

The Journey March 23, 2025 9am

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PRE-SERVICE MUSICThe 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

Here I Am To Worship





OPENING SONG

My Life Is In You

Words and Music by Daniel Gardner



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OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play."

⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

GOSPEL SONG Vs. 3 only

Jesus Name Above All Names

Words and Music by Naida Hearn



GOSPEL READING: Luke 13:1-9

A reading from Luke.

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

MESSAGE

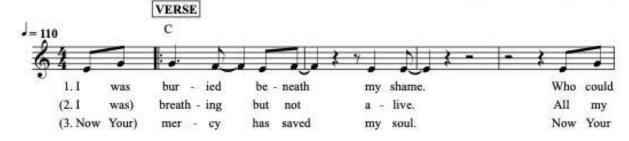
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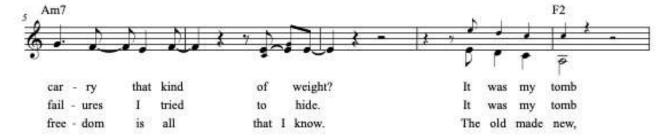
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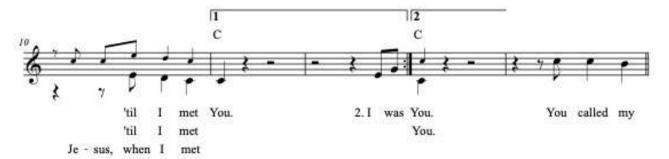
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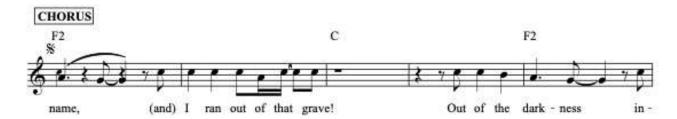
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Words and Music by Kristian Stanfill, Jason Ingram, Jonathan Smith and Sean Curran











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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.

We pray for the church, called to be a witness to all peoples. Grant humility and wisdom to bishops, pastors, deacons, elders, councils, and congregations, that they may call upon you in making decisions.

We pray for the earth, called to provide abundantly. Teach your people the goodness of your generosity, that in sharing what we have been given, all life may flourish on the planet that is our shared home.

We pray for the nations, called to protect their inhabitants and collaborate in the work of justice and peace. Forge bonds of compassion and mutual care across human borders and boundaries, that all the world may have enough to live.

We pray for those in need, called to receive your compassion *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)...Comfort those whose lives have been disrupted through natural disasters and human conflict. Aid communities in coming together to mourn, heal, and rebuild.

We pray for this assembly, called to welcome its neighbors to the table of your grace. Bless food pantries, community gardens and kitchens, clean water projects, and all ministries that address human hunger and thirst.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended. May their witness inspire our own.

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.

SONG BEFORE THE MEAL

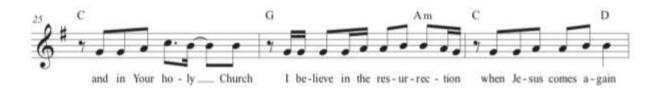
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THE MEAL

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

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

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

MEAL SONG 1 (VS. 1, 4) ELW 759

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

JESUS LOVES ME!

ELW 595



BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

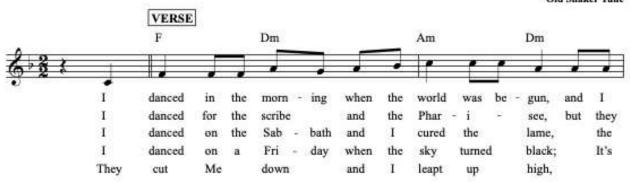
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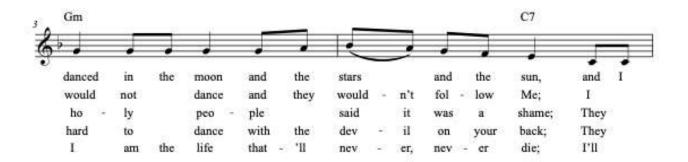
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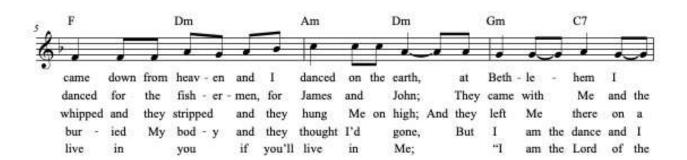
SENDING SONG

I Danced In The Morning

Words and Music by Sydney Bertram Carter Old Shaker Tune





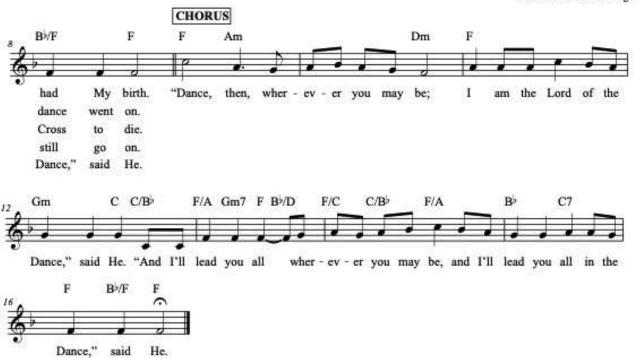


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The Altar Flowers are given by Beverly Brockschmidt in honor of son, Brian and grandson, Brandt, Traven and Rhett's birthdays.

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. 24 - Mar. 30

Monday

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

Tuesday

AA & Al-Anon Meeting 11:30 am Life Group 1pm Day Camp Meeting 6:30pm 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

Thursday

Widows Journey 10am
AA Meeting 11:30am
Campus Improvement Meeting 3pm
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.

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 with other adults. Bring your snack, coffee, questions and insights as we explore and connections to our lives today.

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.

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

PALM CROSS MAKING WORKSHOP

- Join Us!

As we prepare for Palm Sunday. Come and be part of a special tradition: making Palm Crosses!

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

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 (**Şacred Journeys?**) Documentaries, Bible Readings, Instructional Videos, Lesson Summaries, Discussions, and

your Questions. Just like college! <u>Easy to see videos on 85 inch TV.</u> Ruth McConnell, leader

PARISH LIFE All Parish Life members are requested to attend a social meeting on April 3rd from 10-12 in the Activities Hall. Please bring your ideas and suggestions so we can plan Parish Life events and discuss needs for the year. We will also be updating each team's description in the LLLC Constitution. For some groups, it will mean creating a description for their team since there isn't a write up. A beverage and light lunch will be served.

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.

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

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.

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

<u>LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION</u> - The second Thursday of the month, the LLL Lunch Bunch meets. Our next luncheon however, will be on April 10, at <u>11:30.</u> We will meet at the Anna Marie Oyster Bar off 301 in Ellenton. The restaurant is located at 1525 51st Ave. E., Ellenton. 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.



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