

Thírd Sunday after Epíphany 7:45 & 11 am Tradítíonal Worship January 26th, 2025

Living Lord Lutheran Church 11107 Palmbrush Trail Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202 941-753-9365

Ed Holloway, Interim Pastor Thomas Pizzi, Minister of Music

Our Mission Statement Make disciples, Serve selflessly, and Live faithfully



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude 1, WTC Bk. 1

J.S. Bach

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.

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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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

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A Let us pray.

C Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

7:45 CONTINUES WITH THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ON PG. 5

SPECIAL MUSIC

Each and Every Day
Chancel Choir

Jay Althouse

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Reader A reading from Nehemiah.

¹ All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

¹⁶ And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

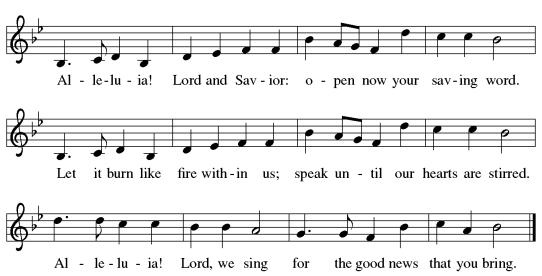
²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a} But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

- P The holy gospel according to Luke.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.
- ¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.
- ¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:
 - ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

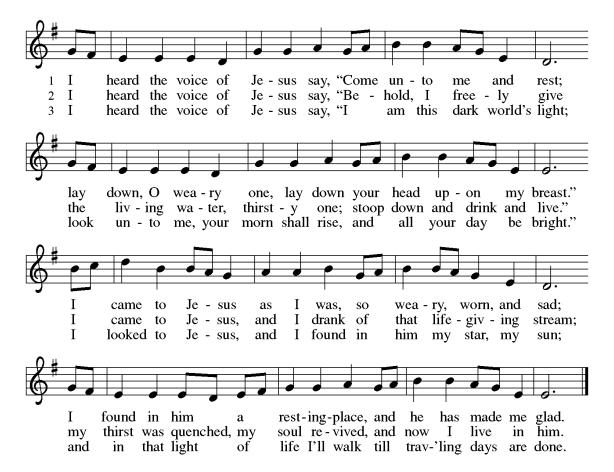
- ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
- ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Sabbath Spirit (Taco Tuesday?)

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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

CREED ELW p. 206

A 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 With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A As your word is opened in our midst, we give thanks for all who share scripture: for parents, grandparents, and godparents; teachers and mentors; deacons, pastors, bishops, and scholars. Inspire passion for the stories of faith. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A As heavens declare your glory and the sky proclaims your work, we lift our voices in awe of quarks and atoms, vast stars and solar systems. Guide us to speak on behalf of your handiwork. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A As Jesus proclaimed life and freedom in his community, energize communities and nations to eliminate poverty, engage in prison ministry and transformative justice, and envision new ways of working together for your promised reign. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A As your word and presence revive the soul, accompany all experiencing depression, anxiety, or eating disorders; be a source of strength for all affected by memory loss and their caregivers; draw near to all undergoing medical treatment or surgery. We pray *especially for* Josh, Theo, Chris and Edward; for Angie, Lori, and Glenn; for Kelly, Olivia, and Ron; Kyle and Cathy Rosentreter; for the Call committee, and the families of Sandy Siguardson and Malcolm John Doyle; 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 As we are made one body in baptism, strengthen all who serve. Renew and inspire all who use their gifts in this congregation, community, and the world. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A As our faith is strengthened by saints who have gone before us, we remember leaders of the early church, and beloved friends and family who have died. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
- 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)

The Lonesome Road

African-American spiritual/Keveren

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950 Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress and music © 2004 Augsburg Fortress.

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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 ELW p. 206

- 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 ELW p. 207

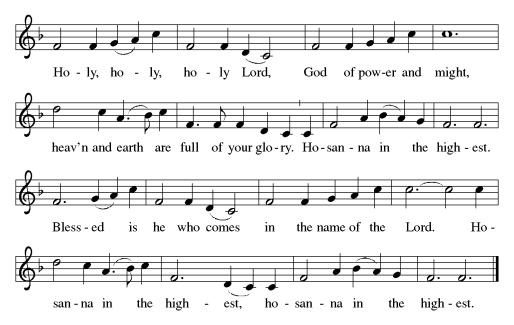
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, 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 project your name and join their uponding by many

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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P 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

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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

P 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

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

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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

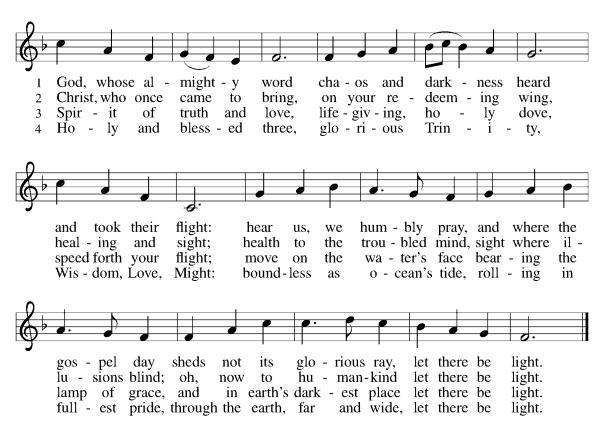
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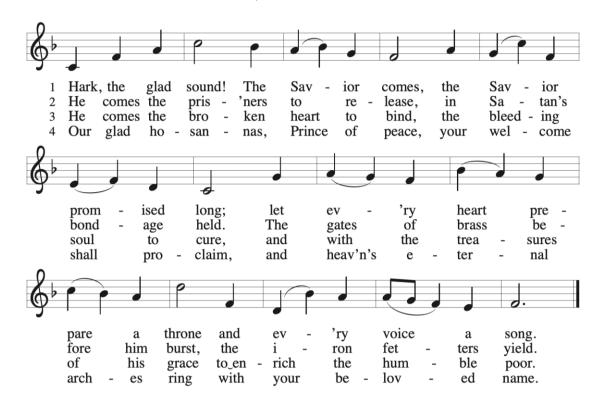
MEAL SONG 1 ELW 673

God, Whose Almighty Word



Text: John Marriott, 1780-1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796



Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702–1751 Music: CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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 ELW p. 209

- P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.

SENDING SONG (7:45 - 1, 4) **ELW 866**

We Are Marching in the Light of God



We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984 Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional Tr @ 1984 Utryck admin Walton Music Corp DISMISSAL ELW p. 209

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Doris Akers

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The Altar Flowers are given by Cindy and Jerry Humphrey in celebration of their 55th anniversary.

The Eternal Candle for the month of January is given by Lisa and Dennis Pyeatt in honor of Kyle's 40^{th} .

The Altar Guild

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.

Week of Jan. 27 - Feb. 2

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

AA Meeting 11:30am By Grace 6:30pm

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 **SCRIP** After each service. An ongoing fundraiser designated towards Campus Improvement. Purchase gift cards at the table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

<u>FULLY PARTICIPATE</u> In the mission and ministries here at Living Lord by helping, Currently Available:

- > Livestream > Sound System
- > Celebration of Life volunteers
- > Life Group Coordinator.

 Contact the church office.

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:05-

10:50am in the Activities Hall. This is an opportunity to dig deeper into the message of the Old Testament and Epistle lessons read in Sunday worship with other adults. Bring your snack and coffee, questions and insights as we explore the readings' connections to our lives today.

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.

DAY CAMP MEETING Planning meeting for our annual day camp will be January 28th at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in planning or promoting this event is invited to join us!

<u>LLLC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</u> TODAY at 12:00pm. Plan to join us for this important meeting. Please be sure to sign in before the meeting.

GENERAL OFFERING #4010			
YEAR-TO-DATE	2024 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	
December 31, 2024	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	
\$362,631.00	\$355,000.00	\$352,905.01	

<u>Christianity</u> - 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 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

SMALL GROUP Wednesday January 29th at 10:30am. We will hold an initial gathering of a daytime small group at the home of Diane Frohling – 4442 Fern Drive, Bradenton, FL 34208. Phone – 941-+704-9817. You are Invited!

<u>PUB THEOLOGY</u> All are welcome to join us on Wed, Feb. 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 February 1st, 2025 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

WIDOW JOURNEY You are never alone when you walk with Christ. Living Lord Lutheran Church invites all widows to join on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 10AM until 12PM. Come together to share support, understanding, and fellowship. Whether you're looking for a listening ear, new friendships, or simply a moment of solace, this group is here for you. You do not need to be a member of LLLC to be a part of this group. All widows are welcome. If you know of a widow that would benefit from this group, please reach out to Beverly Brockschmidt 352.464.1177. Together, we can navigate life's journey with strength and faith.

<u>PRAYER LIST</u> The Parish Life Group would like to revitalize the Prayer List. Please review and update the prayer list for any of your friends and/or family. Contact the church office with any updates. maggie@livinglordfl.org or 941-753-9365.

THRIVENT Is partnering with six organizations who are actively responding to the crisis in California. Donate online today to one of these organizations, and Thrivent will boost your donation. For every \$2 through Thrivent's <u>online giving platform</u> or through a Thrivent Charitable Impact and Investing® Donor Advised Fund, Thrivent will add \$1. The match will run until the \$500,000 cap is met, or March 10, 2025, whichever comes first. Thrivent pays all the processing fees so 100% of your donation will go directly to the cause. If you are an eligible Thrivent client, direct <u>Choice Dollars</u> to organizations helping with disaster response efforts.



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