

Fífth Sunday ín Lent 7:45 & 11 am Traditional Worship *Apríl* 6th, 2025

Lívíng Lord Lutheran Church 11107 Palmbrush Traíl Lakewood Ranch, Florída 34202 941-753-9365

Ed Holloway, Interím Pastor Thomas Pízzí, Míníster of Musíc

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



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America God's work. Our hands.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE 7:45 11:00

Prelude XIII, WTC Bk. 1J.S. BachAs the DeerM. Nystrom/D. EversonLes Kraus, clarinet

GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 94

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.

P 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

Lead On, O King Eternal!



Text: Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1862–1917 Music: LANCASHIRE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

GREETING

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.

ELW p. 203

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from Isaiah.

- ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
- ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;
- they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
- ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
- ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
- I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
- ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;
- for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,
- to give drink to my chosen people,

²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

so that they might declare my prais

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians.

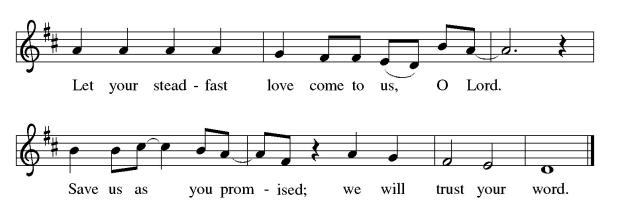
[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 205

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

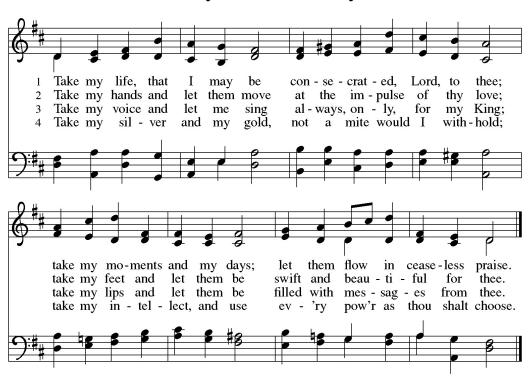
- P The holy gospel according to John.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

- P The gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Preparing for a Burial



Take My Life, That I May Be

- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence.

A The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need *especially* Josh, Theo, Chris and Angie; for David, Martha, Jack and Jacob; for Kelly, Brian, Elaine and the Call Committee; for Alexas, Anaiya, John and Melody; for James, Danielle and Lavardo; for Richard, Jon, and Sandy; and for the family of Edward Smith and John Moyer; 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)..... May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

P 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.

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

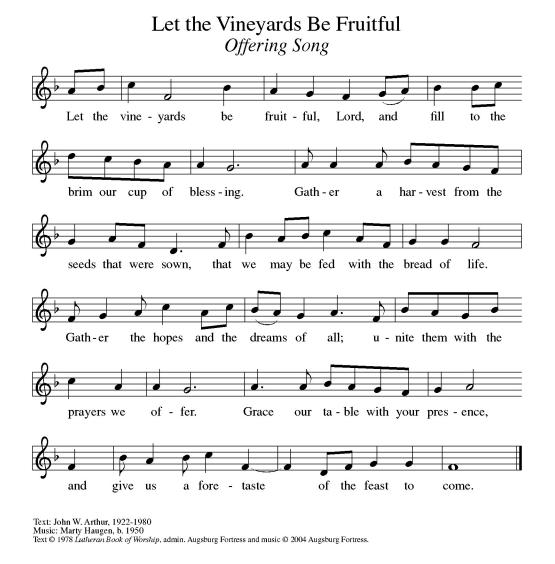
11:00 ONLY

Traditional spiritual

Just a Closer Walk With Thee T Les Kraus, clarinet

OFFERING

ELW p. 206



OFFERING PRAYER

ELW p. 206

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

- 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

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,

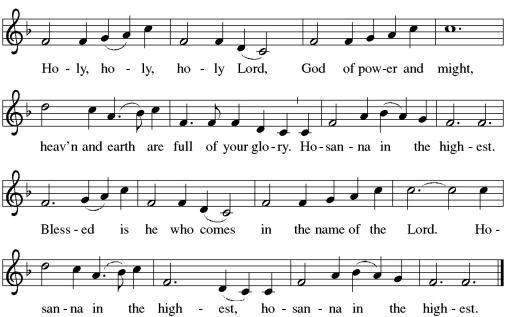
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

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 praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



ELW p. 207

ELW p. 207

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and Ρ 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

Ρ

ELW p. 208 Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us sing as Jesus taught us.



ELW p. 207

BY ALBERT H. MALOTTE

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

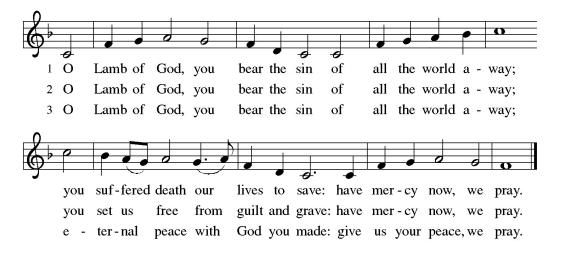
P The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen

7:45 CONTINUES WITH POST COMMUNION BLESSING ON PG. 16

COMMUNION SONG

ELW p. 208



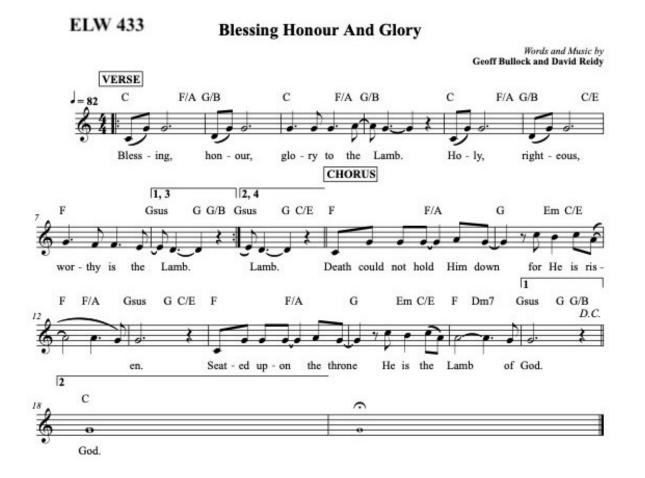
ELW p. 208

MEAL SONG #1

My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness; When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace; 1 2 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood; 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found, own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name. no mer-it of my in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil. when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay. clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re-deemed to stand be - fore the throne! Refrain Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all On oth - er ground is all oth - er ground is sink - ing sink - ing sand, sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



CCLI Song # 1001179 © 1990 Universal Music - Brentwood Benson Publishing | Word Music, LLC * | Geoff Bullock Music For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 2925242

ELW 433

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.

ELW p. 209

ELW p. 209

ELW 773 (7:45 – Vs. 1,3)

ELW 773

THOMAS DORSEY



PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

CCLI Song # 7205306

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Great Is the Lord

Michael & Debra Smith

ELW p. 209

Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SB132943. New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Song Select Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com Living Lord Lutheran Church CCLI License# 2925242.



The Altar Flowers are given by Carolyn Scott in celebration of Bob's 90th birthday. AND by Mike and Madelyn Tetmeyer in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

Altar Flowers

The Eternal Candle for the month of April is given by Mike and Madelyn Tetmeyer in celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

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> 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 Apr 7 – Apr 13

<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

<u>Wednesday</u>

AA Meeting 9:30am, 11:30am Pastor's Bible Study 1pm Soup Supper 5:30pm Lenten Service 6:30pm

<u>Thursday</u>

Widows Journey 10am Lunch Bunch 11:30am AA Meeting 11:30am Choir 6pm By Grace 7:15pm

<u>Friday</u>

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

<u>Saturday</u>

Palm Crosses Assembly 10am AA Meeting 4pm Al-Anon Meeting 4pm

<u>Sunday</u>

9am The Journey 7:45am, 11am Traditional Service AA Meeting 6pm NA Meeting 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 SOUP SUPPERS 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. **LENTEN SERVICE** Wed., 6:30pm.

April 9.

PALM CROSS MAKING WORKSHOP

- Join Us! B As we prepare for Palm Sunday. We invite you to 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	
February 28, 2025	February 28, 2025	February 28, 2024	
\$58,668.38	\$57,088.40	\$55,324.57	

CHRISTIANITY

As Told by the Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke and John

<u>On, Mondays</u>, IN ACTIVITIES HALL 10:00-11:30 AM. Learn and experience Jesus, who transcended humble origins, showed us God's love, paid the price for our forgiveness, and transformed his followers forever.

FREE Bring a friend! Because God's gifts are FREE!

- Now 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"* Come and see this very spiritual movie with our Monday Adult Class. Christopher Plummer narrates the Good News Bible word-for-word. Carefully researching the biblical time of Christ, every aspect of the production—from costume design to ancient architecture and historic music—shows what it was like when the Son of God walked on earth. Henry Ian Cusick portrays Jesus in complex and emotional situations with clarity and insight.

Observe your Holy Week with us at Living Lord.

- Easter Monday April 21, 2025 NO CLASS
- April 28 and May 5, 2025 TO BE ANNOUNCED (Sacred Journeys?)

Easy to see videos on 85 inch TV. Ruth McConnell 941-751-8053

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.

DAYTIME CHRISTIAN LIFE GROUP will meet again in October.

CAMPUS SURVEILLANCE The new surveillance cameras have been installed and are working. There is a monitor in the church office. Thank you to the church family that made a donation for the cost.

BENEFIT CONCERT at LLL - Sarasota-Manatee Alumnae Chapter -SIGMA ALPHA IOTA Music Fraternity. TODAY 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.

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION - The second Thursday of the month, the LLL Lunch Bunch meets. 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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT for this month will be April 11th at 6:00 p.m. We will be playing "Have you ever (never)?" after a meal of sub sandwiches and whatever you would like to contribute. Please sign up in the narthex for an evening of fun and fellowship. Any questions contact Pam Lange at 404-358-1124.



Living Lord Lutheran Church Phone: (941) 753-9365 Fax: (941) 758-9015

Web Site: www.LivingLordFL.org Information: Info@LivingLordFL.org Monthly Newsletter: Voice@LivingLordFL.org All God's Children Preschool Phone: (941) 739-2776

Interim Pastor	Ed Holloway	753-9365	revelholloway@gmail.com	
Parish Administrator Minister of Music All God's Children Director Office Clerk	Maggie Hammond Thomas Pizzi Erin Bonifate Marianne Strimer	753-9365 753-9365 739-2776 753-9365	maggie@livinglordfl.org tompno3@gmail.com agcerin@gmail.com marianne@livinglordfl.org	
Church Coursell Officers				

Church Council Officers

President	Nancy Taylor	717-542-9426	mimitay@comcast.net
Vice President	Rich Jones	614-570-6540	j42hcir@gmail.com
Treasurer	Mike Gutzler	978-857-7172	mjdj4togo@yahoo.com
Secretary	Rae Dowling	741-8335	raedowling@yahoo.com

Church Council – Team Leaders

Member-At-Large	Beverly Brockschmidt	352-464-1177	bsbrockschmidt@gmail.com
Parish Life	Stephney Rose	782-8005	stephneyr@yahoo.com
Education	Scott Smith	215-480-5359	phlgss@yahoo.com
Worship & Music	Rhoda Olson	201-6304	rhodarose100@gmail.com
Evangelism	Patty Kunkel	748-6669	pattykunkel@verizon.net

Special Teams Leaders

			-
Property	Bill Hoth	914-523-8425	whothjr@aol.com
Stewardship	Karen Symos	410-370-8666	ksymos@hotmail.com
AGC Liaison	Mary Hunter	746-3757	mehretired5@gmail.com
Altar Guild	Nancy Taylor	717-891-8791	mimitay@comcast.net
Faith Comm. Nurses	Karen Hansing	748-5806	riseuprnk@gmail.com
Fellowship	Pam Lange	404-358-1124	pamlangemobile@gmail.com
Stephen Ministry	Randy Hanson	981-9048	randley.hanson@verizon.net
New Members Coord.	Patty Kunkel	748-6669	pattykunkel@verizon.net
Outreach	Mary Torke	941-356-5510	mtorke@comcast.net
	Sue Copeland	941-243-5329	copelandfamily1992@gmail.com
Bookkeeper	Karen Symos	410-370-8666	ksymos@hotmail.com
Campus Improvement	Rich Jones	614-570-6540	j42hcir@gmail.com