

# The Journey March 16, 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

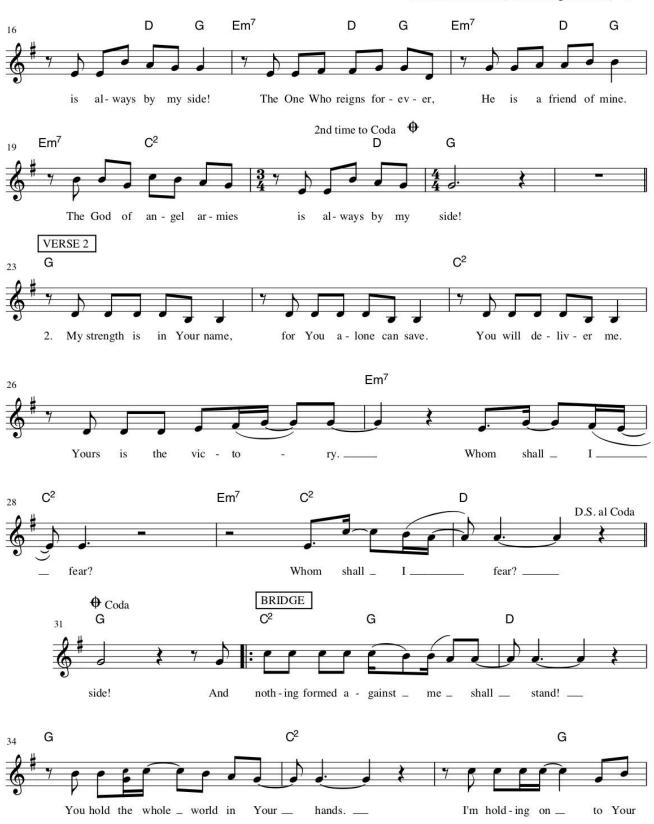
# GATHERING SONG Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Scott Cash











#### **OPENING SONG**

# With All Of My Heart

Words and Music by Bill Batstone and Morris Chapman



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#### **OPENING PRAYER**

#### FIRST READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Reader A reading from Philippians.

<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

#### **GOSPEL SONG**

#### There Is None Like You



#### **GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:31-35**

A reading from Luke.

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup>Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup>See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

**MESSAGE** 

Faith for Today

# **MESSAGE SONG**

# I Walk By Faith

Words and Music by Chris Falson



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#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name.

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers.

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations.

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need. 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)... May all know they are not alone.

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **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** 

Sonata (1st mvt.), K. 332

W.A. Mozart

#### **APOSTLES CREED**

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.

#### 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, 3 ELW 661

# I Love to Tell the Story



Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849-1936

#### **MEAL SONG 2**

# The Table

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Wayne Jolley



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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**

# Good God Almighty

(based on the recording by Crowder)

Words and Music by David Crowder, Ben Glover and Jeff Sojka

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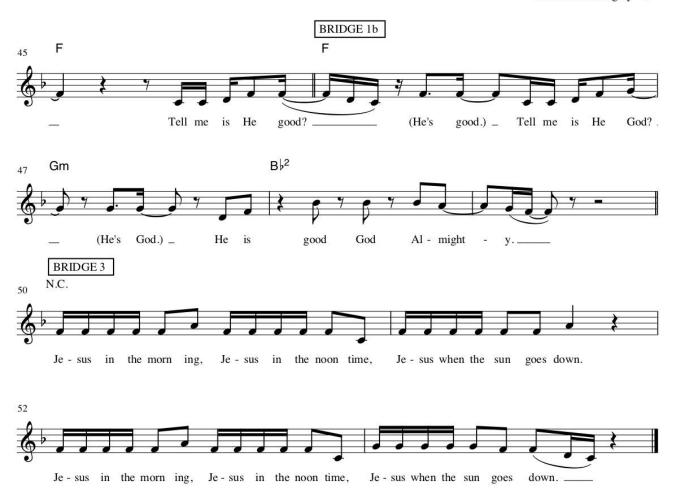
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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

**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 <a href="www.livinglordfl.org">www.livinglordfl.org</a> 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. 17 – Mar. 23**

#### **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 Soup Supper 5:30pm Lenten Service 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6pm Council Meeting

#### **Thursday**

AA Meeting 11:30am Euchre 1pm Choir 6pm By Grace 7:15pm

# **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, 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, available during both 9am and 11am Services, following Pastor's Children's Sermon. **FAITH FORMATION** for older children and teenagers 10:05 to 10:55.

## **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:05-**

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

**EASTER FLOWERS** 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!!!

LENTEN SERVICES Wed., 6:30pm. March 19, 26 and April 2, and 9.

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

<u>LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS</u> Preceding Lenten services 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.

ANNUAL FLORIDA BAHAMAS SYNOD ASSEMBLY Will be held June 12-14, 2025 in Kissimmee, FL. Delegates from each congregation are encouraged to attend. If you would like to participate this year, reach out to Pastor Ed at 941-753-9365.

**LLL LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION** Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of most months. Our next luncheon however, will be on March 20, 2025 at <u>11:30.</u> We will meet at the Peridia Golf & Country Club located at 4950 Peridia Blvd. E. Bradenton. 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.

LUTHER SPRINGS' GOD SPA FOR WOMEN 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

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!

BENEFIT CONCERT at LLL - Sarasota-Manatee Alumnae Chapter - SIGMA ALPHA IOTA Music Fraternity. Sunday, April 6, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Will feature the following: The Gulf Coast Flute Choir, Carole Cornman Fetterman, soprano; Brooke Palmtag, soprano; Lily Grigsby, soprano; and Thomas Pizzi, piano/accompanist. Tickets sales between services over the next several Sundays \$15. Proceeds go to music organizations in the community that specialize in creating programs for music education. Such programs include Perlman Music Program of Sarasota, Venice Chorale Young Artists, AMICCO, Sarasota Orchestra and more! Come and learn more about SAI and how we keep the music playing for the community and around the world! For more info call: 941-350-7489.

<u>POSSIBLE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE BLOCKED</u> On Sunday, March 16, off of State Road 70. For the work that will be in progress on that side of the property. Thank you for your patience.

**EUCHRE/CRIBBAGE** – Please join us on Thursday, March 20, 1pm – 3pm. We can teach you to play, if we know you are coming.

**DAYTIME CHRISTIAN LIFE GROUP** – Will meet on Tuesday, March 25 at 1pm.



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