

The Journey April 6, 2025 9am

Living Lord Lutheran Church 11107 Palmbrush Trail Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34202 941-753-9365



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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

THOMAS DORSEY



OPENING SONG

Trading My Sorrows

Words and Music by Darrell Evans



OPENING PRAYER

FIRST 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: ⁵circumcised 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; ⁶as 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 ⁹and 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. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not 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. ¹³Beloved, 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, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL SONG

Good Soil



GOSPEL READING: John 12:1-8

A reading from John.

¹Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary 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. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵Why 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.) ¹Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ³You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

MESSAGE

Preparing for a Burial

MESSAGE SONG

Death Was Arrested

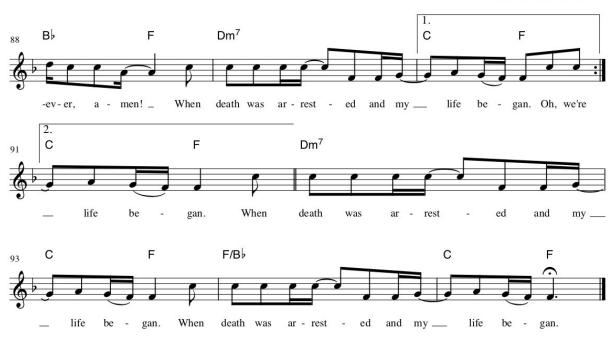
Words and Music by Heath Balltzglier, Brandon Coker, Adam Kersh and Paul Taylor Smith











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.

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,

receive our prayer.

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,

receive our prayer.

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, receive our prayer.

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. May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

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,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

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, receive our prayer.

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 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross W.H. Doane/Hayes

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.



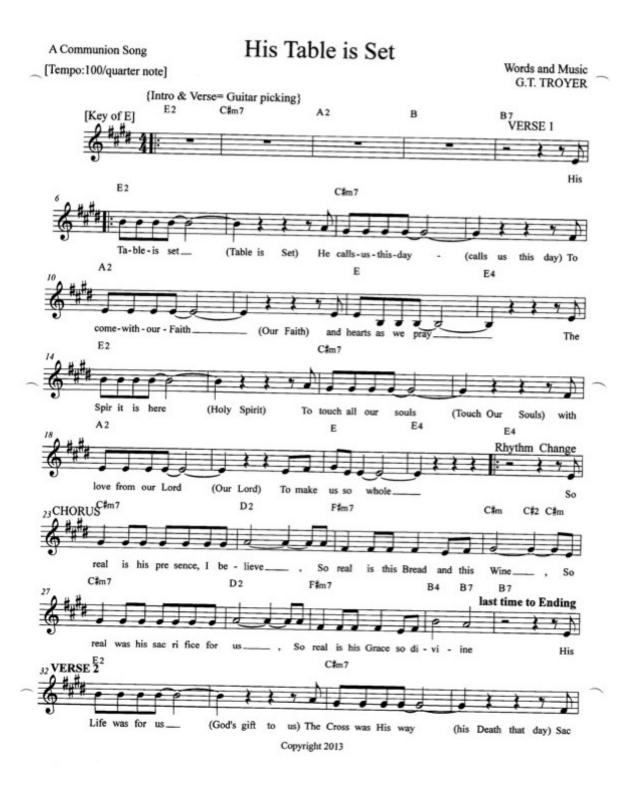
MEAL INSTRUCTIONS

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**

ELW 433 Blessing Honour And Glory



MEAL SONG 2





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

Diamonds

Words and Music by Jason Ingram, Matt Bronleewe and Jonathan Steingard



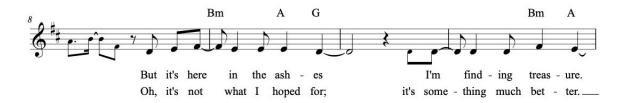
Here and now I'm in the fi - re in a - bove my head.

I'll sur - ren) - der to the pow'r of be - ing crushed by love

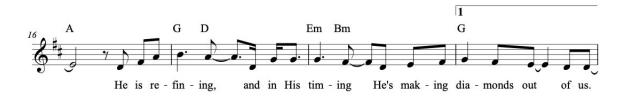


Be - ing held un - der the pres - sure; don't know what will be left.

'til the beau - ty that was hid - den is - n't cov - ered up.







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DISMISSAL SONG

JOY IN THE JOURNEY



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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.

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 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 Apr 7 - Apr 13

Monday

Faith Talks 10am
AA Meeting 11:30am
Worship & Music Meeting 2:30pm
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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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 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!

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 On, Mondays, 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.

<u>CAMPUS SURVEILLANCE</u> 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.



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