

LIVING GOD'S STORY, FOLLOWING CHRIST TOGETHER

We believe that worship is a great place to connect with Jesus' promises and reconnect with people we haven't seen through the week. We believe life is like a story that is constantly unfolding with every passing event. We pray that through this worship service you are able to see how God's story overlaps your story.



LIVING WORD
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

NEW HERE? WELCOME

What to expect. The worship completely printed for you. It will also be projected on the screens overhead in the sanctuary. The first and third Sundays follow a liturgical style of worship and the second, fourth and fifth Sundays are contemporary, and informal worship on Wednesday evenings.

If you have children, we want you to know that we value family and families worshipping together. If we can assist you and your family during worship let one of the ushers know.

Offering Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. The offering is for members and regular attendees who consider Living Word their church home. For our members, we have currently suspended passing an offering plate but have four ways to give; mail a check, online at the LW website, on the LW app (click the "more" tab, then click "give"), text GIVELW to 888.364.give.

Communion We celebrate communion every Sunday. This is a celebration of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. We believe that Jesus is really present in communion. The bread is his body, and the wine is his blood. If you are unsure about communion, please talk to Pastor Derrick. If you desire communion but cannot come forward, let an usher know and we'll bring it to you. White grape juice is provided in the center of the trays for those who cannot have wine.

We're just glad you're here. We hope that this time is one that is fulfilling and that draws you closer to Christ. At the conclusion of our worship service, we have a gift for you. Just stop and see Pastor Derrick on the way out! Blessings on your worship.

Worship

Sunday: 10:30am
Wednesday: 7:00pm

Sunday School

9:00am adult and
children all ages

For up to date information on worship and events:

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Prelude

Tell Me

I feel like I'm a nobody, Wonder if I'll ever amount to much
Seems like no matter what I do
It's never gonna be good enough
Should I just give up, Lord I need to hear you speak

Chorus (You) Tell me I am loved tell me I am known
And that you died for me I am not alone
(You) Tell me I'm your child, The one your heart beats for
I can find my strength knowing I am yours
You've always known what my heart needs
And you tell me

You wrote your name upon my heart
You knew me long before my life began
You still have a plan, And when I'm starting to forget
Jesus You tell me who I am who I am (chorus)
Your voice has the power, To heal the hurt inside
Your voice speaks the truth, Brings my heart back to life
I am loved I am known (chorus)

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Welcome

Opening Songs

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Praise is rising, Eyes are turning to You, We turn to You
Hope is stirring, Hearts are yearning for You, We long for You
Chorus 'Cause when we see You, We find strength to face the day
In Your presence, All our fears are washed away
(Washed away)
Hosanna hosanna, You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna, Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of
Hearts returning to You, We turn to You
In Your Kingdom
Broken lives are made new, You make us new (chorus)

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Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made, This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus So here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came, To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor (chorus)

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
(repeat, chorus)

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Prayer of the Day

Call to Worship

L: Sing songs of hope and peace.

C: God's love and power have lifted us.

L: Sing songs of mercy and grace.

C: God's mercy and forgiveness frame our lives.

L: Thanks be to God for all God's love and mercy.

C: Praise be to God for the healing power God extends to each one of us. AMEN.

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Just like Peter, Lord, we want to get all "legalistic" about forgiveness.

C: We want to forgive as little as possible.

L: We might even be willing to extend forgiveness twice, but we have a tendency to follow the rule, "Once burned, twice shy."

C: Teach us to be humble and merciful. Remind us of the many ways in which you have offered your forgiving love to us. Heal our wounds and bind up our brokenness. For we ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Old Testament Reading - Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him."
¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" (continue on next page)

And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

New Testament Reading - Romans 14:1-12

¹ As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 1:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’

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²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Kid Connect Worship

Sermon Song

Your Love Defends Me

You are my joy You are my song

You are the well the One I'm drawing from

You are my refuge my whole life long

Where else would I go

Chorus Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

Day after day night after night

I will remember You're with me in this fight

Although the battle it rages on

The war's already won

I know the war is already won (chorus)

We sing hallelujah, You're my portion my salvation, Hallelujah

(repeat, chorus)

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Sermon

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Consecration of the Elements

Holy Communion

Communion Songs

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son, To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss, The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there, Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life, I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything, No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward, I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom

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Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
 Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
 You have broken every chain
 There's salvation in Your name
 Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me (chorus)

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The Blessing

Closing Song

Upon This Rock

We have come to give You honor
Gathered here to sing Your praise
But there is more we can do for You, Father
To glorify Your Holy Name.

Chorus Upon this rock, Lord build Your church
 We will sing the anthem of Your call to serve
 Let us be the champions of The Living Word
 Upon this rock, Lord build Your church!
 Upon this rock, Lord build Your church!

Empty gestures won't make it right
Don't let the devil fill you up with foolish pride
Go out in the world and shine with Jesus' light,
And shout His name every day of your life! (chorus)

Where You lead, we will follow
What is Your will, let it be done
We owe our lives to You, God The Father,
And eternity to The Holy Son! (chorus)

ending We will be Your champions here at Living Word,
 Upon this rock, Lord build Your church!
 Upon this rock, Lord build Your church!

Opportunities and Dismissal

