



## Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

*We are a faith family walking together to know Christ and to make him known by engaging in dynamic worship, pursuing spiritual wisdom, investing in deep relationships, and affecting social renewal.*

**AUGUST 5, 2018**

### GATHERING

#### GATHERING SONG

*Come O Spirit, Truth Divine*

*Lloyd Larson*

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Shelley Kral*

Pastor: Gather us near, Heavenly Father.

**People: That being close to you we will understand your intention for creation.**

Pastor: Gather us near, Savior Jesus.

**People: That living in you we will create communities of faith and peace.**

Pastor: Gather us near, Holy Spirit.

**People: That treasuring the past we will boldly shape the future.**

Pastor: Gather us near, Holy One in Three.

**All: That we may gain strength from you and be cool water for a thirsty world.**

#### \**Love Lifted Me*

I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore.  
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more.  
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,  
from the waters lifted me; now safe am I

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me.  
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help, love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give. Ever to Him I'll cling!  
In His blessed presence live; ever His praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs.  
Faithful loving service too, to Him belongs

Souls in danger look above! Jesus completely saves.  
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey.  
He, your Savior wants to be! Be saved today.

#### MORNING PRAYER

##### *Brokenness Aside*

Will Your grace run out if I let You down?  
'Cause all I know is how to run.

'Cause I am a sinner, if it's not one thing it's another; caught up in words, tangled in lies.  
But You are a Savior and You take brokenness aside and make it beautiful, beautiful.

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### Welcome!

This morning we will be celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. If you have not professed faith in Christ or if you are hearing the gospel for the first time, though you will not be partaking of the sacrament, it is our privilege to welcome you here. Perhaps what you experience will raise questions for you. After the service, we will be eager to talk with you further about the joy of our life in Christ and the significance of this celebration in our life together. If you have professed faith in Jesus Christ, we are honored to be worshipping with you this morning!

*Hearing devices are available in the Narthex.*

*Please sign the friendship pads located at the end of each pew.*

**Where is God on Sunday morning?** God is as close as the air we breathe. We don't need to ask him to come be with us in the sanctuary, or if we can come into His presence during a worship service any more than we need to invite Him into a situation causing us distress or to be with us as we enter our work place or school on Monday morning. Jesus said, "I am with you, even to the ends of the earth" (Matthew 28:20); this means God is already here – wherever our 'here' may be! So rather than praying for God to come to us, let us pray that God enables us to recognize and applaud him for where he already is – with us! Will you consider starting now?

Will You call me child when I tell You lies?  
'Cause all I know is how to cry.

You make it beautiful. You make it beautiful.

Oh, You make it beautiful, beautiful. Oh, You make it beautiful, beautiful.

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## PROCLAIMING

### SONG OF ILLUMINATION

*\*Show Us Christ*

Prepare our hearts, O God. Help us to receive.  
Break the hard and stony ground. Help our unbelief.  
Plant Your Word down deep in us. Cause it to bear fruit.  
Open up our ears to hear. Lead us in Your truth.

Show us Christ. Show us Christ. O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word. Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord!

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### SERMON LESSON

Psalm 128

Doug Ashley

### SERMON

“The Fruitful Way”

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Invitation

If you are a baptized Christian who actively trusts in Jesus Christ for salvation and are willing to forsake your sin, you are welcome to take Holy Communion this morning. If you are wrestling with the claims of Jesus and his place in your life, this time is still for you. Rather than coming forward to take the elements, please remain seated and contemplate taking Christ himself. The prayers that follow are supplied for your consideration.\*\*

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief.* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment.* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

#### Prayer of Confession

***Father, we confess our instinct is to want a future that includes few surprises and negligible suffering; to want tons of familiarity and droves of comfort. Yet this leads us to having very little need for faith and waiting. Forgive us for wanting you to be more of a Personal Assistant than our Abba Father. Forgive us and turn our whines into worship. We are grateful for your enduring patience as we learn to live as your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

Words of Institution

Distribution of Elements

Music for The Lord's Supper

*Christ Is With Us* by Nancy Price, Don Basig

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

Shelley Kral

***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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

\*Passing of the Peace

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus; just to take Him at His word,  
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Jesus, Jesus! How I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er.  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus; O, for grace to trust Him more.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend!  
And I know that you are with me; will be with me to the end.

**SENDING**

**THE LORD AT WORK THROUGH LONGVIEW EPC**

*\*Soon and Very Soon*

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the king!

No more cryin' there; we are going to see the King.  
No more cryin' there; we are going to see the King.  
No more cryin' there; we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the king!

No more worry there; we are going to see the King.  
No more worry there; we are going to see the King.  
No more worry there; we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the king!

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the king!

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Total Praise*

*\*Please stand as able*

**What does "sacrament" mean?** This morning we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper (also called Communion). We get the word "sacrament" from the Latin sacramentum, which means "mystery" or "secret." Unlike those who believe the sacraments (baptism and the Lord's Supper) are merely rites to perform as commanded by Jesus, the Bible teaches that there is something more spiritually mysterious and profound about these two acts. The mystery is that Christ is uniquely present in these observances in a way that is like no other. They are beautiful yet mysterious encounters with Jesus Himself. For instance, in the Lord's Supper, we don't merely remember Christ's sacrifice, we mysteriously "participate" in it (see 1 Cor. 10:16). And in baptism, we do not merely depict salvation, we are actually united to Christ and His death (see Rom 6:4). Sacraments are more than mere ordinances, for in them we experience Christ Himself. Our veiled understanding of the details of how this occurs is precisely why they are, and ever will be, a mystery.

### CHURCH FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT:

- Tonight at 5 p.m. in Trinity Hall
- Fun, Food, & Fellowship!
- Popcorn and sub sandwiches provided
- Bring a side or dessert to share if possible and lawn chairs or picnic blankets to be comfortable during the movie
- All ages invited - bring your kids and grandkids too!
- Sign-ups helpful but not required

### SUMMER...TIME CONTINUES THROUGH AUGUST 19!

One of the best parts of the summer is TIME. With school being out and vacations being taken, summer is the prime time for TIME. Time with friends, time with family, time to relax, time to play, time to simply *be*. In that spirit, this summer we are inviting our faith family and friends to take time to be together. Take the time after worship to gather in the foyer and enjoy coffee and snacks and visit with old friends and make new friends.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** We need your updated information in our church directory by the end of August. If you would like to submit a different photo or make changes to your information, please send any updated photos, e-mail addresses, phone numbers, etc. to [info@epclongview.org](mailto:info@epclongview.org).

**LCM STILL NEEDS CEREAL AND CANNED GOODS:** Boxes of cereal and canned vegetables other than corn or green beans (peas, carrots, mixed vegetables, etc.)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sunday, Aug. 5 - Celebration of the Lord's Supper during worship service
- Sunday, Aug. 5 @ 5 p.m. - Family Movie Night (indoors)
- Wednesday, Aug. 8 @ 7 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday, August 26 - Celebration Sunday

### NEW TO LONGVIEW EPC? Please check the foyer for an EPC mug and brochure for you!

*Prayer Ministry:* Confidential prayer requests may be made by emailing [prayerteam@epclongview.org](mailto:prayerteam@epclongview.org) or by using the cards located in the attendance registers. Current monthly prayer calendars are located in the foyer.

*Tithes and Offerings* are received through the wooden boxes found at each entrance to the sanctuary, or checks mailed to the office, and electronically via the website. The website also offers a credit/debit card option.

*Sermons and bulletins:* Available on the website

*Parents and kids:* Don't forget the special activity bags in the foyer just for you! Each week there will be something new and special in them to help you learn more about God and have fun.

### SAFETY TEAM VOLUNTEERS:

**Aug 5:** Buck Birdsong & Chad Johnson

**Aug 12:** Buck Birdsong & Bill Bankston

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

**Sunday, Aug 5** — Infants: Nancy & Carolyn Hale

Toddlers: Noe Nelson & volunteer needed

**Sunday, Aug 12** — Infants: Mary LeTourneau & volunteer needed; Toddlers: Suzi White & Noe Nelson

### USHERS & GREETERS:

**Morning openers:** Bob & Barbara Linthicum

**August Head Usher:** Rick Poland

**August 5:** Buck Birdsong, Rick Poland, Melanie & Dave Donaldson

**August 12:** Bill Bankston, Buck Birdsong, Dave & Melanie Donaldson

## Longview Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Worship 9:30 • Sunday School 10:45

### RULING ELDERS

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