

FAITH
Over FEAR
(Jesus In Reach)

Luke 8:26-39

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Fri 9 am - 2 pm

SUNDAY SCHEDULE
9:15 am Adult study
10:00 am Worship

with the ministry and people of Living Word

June 19, 2022

"Name That Fear"

Gerasa, however, is hardly a favorite holiday destination -- in the first century or today. But in Luke's Gospel it provides analogies, contrasts and perspectives on Israel. A man lives in dire straits; naked, among the dead. He recognizes Jesus, but sees him as a threat. Then Jesus asks him his name.

The passage retells the story of Jesus' ministry. He arrives at the "far country" -- far from his heavenly home. As he begins his ministry ("steps out on land") he meets with conflict straightaway. Those who confront him are exiles from their true home. They find themselves unclean -- defiled by death as Israel is defiled by gentile rule. And daily they have an impossible choice; confront Rome, and find that their shackles are fastened more tightly or that they are "driven into the wilds"; or allow the Romans to possess them, and lose their identity. Jesus faces the question of identity head on: "What is your name?" The man has lost his identity; he says, "My name is Rome."

Drastic action is needed. Jesus delivers the people. The transformation is terrifying. Less fascinated by the sane and clothed state of the man, the people are horrified by the costs and consequences of the salvation Jesus brings. Fancy living without pigs! It's too scary. They ask Jesus to leave. The last scene of the story anticipates the last scene of the Gospel: just as later the disciples are "continually in the Temple, blessing God," so here the former demoniac proclaims throughout the city how much Jesus has done for him.

This is the kind of thing that happens when Jesus goes on holiday. The customs, adventures and challenges vary, but the holiday's real significance is in the way it recasts what is taking place at home. Before arriving, Jesus calms a storm, thereby allaying fears that the land of the gentiles is a land of deathly abomination. When he returns from Gerasa, he heals two women whose place in the unity of Israel (the number 12 is repeated) is blocked by the impurity of blood and death. On the other side of the lake a great drama is played out that mirrors, parodies and mimics the drama being played out in Israel. I have pointed out the similarities. But there is one key difference. On the far side of the lake, in Gerasa, many die so that one man can be saved. On this side of the lake, in Jerusalem, it is the other way round; one man is to die so that many can be saved.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
19 9:00 am Adult Study 10:00 am Worship—COMM Father's Day	20 6:00 pm Softball Game vs. Christ at Centennial Park—Field #5	21 10:00 am PUSH 7:00 pm Council Meeting	22	23 7:30 pm Softball Game vs. T.I.S.P. at John Humphrey Complex	24	25 10:00am—12 Noon Living Word Early Education Program Open House

June Celebrations

 <p> June 23 Joe Urbank June 24 Robert Hodo June 24 Bruno Kolb </p>	 <p> June 20 Anne Lyons June 20 Paige Hostert </p>	 <p> June 26 Anita & Gary Meier June 30 Deanna & Kurt Meier </p>
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Stewardship Snapshot

June 12th
22 Worshipped 2 DVD 16 Watched Online 40 Total Financial Support 3,49.00 General Fund Offering 40.00 In-Kind Cash Donation for Open House 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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"Sunday Zoom Bible Study Classes"

SUNDAY MORNING Bible Study will be on Zoom. We will have a dedicated link every Sunday for the Zoom portion of the class. 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 June 19th.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84810915355?pwd=Q1NJMkdzUnJoUTJzMkdsWXNaVWl0dz09>

Meeting ID: 848 1091 5355 Passcode: 573309

Join Zoom Meeting—One tap mobile

+13126266799,,84810915355#,,,573309# US (Chicago)

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"New Updates on Living Word Preschool"

A NEED FOR OUR PRESCHOOL AGAIN Please pass the word about our preschool throughout our community. Now that its summer, we need to fill our church with the little ones and teach them the love and knowledge of Jesus and prepare them for kindergarten. Our Open House is next Saturday, the 25th, the kids can see the classrooms and meet Mrs. Diana. We already have a few more interested and saying that they want to come back and we receive calls about once or twice a month inquiring about our program. Diana has created a new flyer and registration form on our website. We are offering 2 or 3 day program for preschool. 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 visit the church and classrooms.

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Registration is open!

Offering a 3 or 2-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

Living Word Early Childhood Education Program

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, June 25th

From 10 am to Noon

Come stop by and see our amazing early childhood education classroom.

Children can come see the classroom and play while Mrs. Diana answers any questions you may have. Registration forms will be available.

OPEN HOUSE for the preschool program is scheduled for Saturday, June 25th from 10 to Noon. Come see how much work Mrs. Diana has done over the past couple of weeks in the classrooms. The students are going to have a great year. Please help us pass the information along to anyone you know that have little ones at home. We really need to help her grow the Living Word Early Childhood Education Program. We will be working with local churches that don't have preschools to pass our information to their families. I will also be emailing the churches that do have a preschool that might have a waiting list for their program. It will be a great opportunity for the families to see our classroom again and the new Dramatic Arts Play Area that Diana has created for all of the students. It promises to be an exciting year.

Living Word News

TRANSITION TEAM met this past Thursday with Pastor Johnson from Christ Lutheran to discuss some different alternatives going forward. We will be having a voting congregational meeting sometime next month and will be given all of the options that they have been working on.

COUNCIL MEETING will be this Tuesday, the 21st. They will be working on the budget for the upcoming fiscal year, discussing the preschool and among other issues and concerns.

DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK *But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval."* - John 6:27 (NLT)
God's working doesn't depend on the power structures, or the powerful people, of this world. He's not looking for great men (and women). He's looking for believers, who will follow obediently with their eyes fixed on the eternal, not the perishable. So put your energy into seeking the eternal bread of life, and God's approval..

THANKS TO CATHY BAIDS for planting the beautiful flowers in the planters by the front door. We all were thinking the same thing, just waiting for the weather to cooperate a little with us. At first it was too cold, then too rainy and now too hot, but even as warm and hot as it was on Monday, she came and planted and watered them real good. **Also want to take time to thank the mow crew for all the mowing this year so far. All our mowers have helped us a lot with this task.**



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 created an ad on Facebook for our preschool, if at all possible, please start sharing the updated information for the three different week day options for preschool and for the two different weeks that she is offering for the preschool summer primer. The same day she had created the ad on Facebook, she had already received comments and questions about the preschool, this should be a great way to reach more people.

WORSHIP LINKS are emailed out every Sunday after service. If you are unable to come join us in person for service, we totally understand, but if you have the capability of watching the service online, please do so. You can watch the livestream from YouTube or our Facebook page, or just click on the link that is emailed to you. Not only will it keep you connected to your church family, but it will also help us grow our attendance totals, which is very important, if we grow our church's attendance, either in person or virtually by 10% we will meet the requirement for the endowment fund to receive approximately \$20,000 or better. We are all struggling in these difficult times, but if we all work together, we will all prosper. Please feel free to share the links or watch with family and friends, kindly let us know how many had watched. Thank you for all your help!

Something to Consider—Church!

A NEED FOR YOU AND A NEED FOR CHURCH As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient (who doesn't love not getting ready in the morning or leaving their home?!), it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much. You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshipping together from your sofa. Christians aren't consumers either. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together. The church needs you. And you need the church. Wherever you are, find a local church where you and your family can be part of community and use your talents to advance the kingdom and reach others. To come alongside one another physically, not just through a screen. While I'm grateful for technology to keep people connected that can't physically come to a facility or need to be away, it's absolutely not like being in the building. Never will be. Yes, church on the sofa is nice. But it'll never be the same as church in the sanctuary. We look forward to seeing everyone in church. There is nothing like fellowship time among some of your closest friends that share the same beliefs as you do!

"A Shield Around Me"

Psalm 3 says: "Lord, how many are my foes! But you, Lord, are a shield around me." In his explanation to the 6th petition of the Lord's Prayer, Martin Luther said we are attacked by "the devil, the world, and our sinful nature." Against these powerful foes, the Lord is a shield around me...!

1) The Lord shields me from my own SELF.

"I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name I said, 'Here am I, here am I.' ² All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations. Isaiah 65:1-2

2) The Lord shields me from the world's SLAVERY.

We were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. ⁴ But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Galatians 4:3-5

3) The Lord shields me from the devil's SPIRITS.

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the impure spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. ³⁰ Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him... ³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid... ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. Luke 8:26-30, 32-35, 38-39

VBS 2022—CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS Diana has theme for VBS picked out and has already ordered the basic supplies and when it gets closer, and warmer especially, she will have her list of items that she will need for snacks and craft time. Everyone had so much fun here last year. Thank you Diana for all of the hard work you put into this program for us and the children of our community. If you can help out a day or two during that week, please see Diana for more information. Now that its just over a month away, we already have almost 40 kids signed up for it already, and we have 7 student volunteers.



The History of Father's Day

The history of Mother's Day goes back to the 1860s, and Mother's Day was declared a national holiday in 1914. Then the celebration of moms paved the way for Father's Day. The history of Father's Day goes back to 1908, when a church in West Virginia held a sermon to honor 362 men who had been killed the previous year in a coal mining explosion. This was the country's first-ever event to strictly honor fathers, but it was just a one-and-done thing, at least in that community.

The following year, however, a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd started her quest to establish Father's Day as a national holiday. Dodd was one of six children raised by their single father, and she thought fathers should be honored in the same way as mothers.

After she'd petitioned her local community and government for a year, Dodd's home state of Washington celebrated its first official Father's Day on June 19, 1910. Over the years, the celebration of Father's Day spread from state to state, and after a long fight, it was finally declared a national holiday in 1972 when President Richard Nixon signed it into law. Now, we celebrate with funny Father's Day quotes, dad quotes, father-son quotes, and even stepdad quotes for the bonus dad in our lives.

It took more than 60 years from the birth of the idea to Father's Day actually being recognized as a federal holiday, and a lot happened to threaten the parent-celebrating holidays during that time. In the 1920s and 1930s, there was a national movement to get rid of both Mother's *and* Father's Day and replace them with one "Parent's Day." Beyond that, some men didn't even want a Father's Day to begin with. They saw it as a "Hallmark holiday," invented for the sole purpose of a commercial gimmick, and as many fathers were the sole breadwinners at the time, they didn't particularly want their hard-earned cash spent on flowers and chocolates.

The Great Depression and World War II, however, helped boost the idea of Father's Day. Struggling retailers pushed the gift-giving holiday during the Depression, and during the war, Father's Day became a way to honor the many fathers serving overseas. By the time President Nixon signed the proclamation making Father's Day a holiday, it was already a national institution.

So here are some funny Dad quotes that I am sure we all have heard before, lol, and more than just a few times

too. So I just wanted to say: **Happy Father's Day to all of our Great Dads!**

Dad's sayings

favorite

- 10) When I was your age...
- 9) A little bit of dirt never hurt anyone.
- 8) Go ask your mother.
- 7) Were you raised in barn?
- 6) You don't know what hardwork is.
- 5) It builds character.
- 4) Don't make me stop this car!
- 3) You're grounded till you're thirty.
- 2) Money doesn't grow on trees.
- 1) Because I said so.

**YOU MAKE A
DOOR BETTER
THAN A
WINDOW**

KEEP your
eye
on the
ball

Do you think Money **GROWS** on trees?
I WILL TURN THIS CAR AROUND

Dad Sayings:

When I was your age...

When You pay **THE** rent,
You can make **THE** rules **FUN** off the
lights!

Because
I'm the Dad!

I am so proud of you!

**IF HE JUMPS
OFF A CLIFF
ARE YOU GOING
TO JUMP TOO?**

**FATHER
KNOWS
BEST**

Mission of the Month

LUTHERAN CHURCH CHARITIES will be our mission of the month for June. They provide several different ministries all around the country, below are the many amazing features of this wonderful organization. Their mission is to share the mercy, compassion presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need. They were headquartered in Addison, IL and now currently in Northbrook. LCC was founded in 1947 as a nonprofit ministry to help support Christian human care ministries of the Church. They work throughout the United States and internationally. Every dollar given for a cause goes directly to that cause or need. Their ministries are listed below and on our website:

LCC K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry was launched in August of 2008, and it is a national human-care ministry embracing the unique, calming nature and skills of purebred Golden Retrievers. The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs are a bridge for compassionate ministry, opening doors for conversation about faith and creating opportunities to share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ. They serve everyday in the community in which they are placed in times of disaster and crisis to bring comfort to all those affected, including first responders and the volunteers who serve them.



LCC Kare 9 Military Ministry is a ministry by veterans for veterans. They strive to serve our military veterans and their families. The Kare-9 Military Ministry dogs and their trained veteran handlers visit many places including VFWs, VA hospitals, Traumatic Brain Injury Care Centers, homes of veterans that are home bound, Expos, Vet Clinics and various other activities to help spread the mercy and compassion.

LCC K-9 Police Ministry handlers are law enforcement officers (current and former) who understand the unique challenges facing the law enforcement community. They bring the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who protect and serve, as well as their families. Crisis Response serves the law enforcement and family members in their time of need, by providing comfort following injuries, deaths or major incidents. Ongoing Support is the K-9 visits (headquarters, substations and dispatch centers), provides assistance with department missions such as Christmas shopping with children, summer camps and public events, comforting crime victims prior to interviews, counseling or courtroom testimonies, and general support for department members and their families.



LCC Disaster Response Ministries coordinates deployment of trained volunteers for Disaster Response. When disasters strike; lives, homes, businesses, churches and more are affected. LCC L.E.R.T. volunteers respond quickly to serve people affected by a disaster. LCC teams are trained to work through local churches to serve their communities. LCC Disaster Response provides on-site and online Lutheran Early Response Team (L.E.R.T.) basic training. Additional training includes expertise in the area of chainsaw, heavy equipment, debris removal, flood recovery, and emotional and spiritual care.

LCC Human Care Ministries work with pastors and congregations to pass through donor financial assistance, in-kind donations, volunteer people resources, emotional or or spiritual support.

Hearts of Mercy and Compassion (HMC), Crosses for Losses provides a physical and spiritual symbol through the giving of hearts and crosses to families and friends who have suffered a loss or are experiencing the illness of a loved one. An HMC can also be given to celebrate a victory, honor service, as an expression of love, or to be an encouragement in the face of adversity. Given as a gift, each HMC provides the love and hope of Jesus through presence and prayer. Upon request, LCC, working through churches, can provide an HMC at no charge.



Other LCC ministries include international and domestic ministries, church worker support, WORD Bible Studies, Congregational Preparedness, and support for passion though needs and causes.

Your support in these very worthy causes is much appreciated, as we always say here, we might be small, but we sure are mighty. We are definitely "The Little Church that Cares"



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, August 2nd -Thursday, August 4th.
From 9:00am-Noon**

**Where- Living Word Lutheran Church
16301 Wolf Road Orland Park
Cost- \$40 a day**

