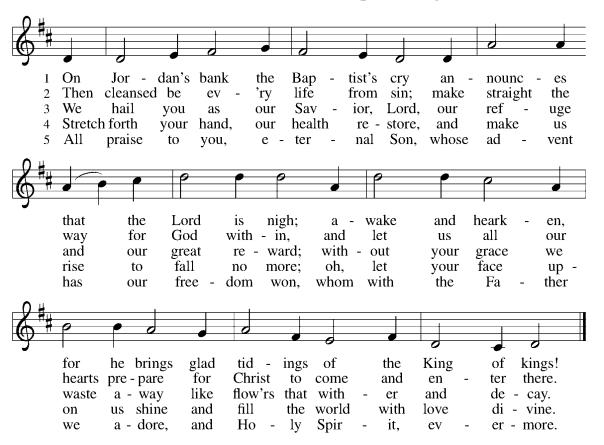
#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, are yours
now and forever. Amen.

#### **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

#### On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

#### **MEAL SONG 2**

# Word Of God Speak

Words and Music by Bart Millard and Pete Kipley



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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**

# Angels We Have Heard On High



#### **DISMISSAL**

# DISMISSAL SONG J=168 JOY IN THE JOURNEY



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**The Altar Flowers** are given by Carol Driscoll. Trust in the Lord.

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

The Altar Guild Karen Hansing

**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 <a href="https://www.livinglordfl.org">www.livinglordfl.org</a> (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 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.

<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	

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 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.

<u>PUB THEOLOGY</u> All are welcome to join us on Thursday, Dec. 12 (Temporary one time day change). 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.

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

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

Monday Class Faith Talks at 10:00 AM will resume on Monday December 9. - Ruth McConnell

#### Week of Dec. 9 - Dec. 15

#### **Monday**

Faith Talks 10am
Tai Chi 10am
AA Meeting 11:30am
AGC Board Meeting 1pm
Boy Scouts 6pm
GA Meeting 7pm

#### **Tuesday**

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

#### **Wednesday**

AA Meeting 9:30am, 11:30am Pastor's Bible Study 1pm Advent Service 6:30pm

#### **Thursday**

AA Meeting 11:30am
Building Improvement Meeting
3pm
Pub Theology 6:30pm

#### **Friday**

GA Meeting 9:30am
Crafting 10:30am
AA Meeting 11:30am
Family Fun Night 6:30pm
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 <u>ANGEL TREE</u> – Thank you to everyone for the generosity. We made Christmas a lot merrier for 55 children in our community.

#### **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 studied to determine what can be updated or is needed.

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.

QUILT RAFFLE Holiday raffle and silent auction/sale by the handicrafts/quilting group, A Stitch and A Prayer on Dec. 8th. Raffle tickets will be \$5 each or \$20/5 tickets. Proceeds will go toward supplies for future community projects. Donations are always appreciated. Thanks for your support!

#### **LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION**

The second Thursday of every month the LLL lunch bunch meets for lunch. Our next lunch will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> at <u>11:30</u>. We will meet at Station 400 located at 8215 Lakewood Main, Lakewood Ranch, FL. This luncheon is open to <u>all</u> 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.

#### **FAMILY YUM(FUN) NIGHT**

Will be Friday, December 13th from 6 to 8pm. This month will be a cookie exchange, just in time for your celebrations. Each family is asked to bring 3 dozen cookies - you will leave with more than that. Pizza will be provided. Get more details on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

#### **DECEMBER PARISH LIFE**

This gathering will be a social event on Tuesday, December 17th at 11am. Please meet at Via la Casa Coffee and Wine Bar located at 8209 Nature's Way unit 121, Bradenton, FL 34202. Please rsvp to Marilyn Jones, 614-570-5483 or <a href="mailto:ideather:1242">ideather:1242</a> or

Hope to see you there. Marilyn

# Christianity

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

On Mondays
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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