

The Journey March 2, 2025 9am

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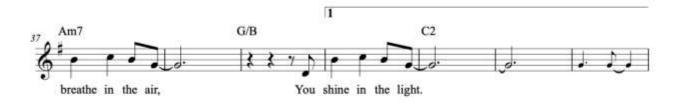
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

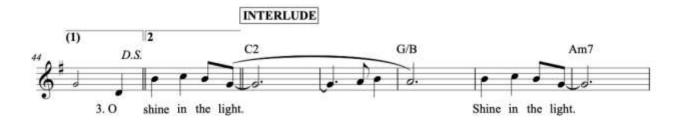
GATHERING PRAYER

C Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, Grant that in the same Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. AMEN













OPENING SONG

I'm So Blessed

(based on the recording by CAIN)

Words and Music by Logan Cain, Taylor Cain, Madison Cain, Matthew West and Jonathan Smith



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OPENING PRAYER

1ST READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1} Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

GOSPEL SONG

Total Praise

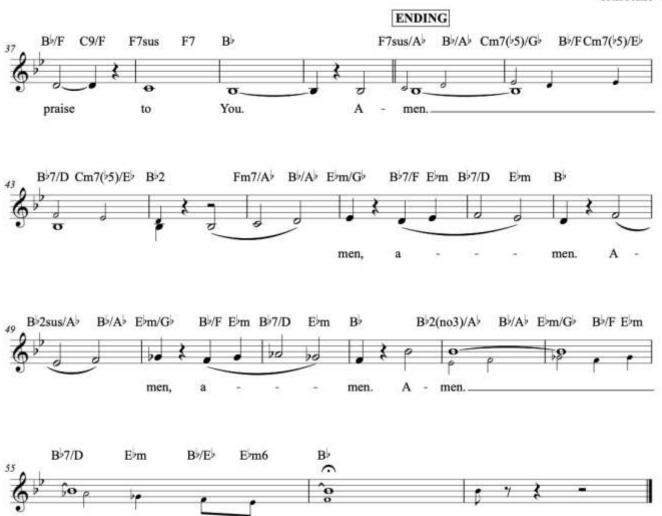
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GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:40-42

40-42 "We are intimately linked in this harvest work. Anyone who accepts what you do, accepts me, the One who sent you. Anyone who accepts what I do accepts my Father, who sent me. Accepting a messenger of God is as good as being God's messenger. Accepting someone's help is as good as giving someone help. This is a large work I've called you into, but don't be overwhelmed by it. It's best to start small. Give a cool cup of water to someone who is thirsty, for instance. The smallest act of giving or receiving makes you a true apprentice. You won't lose out on a thing."

MESSAGE

Transfiguration

MESSAGE SONG

Victory Chant

Words and Music by Joseph Vogels



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others.

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops.

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come.

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts *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 of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people. We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **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

la fille aux cheveux de lin

Claude Debussy

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

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



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) ELW 494

For the Bread Which You Have Broken



- 1 For the bread which you have bro-ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n-ly board,
- 4 In your ser vice, Lord, de fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord. may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord. in the world to which you send us let your king-dom come, O Lord.

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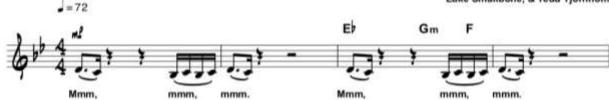
MEAL SONG 2

Lead Sheet (Key of B)

God Only Knows

(based on the recording from the For King & Country album "Burn The Ships", www.praisecharts.com/71625

> Joel Smallbone, Jordan Reynolds, Josh Kerr, Luke Smallbone, & Tedd Tjornhom







1. Wide a-wake while the world is sound a-sleep and, too a-fraid of what might show up while you're dream-in'.









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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

Old Church Choir

Words and Music by Colby Wedgeworth, Ethan Hulse and Zach Williams



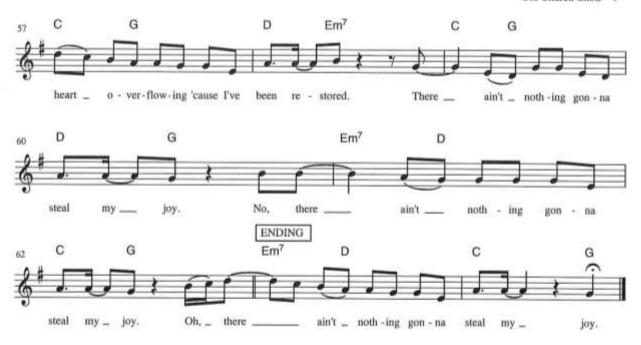
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The Altar Flowers are given by Ralph and Kathy Schimmoller in memory our parents.

The Eternal Candle for the month of March is given by Sandy Coffman, Thanking God for life, love and family visits.

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 or scan this QR code, click Menu, Give, scroll down to give now.

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 Mar. 3 - Mar. 9

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 AA Meeting 7pm

Wednesday

AA Meeting 9:30am, 11:30am
Pastor's Bible Study 1pm
Evangelism Meeting 2:30pm
Girl Scouts 6pm
Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm

Thursday

AA Meeting 11:30am Choir 6pm Pub Theology 6:30pm By Grace 7:15pm

Friday

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

<u>Saturday</u>

Safety Seminar 10am
AGC Spring Carnival 11am
AA Meeting 4pm
Al-Anon Meeting 4pm

Daylight Savings Begins

Sunday

7:45am Traditional Service 9am The Journey 11am Traditional Service AA Meeting 6:30pm, 8pm **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.

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 - Ages 3 thru 3rd grade is available during both the 9am and 11am Services, following Pastor's Children's Sermon. **FAITH FORMATION** for older children and teenagers is 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

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

lives today.

GENERAL OFFERING #4010			
YEAR-TO-DATE	2025 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	
January 31, 2025	January 31, 2025	January 31, 2024	
\$32,379.03	\$28,546.24	\$28,350.40	

<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. <u>FREE</u>. <u>Because God's gifts are FREE!</u>

- 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!* Easy to see videos on 85 inch TV. Ruth McConnell, leader

EASTER FLOWERS are now on Sale! This year we will be selling: 10 - 6" pots of white Easter lilies at \$7 ea. 20 - 6" pots of Hydrangea's at \$10 ea. Envelopes are available on the Welcome Table. Flowers will be available for pickup Easter Sunday. Thank You!!!

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN PRESCHOOL'S annual Spring Carnival is on Saturday, March 8th from 11am to 2pm. They have asked if LLLC would sponsor a "Cookie" table. If you can bring cookies and/or help at the cookie table, please let us know on the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Please bring them on either Friday by 4pm or by 11am on Saturday. The AGC Carnival cookies can be homemade or store bought. They need to be wrapped or in a baggie. They can be individually wrapped, in 2s or 3s. Thank you for your participation.

<u>SAFETY SEMINAR</u> - Don't be a victim...BE SAFE! Join us on Saturday, March 8th as Manatee County Deputy Tom Kaczmarek will be speaking about keeping safe in today's Cyber Environment (ie: Cyber Crime, Fraud and Scams). We will meet at 10AM in the Activities Hall.

<u>PUB THEOLOGY</u> All are welcome to join us on Thursday, Mar. 6. 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.

<u>LUTHER SPRINGS' GOD SPA FOR WOMEN</u> Join other women of faith on April 4-6. A weekend retreat for women of faith to be restored, renewed, and refreshed in the beauty of God's creation at Luther Springs. \$210 for double, \$270 for single, and \$185 to share cabin bunk room. Activities may include faith filled conversation, devotions, music, relaxing and spa-type activities. Come with a group or come alone. For more information or to register, visit luthersprings.org or call Deacon Sue Mendenhall at 352-358-1440

<u>LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS</u> Preceding Wednesday Lenten services, begin March 12th at 5:30. We would appreciate your help in providing a time of fellowship prior to the services. Details are available on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Pam Lange at 404-358-1124.

<u>BINGO FAMILY FUN NIGHT</u> Was so successful that we have had requests for a repeat event! This will be held at 6 p.m. on March 14th. Sign up in the narthex to join us for dinner and an evening of fun!

Palm Cross Making Workshop – Join Us! As we prepare for Palm Sunday, we invite you to come and be part of a special tradition: making Palm Crosses to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem!

Date: Saturday April 12, 2025 Time: 10AM Location: Activities Hall of Living Lord Lutheran. This hands-on workshop is open to all ages, and no experience is necessary!



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