

Second Sunday of Christmas 7:45 & 11 am Traditional Worship January 5th, 2025

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Let Us Break Bread Together

Traditional spiritual/Keveren

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

(7:45 VS. 1,4)

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Joy to the World



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

GREETING

Ρ

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you. С

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Α Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your С incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

A reading from Jeremiah. Reader ⁷ Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations: proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back. I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." ¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob. and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,

I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness,

and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD. Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

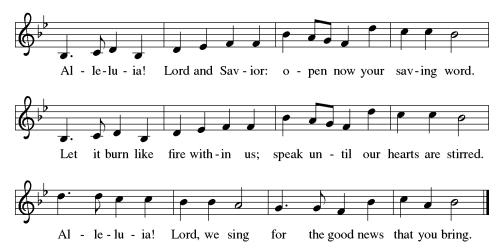
SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

Reader A reading from Ephesians.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: John 1:[1-9] 10-18

- P The holy gospel according to John.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

[¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The ABCs of Spiritual Health

HYMN OF THE DAY

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the 1 sea; There is wel-come for the 2 sin - ner, and a prom-ised grace made good; the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind; 3 For 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some-thing more than all: in God's jus - tice which is there's a kind-ness more than lib - er - ty. with the Sav-ior; there is heal - ing in his blood. there is mer - cy is most won-der - ful - ly kind. and the heart of the E - ter - nal great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall. There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n. There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this; But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own; Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word, There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg-ment giv'n. fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of there is room for bliss. we mag-ni - fy its strict-ness with a zeal God will not and own.

be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt. Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

our lives will

and

Lord.

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CREED

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 Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

A brief silence.

- A O God, you reveal yourself in this assembly. In water, wine, and bread, show us again and again your grace upon grace, that your church boldly testifies to your love. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.
- A You reveal yourself in creation. In seedlings and planets, microorganisms and galaxies, awaken us to the cry of the earth. As you nourish your people like a watered garden, empower us to nourish our creaturely companions. God of grace,
- **C** receive our prayer.

A You reveal yourself in every land and in the farthest parts of the earth. Deliver peoples who suffer under oppressive regimes. Thwart the foolish plans of unjust leaders. Give wisdom to our elected officials. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A You reveal yourself in every human being. Help us recognize your image in our siblings in Christ who are in the strong grip of addiction, depression, anxiety, hopelessness, or other illness *especially* Josh, Theo, Chris and Marty; for Angie, Lori, Barbara and Barb; for Glenn, Lon, Kelly and Berniece; for Kyle, Cathy Rosentreter and Olivia; 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)...Grant us compassion in our care for your people. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

A You reveal yourself anew every day. In this new year, renew this congregation and its ministries in our witness to the good news of the incarnation. Transform the way we have always done things into your new future for us. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- A You reveal yourself in the lives of your holy ones. We give you thanks for those who set their hope on you, trusting the inheritance we receive in you. God of grace,
- C receive our prayer.
- P We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

PEACE P The

- 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

Prelude Op. 28, No. 21

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OFFERING PRAYER

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P Let us pray.

God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

C Amen.

7:45 CONTINUES WITH THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE ON PG. 12

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

- Ρ The Lord be with you.
- С And also with you.
- Ρ Lift up your hearts.
- С We lift them to the Lord.
- Ρ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- С It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, Ρ 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

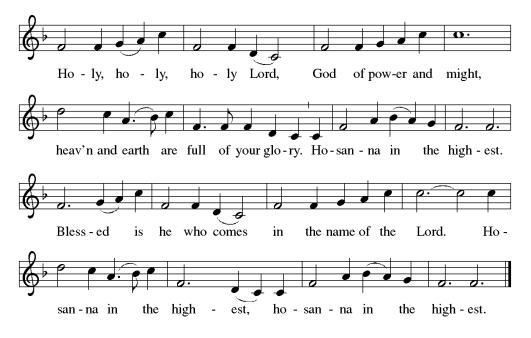
resurrection,

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



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

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LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us sing as Jesus taught us.



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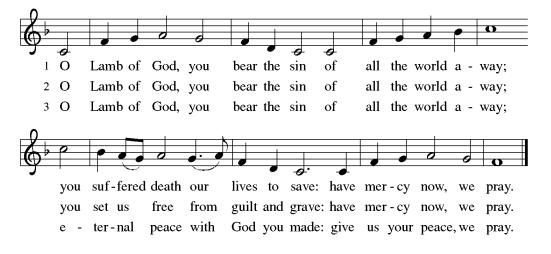
COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

P The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

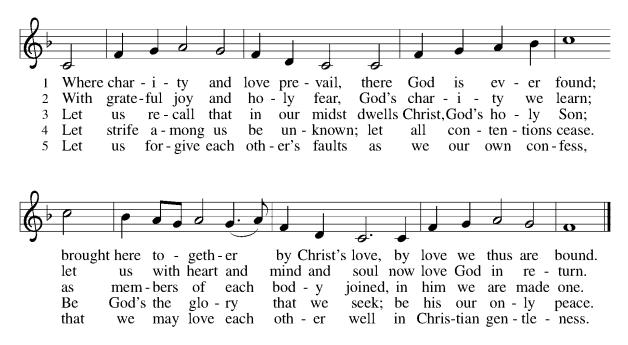
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COMMUNION SONG



MEAL SONG 1

Where Charity and Love Prevail



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For the Bread Which You Have Broken



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

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

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

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SENDING SONG

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Jesus, What a Wonderful Child

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Celebrate Jesus

Gary Oliver

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The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God.

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

Altar Flowers 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 <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.

Week of Jan. 6 - Jan. 12

<u>Monday</u>

Faith Talks 10am AA Meeting 11:30am Worship & Music Meeting 2:30pm Boy Scouts 6pm GA Meeting 7pm

<u>Tuesday</u>

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

<u>Thursday</u>

AA Meeting 11:30am Campus Improvement Mtg 3pm Friday

GA Meeting 9:30am

Crafting 10:30am AA Meeting 11:30am Family Fun Night 6pm 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 **FULLY PARTICIPATE** 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. **LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION** Meets the second Thursday of most months. Next gathering will be on January 9, 2025 at <u>11:30</u>. At Rosedale Country Club, 5100 87th St. E, Bradenton. The country club and restaurant is off SR 70. 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.

| GENERAL OFFERING #4010 | | | |
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| 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 | |

CHRISTIAN LIFE

There will be a meeting at the church on Friday, January 10th at 2:00 to learn more about Christian Life/small groups. Groups may be created at this meeting. Each group will decide where they want to meet, which day and time. Some groups may choose to meet in someone's home. Others may choose to meet at the church. Please consider coming to learn more about these fun, social and educational groups. If you have any questions, contact Deb Miller at clardeb@gmail.com.

PUB THEOLOGY All are welcome to join us on Wed, Jan. 15. 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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT For January will be a Chili Cook-off and Bingo, held this coming Friday, January 10th. *Join the fun at 6pm* and be sure to sign up in the narthex.

LLLC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held Sunday Jan 26th at 12:00pm. Please plan to join us for this important meeting.

Euchre Please join us on Thursday, January 16, 1pm-3pm.

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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