



LORD OF LIFE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*ALIVE AND ANEW  
IN GOD'S GRACE ALONE  
IN JESUS CHRIST!*

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE  
MARCH 24, 2021



**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”**

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**Lenten Midweek Worship**

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021**

**Prelude & Words of Greeting**

**Gathering and Forgiveness**

Pastor: The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

**All: To sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

Pastor: To herald your love in the morning,

**All: And your truth at the close of the day.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

**All: Holy and gracious God, I confess I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask for forgiveness. Deliver me, restore me, renew my spirit as I return to the Lord with all my heart, as I live anew in the power of your grace alone in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: By God’s mercy we are united with Jesus Christ, and in the power of God’s grace alone, we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace, and rise each new morning to serve the Lord of life. Let us pray.

**All: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend our spirits. You have redeemed us in grace alone. Hear our prayer and listen to our cry which comes before you. Keep us as the apple of your eye, hide us in the shadow of your wings. In righteousness we will see you; when we awake, your presence will give us joy. We ask you, merciful God, be present and protect us through the hours of this night, so we might find rest and truth in you and your grace. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.**

**Song Anew in Grace & Glory “He Who Began a Good Work In You”**

*Mohr*

*(Sung by Worship Leaders)*

He who began a good work in you, He who began a good work in you,

Will be faithful to complete it, He’ll be faithful to complete it;

He who started the work, Will be faithful to complete it in you. *(repeat)*

## Psalm 23

(all read the bold print)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; **for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me.** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, **and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.** (NRSV)

## Gospel

John 12:20-33

(all read bold print)

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. **Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.** Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father; glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, **“I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”** The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. (NRSV)

## Song Anew in Glory & Grace

“Worthy, You Are Worthy”

*Moen*

*(Sung by Worship Leaders)*

Worthy, You are worthy, King of kings, Lord of lords, You are worthy;  
Worthy, You are worthy, King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship You.

Holy, You are holy, King of kings, Lord of lords, You are holy;  
Holy, You are holy, King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship You.

Jesus, You are Jesus, King of kings, Lord of lords, You are Jesus;  
Jesus, You are Jesus, King of kings, Lord of lords, I worship You.

## Sharing Prayer with sung response “The Spirit Intercedes For Us”

*Olson*

Pastor: As God's people, as we return to The Lord with all our heart, to trust anew in God's grace alone, let us pray for the needs of all God's people.

Pastor: ... as we pray to you, Jesus,

**Worship Leaders Sing:** The Spirit, intercedes for us,

With sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh, ...

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to boldly pray these words:

## The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

## Strengthened to Live Today, All Our Days, In the Grace of Christ

Pastor: Guard us in our sleeping tonight, O Lord, guide us in our waking, and awaken us that we might be your faithful and devoted disciples as we make you, our God, and our neighbors, first in our lives.

**All: Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people; a light to reveal you to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to The Father, and to The Son, and to The Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Friends, take hold of the power of God's grace alone. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you this night and all your days, for you are alive and anew in the grace of Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## Going Anew In Glory & Grace "There Is None Like You" (Sung by Worship Leaders)

*LeBlanc*

refrain: There is none like You,  
No one else can touch my heart like You do;  
I could search for all eternity long and find  
There is none like You. (*repeat*)

vs. 1 Your mercy flows like a river wide  
And healing comes from Your hands;  
Suffering children are safe in Your arms,  
There is none like You. (*refrain*)

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*Join us this Sunday, March 28, 9:30 a.m., as we share  
Palm Sunday, The Passion of Our Lord, "Passion In Grace Alone!"  
Worship to include a Children's Message and a Sermon from Pastor Jamie!  
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!  
Join us in-person or via our live stream efforts on our Facebook page, under "videos."*

*Our Holy Week schedule includes our  
Maundy Thursday Service, Thursday, April 1, on our Facebook page; (no in-person worship)  
Good Friday, Friday, April 2, 7 p.m., in-person worship or via our live stream efforts;  
Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 4, 9:30 a.m., in-person worship or via our live stream efforts.  
Bulletins for Holy Week services available via daily devotions and on our Facebook page.  
If helpful, you can access the bulletins and our Facebook page on our website  
(lordoflifemn.org).*

*As we share worship in this new way, we are seeking volunteers to assist  
with greeting, ushering, serving communion,  
live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!  
You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!*

*For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through  
communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.*

*We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you,  
reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed to  
receive this bulletin, the sermon notes, or our live stream links, please forward these to them.*

*In this time when we are committed to safety and social distancing, please trust we are equally  
committed to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!  
On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!*

*From everyone on every level of leadership and service,  
we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!  
Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: [jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org](mailto:jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org)*

*We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God's people and to be God's Church,  
as together we make known and we trust anew  
God's gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways  
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every gift of God's light, love, and grace!*