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9:00 am Adult study
10:00 am Worship

IN TOUCH

with the ministry and people of Living Word

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"5 Things about Palm Sunday"

- God's Word tells us the people cut palm branches and waved them in the air, laid them out on the ground before Jesus as He rode into the city. The palm branch represented goodness and victory and was symbolic of the final victory He would soon fulfill over death. *"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 1 Cor. 15:55*
- Jesus chose to ride in on a donkey, which directly fulfilled Old Testament prophecy of Zech. 9:9. In Biblical times, it was common for kings or important people to arrive by a procession riding on a donkey. The donkey symbolized peace, so those who chose to ride them showed that they came with peaceful intentions. Jesus even then reminded us that He is the Prince of Peace. *"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." Zech. 9:9*
- When the people shouted "Hosanna!" they were hailing Christ as King. That word actually means "save now," and though in their own minds they waited for an earthly king, God had a different way in mind of bringing true salvation to all who would trust in Him. *"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!" Ps. 118:26*
"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Rom. 10:9
- The Bible says that Jesus wept for Jerusalem. In the midst of the praise of the moment, He knew in His heart that it wouldn't be long that these same people would turn their backs on Him, betray Him, and crucify Him. His heart broke with the reality of how much they needed a Savior. *"As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it, and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes." Luke 19:41-42*
- Palm Sunday reminds us that the reign of Christ is far greater than any the mind of man could ever conceive or plan. Man looked for someone to fight their battles in the present day world. Yet God had the ultimate plan of sending His Son to fight the final battle over death. This is the greatness of why we celebrate this week. Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we can be set free of death. *"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies,'" John 11:25*
We have so much to be grateful for this week. The enemy knows that, and you can bet, he's going to do everything he can to try and distract us away from the true meaning of what this Holy Week means. Don't let him win.
In this Holy Week, may God direct our thoughts and attention towards what matters most, Jesus Christ our King...Let's choose to focus on worshipping our Lord, thanking Him for the gift of His sacrifice, celebrating the power of the Resurrection, and the new life found in Him alone. Grace. *"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" 2 Cor. 9:15*

This week At Living Word

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
10 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship PALM SUNDAY	11	12 10:00 am PUSH	13	14	15 GOOD FRIDAY 6:00 pm Tenebrae Service	16

April Celebrations

<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>April 5 Tami Folgers April 7 Donna Wasilkoff April 13 Shawn Regan April 20 Ashley Regan April 21 Jay Gabrielson April 25 Peter Wasilkoff April 27 Karen Grossart April 28 Lara Wasilkoff</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy Baptism Birthday!</i></p> <p>April 22 Catie Lyons April 28 David Holloway April 28 Nicholas Bonnar April 29 Tiffanie West</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Anniversary</i></p> <p>April 27 Cathy & Ed Baidis</p>
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Stewardship Snapshot

April 3rd

26 Worshipped, 23 Communed
2 Watched DVD's
15 Watched Online
43 Total

Financial Support

3,710.00 General Fund Deposit
450.00 For Items For Ukrainian Refugees
 4,160.00 Total Deposit

Living Word's budget calls for weekly offerings averaging \$3654 to fund our ministry. Regular, intentional and meaningful contributions from what the Lord provides you helps carry this out.

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DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK *Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not just because of what you told us, but because we have heard him ourselves. Now we know that he is indeed the Savior of the world." - John 4:42 (NLT)*

The Samaritan woman testified to her neighbors about Jesus, but also introduced them to Him. It is the encounter with Jesus himself that changes people, that brings them from darkness into light. The same is true for us. It is not enough that we had faithful parents, or know all about Jesus. We need to know Him personally ourselves. Only then are we able to introduce others to Him.

GOOD FRIDAY TENNEBRAE SERVICE is scheduled at 6:00 pm on April 15th. We will be worshipping in person and it will be livestreamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages.

Mission of the Month

EASTER BASKET TIME! March is over and Diana and Kyle delivered the Easter baskets to the Village of Orland Park on Monday afternoon. We have surpassed last year's numbers, of course. They delivered 28 baskets filled with all kinds of goodies. You never cease to amaze us as to all of your generosity, thank you to all that contributed one way or another. Check out the great picture the Village posted of them, thanking us for our amazing generosity and that we really are The Little Church that Cares! Along with their appreciation they let Kyle pick out 2 bouquets of flowers for Diana and I., and Kyle loved delivering them to me. What an amazing outreach project for our community!



UKRAINIAN REFUGEE DONATION DRIVE is our mission of the month for April and is already in full swing here at church, with the \$1,000 donation from last week, Bob Grossart went shopping and talked to a few stores in the area. When he went to the Walmart store in Orland Hills, they told him they couldn't give him a discount, but they did give him \$100 in gift cards. He was able to get quite a bit of stuff, the table is full, I think we will need more tables. Ways you can help, we will need more coffee and creamer for Saturday, and of course if anyone wants to bring in goodies or snacks, they would be very much appreciated. Also, if you can help out by greeting people as they come in to drop the items off, that would be great also. Thank you to everyone who had delivered flyers out to homes and businesses in the areas around church and where you live and work, helping spread the word about this terrific event is crucial. Please see the flyer on the following page for any items that you care to pickup, they need large quantities of each of the items, so no fear as to having too much of one thing or the other. We all need to keep the whole country of Ukraine in our prayers. Please let Bob know if you can help deliver all of the items that we collect to St. Peter and Paul Church in Palos. Help us help Ukraine in their greatest time of need. Thank you in advance for all of your generosity and showing the world that we are "The Little Church That Cares". As you can see by the picture on the next page, we are doing great!

Ukrainian Refugees need your help! Join us in collecting donations.

Items Needed

Please keep Ukraine in your prayers

- Backpacks 10 x 19 x 14 (approximately size)
- Bandage Strips, 1"x3"
- Big Cinch Abdominal Bandage
- Burn Aid - water gel burn dressing 4x16
- Burn Aid - water gel burn dressing 4x4
- Eye Wash, 4oz
- Medical Adhesive tape rolls (2 - 3" inches)
- Multi Trauma Dressings, 12"x30"
- Pain Relievers - Ibuprofen or Acetaminophen, or both
- Pair of Tweezers

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Stop by on Saturday, April 9th from 9 am-5pm with donations and enjoy some light refreshments.
or drop off donations Monday - Friday 9:30 am-1:00pm
Sunday's 9:30 am-11:30am

The Little Church that Cares

- Safety Pins
- Abdominal pad (sometimes "ab pad"), 5" x 9" (2x)
- Acetaminophen / Tylenol
- Adhesive bandages (Band-Aids) in several sizes
- Adhesive tape
- Antiseptic wipes
- Aspirin / Bayer
- Butterfly bandages, 0.5" x 2.75" (16x)
- Caffeine pills
- Gloves
- Pepto-Bismol pills
- Plastic cling wrap
- White petroleum jelly / Vaseline in small container
- Rolled gauze, standard 4.5" x 4 yards



“The Gates of the Righteous”

Our Psalm for today, Psalm 118:1, says: *“Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.”* How do we enter the gates of the righteous...?

1) I enter God’s gates through the right ROCK.

³⁶ The Lord will vindicate his people and relent concerning his servants when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free. ³⁷ He will say: “Now where are their gods, the rock they took refuge in, ³⁸ the gods who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up to help you! Let them give you shelter! ³⁹ “See now that I myself am he! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand. Deuteronomy 32:36-39

2) I enter God’s gates by the right RELATIONSHIPS.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Philippians 2:5-11

3) I enter God’s gates for the right REASONS.

²³ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. ²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.” John 12:23-27

Zoom Bible Study

SUNDAY MORNING Bible Study will be on Zoom. We will have a dedicated link every Sunday for the Zoom portion of the class. Going forward, I will email this link to everyone on Fridays, so it would be very easy for you to find the email with the link. Please see me or call the office if you would like to join, we can give you the information that you will need for Zoom. Not only will you gain some insight with these bible study classes, but you will have fun doing so at the same time. **Please see below for the Zoom info for the Bible study on April 10th.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83644076452?pwd=dz09>

Meeting ID: 836 44076452 Passcode: 893535

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Sharing Information

SHARE OUR POSTS!! Please share our posts with all of your Facebook groups, it’s a very small and easy thing to do and the results are so great. Diana has shared her posts on the Easter Basket mission just recently, and we already had 2 people drop off several items and a couple of filled Easter buckets. More importantly, the lady that dropped off the 2 Easter buckets, works at the Evergreen Assisted Living center and had expressed interest in our preschool, plus she seemed very excited in working with us in the future and to help us grow. Diana emailed her back thanking her for the donations and to let her know about the preschool primer that will be the first week of June. I have followed up with her this week to inform her about our Ukraine Collection Event. She responded back wanting to know what type of items that were needed, and that she plans to stop by on Friday and maybe she will be able to bring some refreshments for the people at the Bible study. This seems to be a very good growth opportunity for us, simply by sharing the posts of the events that we have planned.

"Living Word Preschool"

A NEED FOR OUR PRESCHOOL AGAIN Please try to help us pass the word about our preschool throughout our community. Now that we are past January and the winter semester, we need to fill our church with the little ones and teach them the love and knowledge of Jesus and prepare them for kindergarten and grade school. Let all your friends and family know that enrollment is open online. We already have one student enrolled and a family just visited us last month. Diana has created fliers and registration forms on our website and has sent them out to past VBS and Easter Egg Hunt families. I know most of us don't have any little ones at home, but if you happen to know of anyone who does, please let them know about our website and that they can come and check out the church and classrooms at anytime.

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Registration is open!

Offering both a 5 day program
with a 3 day option.

Click on our preschool tab to
register or for more information

Call us with any questions or to
schedule a tour at 708-403-9673

"Stewardship Updates"

ATTENDANCE TRACKING Going forward starting with this year, we are trying to keep count of all those who watch the service online. If you could please either sign in with Facebook or very briefly comment at the time that you are watching, and if any are watching with you, we would greatly appreciate it. Also, if you happen to watch it during the week at a more convenient time, please just email us back saying that you had watched, and how many others had watched with you. This way you can get the credit for participating in the service and we can grow our attendance totals in order to reach our endowment fund goals. Thank you for helping us with this effort, again we greatly appreciate any help you can give.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT During these very trying and difficult times, like all of us, the offerings for the church have also been suffering and are below the projected budget. Please help us and come to worship so that we can have better attendance totals and that we can reconnect with each other as we worship together. In doing so, we will be able to reach our goals in the attendance achievements for the endowment fund. Thank you as always for keeping us moving forward in these times.

EASTER EGG HUNT 2022 was last Sunday, and even though it was not as windy as last year, it was still soggy out there. There 40 kids total and they all got almost two dozen eggs each. Diana, you outdid yourself again. Everybody had a great time, and we even have a couple of parents showing interest in the preschool programs coming up. As you can see by the pictures below and on the next page, it was another huge success!



Easter Egg Hunt 2022



"Living Word Early Education Program Summer Primer"

SUMMER PRIMER is back and better than ever. Looking for a preschool, here's a chance to visit our Early Education Program see how much fun your child will have while learning about new and exciting things.



LIVING WORD EARLY EDUCATION SUMMER PROGRAM

Is your child registered for preschool yet?

We still have some spots available for our early education program this coming school year. If you are still looking for a program for your child come check out Living Word's Early Childhood Education Program. Children will see just how much fun they will have in preschool this fall. Space is limited so register at <https://livingwordorland.org/preschool> For questions email us at lwlcmedia@yahoo.com or call 708-403-9673

**When - Tuesday, May 31st - Thursday, June 2nd
From 9:00am-Noon**

**Where- Living Word Lutheran Church
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Cost- \$40 a day

