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Christ is Still King Now and Forevermore

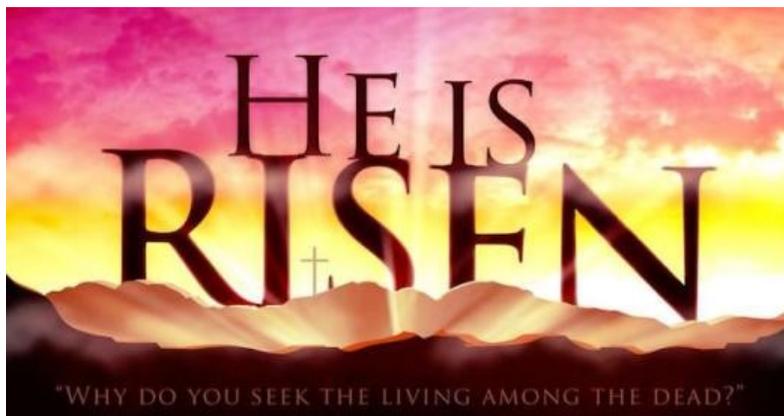
Ephesians 1: 17-21 NIV ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

God is ever present in these days we are sheltering at home and unable to gather in person. He reminds us, "I am still here among you. I never left you. Did I not tell you I am doing something new? *Now do you perceive it?*"

In this month of April and Easter let us remain steadfast in our faith. God is showing us His Church is not weakened in this time; it is only being made stronger. He is reminding us what He has asked of us (The Body) to do all along—care for one another and love our neighbors. He is using this time to show us His heart and what He willingly did by sending His Son to die in our place on the cross. He is showing us we do not need to fear death for Jesus has overcome the grave! *Amen!*

Let the memory of this season be a continual calling on our hearts to love others as God loves us. Christ is Risen-*Hallelujah!* He is still **King of all Kings** and we are still His Church! Let us rejoice and let us remain in hope! Let the eyes of our heart be enlightened this Easter to see the new thing God is doing through His Church!



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Thank YOU For Your Faithfulness

2 Chronicles 16:9 NKJV For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.

Life is very different right now, no doubt. How we function as The Church is very different right now. How we serve one another and our community is even different in many ways, *and yet in many ways, it remains the same.*

We still care for one another. We still contact one another. We still help one another. We still pray together as The Body.

We are still The Church and we must remember that and continue to be faithful in this season, just as we were when we could gather in person. What God is asking of us, hasn't changed. He calls us to seek Him daily, to renew our minds in His Word, to pray His will be done in our lives, our community and our world, to love one another and care for one another, to gather together and sharpen each other in our faith, and to give from what He has blessed us with in our talents and our finances-to the glory of His kingdom. None of this has changed. How we do these things may be different, but the purpose remains the same. God calls us to be faithful and loyal to Him and His Body at all times.

So we thank you so very much for serving one another, for checking in on people, for praying over people and praying together as the Body, for trying new technology to gather in study and fellowship, for tithing faithfully and for tuning into worship services online. *We thank YOU!*

Galatians 6:9 NLT *So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.*

Celebrating April Birthdays

Marlene Dreifke	April 5
Skyler Hawley	April 6
Dawn Keepes	April 6
Brycen Batz	April 12
Doug Muench	April 15
Carrie Abela	April 19
Kaitlyn Batz	April 20
Lexi Hawley	April 20
Joey Hawley	April 20
Nancy Keuffer	April 20
Michelle Wilson	April 24
Connie Hessler	April 27
Deb Wearne	April 30

Wedding Anniversaries

Deb and Steve Wearne	April 18
Peggy and John Moll	April 22
Stacy and John Holder	April 25



Church Growth Fund

As a board we have decided to have a separate line item on this year's budget called **Church Growth Fund**.

This is brand new and the purpose for this fund is to allocate funds/donations to be set aside for future projects and ministry needs that we can't readily afford right now. It is also to prepare our church to be ready as God continues to expand our ministry reach, there will be new things we will need to consider and be ready for.

We are excited to have this available to our members and whomever else God may stir to donate to the work He is doing through Living Gospel Church. It is exciting to look to the future and envision how God will use our church!

As we currently abide by- any purchase over \$1000 will be brought before the congregation for vote and approval. Even if it falls under \$1000 we as a board will commit to keep our membership informed just as we have.

If you would like to give to this fund, you can do so online and choose this option for giving or mark your donation in the memo line of your check to be allocated to this fund. We are just beginning to build these funds for projects down the road.

Please pray and see how God might be calling you to invest in the future of our church and this ministry. Pray for His wisdom to guide us as a church so we are ready for the growth He brings. Thank you!



Pushed Outside Our Comfort Zones

Romans 5: 3-5 NIV *And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. .*

Blessed is the one who allows God to stretch, shape and mold more and more into His image.

In these days we are pushed outside of our comfort zone in countless ways, our normal has faded into a distant memory, let us rejoice in the blessing we find ourselves in. It's in times like these that we are forced to try new things, to change our view, and to grow in ways that would otherwise remain dormant. We are refreshed in His Spirit and most of all in times like these, we are reminded how very dependent we are on Him. That is the greatest blessing of all, that we remember this truth. We need God every day, and as we call on His name He shows up in powerful ways beyond what we can ask or think! It is good to remember our life source is through Jesus, not our own greatness and independence.

There is no turning back from here. Let us press on and press into God all the more, even as these days pass. Let us not slip back into our comfortable routines. God shared He is bringing His Church out of its slumber to see with fresh eyes what He has seen all along-His people in need of comfort and encouragement, to be served and most of all to be loved.

While being pushed outside our comfort zones can be painful and is right now in different ways, God asks us to see this as a gift. He is giving us new eyes, new life and a renewed purpose as His Church. Let us receive it and continue to walk in it.

The harvest is ripe. Will you tend the fields to the glory of God?

Coming Events: **NOT MUCH!** *Haven't You Heard?*

A little humor since pretty much everything has been canceled for community events. But you know what isn't canceled?

Good Friday and Easter will never be canceled! Praise the Lord!

Friday, April 10th– Good Friday service (Facebook Live-Living Gospel Church) 3 pm.

Sunday, April 12th– Easter Celebration Service, (Facebook Live-Living Gospel Church) 10 am.

Monday, April 20th- Ladies prayer group. 9 am We'll meet online or via phone. Let me know who wants to be part of this time of prayer and we'll set up a way to gather.

There is Freedom in the Spirit! Join a Small Group and Hear From the Holy Spirit in New Ways.

We are posting weekly Study Questions on our website under each sermon. Make your family a small group and be encouraged together!

Wednesdays: 6:30 pm Adult Study and Fellowship on Google Hangouts. Search for Living Gospel Bible Study or let Pastor Karrie know and she will send an invite.

***May God Abundantly Bless You and Your Families as You
Make Time with Him and Study His Word!***



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*Spring at Last!
Let's Share a
Phone Call*

We can still visit to encourage each other and pray together. Let's call one another and for the brave ones, *let's visit online* so we see each other's face. **I am here for you-always.**

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