


Living Word
Lutheran Church
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May 2020 Newsletter
"Communicating the Love of Jesus"
Worship Hours:
Christian Growth Hour: 9:00 a.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church

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Question for Pastor...

When can we get back to church?

Unfortunately, the answer to that question keeps changing. But as it stands right now, we should be able to hold worship inside our building on May 24.

You will initially see some changes due to the temporarily stricter health guidelines during COVID-19. Including...

Start Time: This change has nothing to do with the virus. Last fall our Mission and Ministry team voted to change our summer worship time to 9:00 a.m. from Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend. So worship will begin at 9:00 a.m. (For those who come and watch the worship video on your vehicles, our "parking lot" worship will also start at 9:00 a.m. on May 10th & 17th.)

Entrance/Exit: Ushers will open door for people coming and going to keep touchable surfaces to a minimum. (The doors will be propped open if weather permits.)

Seating: In keeping with "social distancing" guidelines we will utilize every-other pew, so we are able to keep 6 feet of distance between families

Bulletins/hymnals Again, to keep touchable surfaces to a minimum we will be projecting the order of worship, songs and announcements onto the front wall instead of using bulletins or hymnals. (To make this happen, we will need help from people familiar with PowerPoint.)

Greeting time: We will not have a 'handshake' greeting time.

Offering: Offering plates will not be passes. A stationary basket for offerings will be placed by the door.

Communion: Will be served using pre-packaged wafer/cup combinations. Common cup will not be offered.



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Fellowship: We will not have coffee/lunch fellowship after worship until social distancing guidelines are ease

There may be other changes in procedures, but those are the main ones.

I'm not thrilled with some of these changes either - so "don't shoot the messenger" :) - but if they help us to more quickly get past this COVID time we will all benefit.

One very positive result of our Stay at Home time has been the great response to having our worship able to be viewed online. With that in mind, we will be continuing to record the services for online viewing by people unable to attend. Please get in contact with me if you can help with this by operating a camcorder during worship.

Thanks for Asking,
Pastor David

Send your questions to pastor@livingwordlutheran.net

Communion Schedule

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated on ...

- Sunday, May 3rd
- Sunday, May 17th

As we did on Easter Sunday, at the end of worship (which we will watch 'together' in our vehicles in our parking lot) we will offer communion to everyone who wants. Again, Pastor and the Elders will distribute the Lord's Supper to you in your vehicle.

Church Mice

Karl Zorowski

**BEING A
PASTOR
DURING
COVID-19**



Email Inspiration...

Faith on an Island

A voyaging ship was wrecked during a storm at sea and only two of the men on it were able to swim to a small, desert like island. The two survivors, not knowing what else to do, agree that they had no other recourse but to pray to God. However, to find out whose prayer was more powerful, they agreed to divide the territory between them and stay on opposite sides of the island.

The first thing they prayed for was food. The next morning, the first man saw a fruit-bearing tree on his side of the land, and he was able to eat its fruit. The other man's parcel of land remained barren. After a week, the first man was lonely and he decided to pray for a wife. The next day, another ship was wrecked, and the only survivor was a woman who swam to his side of the land. On the other side of the island, there was nothing.

Soon the first man prayed for a house, clothes, more food. The next day, like magic, all of these were given to him. However, the second man still had nothing.

Finally, the first man prayed for a ship, so that he and his wife could leave the island. In the morning, he found a ship docked at his side of the island. The first man boarded the ship with his wife and decided to leave the second man on the island. He considered the other man unworthy to receive God's blessings, since none of his prayers had been answered. As the ship was about to leave, the first man heard a booming voice from heaven, "Why are you leaving your companion on the island?"

"My blessings are mine alone, since I was the one who prayed for them," the first man answered. "His prayers were all unanswered and so he does not deserve anything."

"You are mistaken!" the Voice rebuked him. "He had only one prayer, which I answered. If not for that, you would not have received any of my blessings."

"Tell me," the first man asked the voice, "What did he pray for that I should owe him anything?"

"He prayed that all your prayers be answered."

For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone, but those of another praying for us.

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Thot for a day: For those who have lost track, today is Blursday, the fortyteent day of Maprilay.

Page 7 Prayer...

Remember to use "The Prayer Force"

Please continue to call, text (320-220-1816) or email (pastor@livingwordlutheran.net) prayer requests to Pastor David for the Prayer Force prayer chain to include in their prayers. Thanks!

And an Invitation to Join our "Prayer Force"

Being a part of our prayer chain is a hugely important- and very simple- way you can serve God and His people! When a request to pray comes in, Pastor forwards it via text message (or email for those who don't have a cell phone). Then you simply include that request in your prayers. Text Pastor today and tell him "Yeah, I can do that!" Thanks!

Remember to use our "We Prayed for You" program...

We'd like to send out a card or two each week to people we prayed for during worship.

How you can help: Simply tell Nancy Jo Wendt when you feel that someone you asked us to pray for would be greatly encouraged by getting a card. Then just call, email or text her with that person's address. It truly is a simple way to brighten the spirits of someone who's going through a tough time.



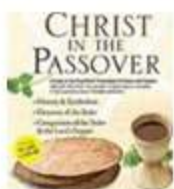
Please Remember to Pray At 11:09 Every day

(inspired by Luke 11:9: "So I say to you, Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you will find; Knock and the door will be opened to you.")

Remember to take a time-out and PRAY for...

- God to show you what He wants you to learn from Stay at Home time.
- The Holy Spirit's power to actually put those lessons into practice.
- Patience and perseverance
- Thanking God we've been able to keep worshiping together remotely.
- Asking God for His power to stop the coronavirus
- Asking God to provide for the needs of those who have lost income
- Asking God to replace fear with trust in Him
- Protection from the deceitful messages Satan sends your way
- God's protection, guidance, wisdom & courage for gov't leaders
- Continued wisdom for guidance and decisions (BIG and small)
- Opportunities to point a friend, relative, neighbor to Jesus
- Protection and boldness in witness for all persecuted Christians
- The ministry of the Jastrams in Japan

Mark Your Calendar...



"Christ in the Passover"
Has been re-scheduled for next year:
March 22, 2021

Re-scheduled...

For November

Women's Retreat 2020:

"Unfading Beauty"



The
NEXT National Youth Gathering
(2022 in Houston)

Miscellaneous Notes...

Sermons Now Available in Audio on our Website

<http://livingwordlutheran.net/sermons.htm>

(Or just click on "New Sermons Online" at the bottom of the livingwordlutheran.net home page)



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| 04-05-20 | "What to do when God says, "Yes, but first...." |
| Maundy Thurs | "What does it look like to 'Abide' in Jesus?" |
| Good Friday | "Good Friday meaning: The crown, the curtain & Quarantine" |
| 04-12-20 | "Absolutely Certain Truths for These Uncertain Times" |
| 04-19-20 | "Jesus comes to us like to the disciples: With a new assignment" |
| 04-26-20 | "You have regrets, but you have the key to locking them up!" |

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That for a day: The wife and I are both quarantined at home. If I die, I assure you it was not the virus that killed me.

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"Living Word" Sweatshirt Update

Our sweatshirt orders have been delayed due to the coronavirus. As soon as the shirts are available, we will notify everyone who placed an order.

Thanks for your understanding!



Available: Direct Deposit for Your Offerings

Living Word has the option of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account.

Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. And, when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis.

An authorization form and a "Frequently Asked Questions" flyer are available from the church office.

A Great Month To Use Our Make-A-Meal Program

One of the best (and simplest) ways to share Jesus' love is by making a meal for someone who is going through a tough time. Please use the Prayer and Care cards in the attendance pad at worship or call Pastor David if you know of someone who would appreciate a meal. Thanks! Our May Make-a-Meal volunteers are Bonnie Hansen and Wachters.



Email Humor...

WORSHIP PLANNING Coronavirus Pandemic Edition:

Rejected:

- ~ We Gather Together
- ~ Just a Closer Walk With Thee
- ~ Breathe on me, Breath of God
- ~ Precious Lord, Take My Hand
- ~ Close to Thee

Accepted:

- ~ Wash, O God, Our Sons & Daughters
- ~ Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
- ~ I Come To The Garden Alone
- ~ Trust And Obey

OUR PETS DURING QUARANTINE

DOGS:

- "Please don't walk me again. Watch Netflix. Read a book. But leave me alone!"
- This quarantine has me realizing why my dog gets so excited about something moving outside. I think I just barked at a squirrel.
- Quarantine has turned us into dogs. We roam the house all day looking for food. We are told "no" if we get too close to strangers. And we get really excited about car rides.
- Day 33 of quarantine and the dog is looking at me like, "See? This is why I chew the furniture."

CATS:

- "Get a human they said. Hardly ever home they said."
- "Why are the annoying servants staying in my home all day now??"
- "The human has been working from day the last few days. Every so often he lets me participate in his online meetings. All the other humans cheer when they see me. I am the only thing keep their company together."
- Stay home. Practice social distancing. Clean yourself often. OH NO! We're becoming cats!

LOCKDOWN HUMOR

- Ontario has banned groups larger than 5. If you're a family of 6, you're all about to find out who's the least favorite!
- My house got TP'd last night ... it's appraised value has now dou-

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That for a day: Anybody else feel like they have cooked dinner 395 times this month already?

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- bled!
- If you get an email with the subject "Knock Knock," don't open it. It's a Jehovah Witness working from home!
- After a few days of not going out, I saw someone I know walking by on the sidewalk outside. I immediately ran to the window and started yelling to them. Now I understand dogs.

Words of Wisdom...


...to deal with the burdens of life.

- Accept that some days you're the pigeon, And some days you're the statue.
- Always keep your words soft and sweet, Just in case you have to eat them.
- Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be "Recalled" by their maker.
- If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague.
- If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, It was probably worth it.
- It may be that your sole purpose in life is simply to be kind to others.
- Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, Because then you won't have a leg to stand on.
- Nobody cares if you can't dance well. Just get up and dance.
- When everything's coming your way, You're in the wrong lane.
- Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.
- You may be only one person in the world, But you may also be the world to one person.
- Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.
- We could learn a lot from crayons... Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.
- A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a de-tour.

Online Giving....

You can still easily set up a giving program for Living Word. You can give online on our website at <http://livingwordlutheran.net/donate>


Or put an app on your phone to set up your one-time or weekly giving. Directions are below...



Giving to your church is as easy as 1-2-3


Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to download for FREE.

1) Search




- Enter church name or tap Find Churches Near Me to start your search
- Select your church
- Your selected church will be displayed as your default church
- Tap Give Now

2) Select




- Choose a fund and a preset amount or enter another amount
- Select Add to add another fund or move forward to the payment information
- Scan or enter your card or bank account information


3) Submit




- Review your donation summary then select Complete Donation



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Create




- It only takes a few minutes to create an account with an email address and password
- You'll have the option to log in using the Touch ID fingerprint feature or a PIN

Manage




- Tap the menu icon to manage personal information, change password, review donations or update/add payment methods

Schedule




- Next time you donate, tap Select Frequency to create a recurring weekly, bi-weekly, monthly or annual donation to the fund of your choice
- Note: Your church determines frequency options

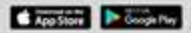
Review



- From the menu, go to Recurring Donations to view or delete any scheduled donation made through the GivePlus app
- Or, select Giving History to review your past GivePlus donations



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May 2020 - Daily Readings

Continuing to "Abide in Jesus"

The "40 Days" Passages: Note how God used each 40-day time of testing to prepare people for the new, big thing that lay ahead.

_ May 4	Genesis 6-7	(40 days of rain)
_ May 5	Genesis 8-9	(40 days after land is visible post-flood)
_ May 6	Exodus 24 -25:8 & 31:12-18	(Moses' 40 Days w/God)
_ May 7	Exodus 32	(The Golden Calf after Moses' 40 Days)
_ May 8	Exodus 33-34	(Moses' 2nd 40 Days w/God)
_ May 9	Numbers 13-14	(40 Days Exploring Promised Land)
_ May 11	1 Samuel 17	(40 Days of Goliath taunting Israel)
_ May 12	1 Kings 18-19	(Elijah travels 40 Days to be with God)
_ May 13	Jonah 3-4	(God gives Nineveh 40 Days to repent)
_ May 14	Matthew 3:4-17	(Jesus' 40 Days being tempted)
_ May 15	Acts 1	(Jesus' 40 Days before ascending)

How God Prepared Israel for a New Normal: The Promised Land

_ May 18	Deuteronomy 1-2
_ May 19	Deuteronomy 3-4
_ May 20	Deuteronomy 5-6
_ May 21	Deuteronomy 7-8
_ May 22	Deuteronomy 9-11
_ May 23	Deuteronomy 12-13
_ May 25	Deuteronomy 18-20
_ May 26	Deuteronomy 27-28:14
_ May 27	Deuteronomy 29-30
_ May 28	Deuteronomy 31-32
_ May 29	Joshua 1-2
_ May 30	Joshua 3-4 & 5:13-15

On Our Website...

If you haven't checked out our website recently, in addition to the current and past issues of our newsletter we have several interesting options...

- We have links to our video worship services on our video page at <http://www.livingwordlutheran.net/video.htm>.
- We also have the Lutheran Hour Ministries Daily Devotion for this Lenten season at <http://http://livingwordlutheran.net/lmh.htm>
- Don't forget to check out our blog for interesting tidbits, information, videos, and more. The link is on our front page or go to <http://livingwordlutheranlcms.blogspot.com/>



May Discipleship Verse...

*Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord and shun evil.
This will bring health to your body
and nourishment to your bones.*
Proverbs 3:7-8 (NIV)

Thot for a day: 2019: Stay away from negative people. 2020: Stay away from positive people.

Upcoming Fun Stuff...

Still tentatively scheduled...

GREEN LAKE CRUISE

- Sunday, June 28 @ 2:00 p.m.
- We will have the entire boat (as long as we get 25 people)
- Reserve your seat for \$20 By the end of May



HEMKER ZOO - Freeport, MN

- Saturday, July 25



STINGERS' GAME & PICNIC

- Sunday, August 9

- Picnic begins at 12:05 (Game @ 1:05)
- + Reserved-Seat Game Ticket
- + All-you-can-eat Ballpark Buffet



Cost: \$21.58 (Sign up at Church or call Marcia Welsh 320-796-6840)

Thank God For...

You've seen our sign board out by the road with the beginning of a sentence: "Thank God For..." Each week we'd like to change the ending of that sentence to encourage people who drive past to remember that God is the giver of all good things - especially things we take for granted. This past month we thanked God for:



- + We Can Call This Friday "Good" (On Good Friday)
- + Christ is Risen!
- + Christ is Still Risen!
- + He Doesn't Stay Home!

Let Pastor know how you'd complete that sentence during May.

Opportunities to Serve...

Pick Your Month for you (or your family) to be our Church Custodian:
You can choose any month from May - December.
Talk to Jamie Iverson to sign up or find out more details. Thanks



A person to be the Make-a-Meal coordinator - someone who notifies the meal makers when a meal is needed and who also arranges for the meal to be delivered. If you could be that person, please talk to Pastor David. Thanks!

One More Fellowship Server Needed:
We are looking for someone to team up with one of our current servers serve snacks for after-worship fellowship once every 2 months.

Two More Ushers Needed:
Talk to Pastor if you can help. (Father-Son/Daughter teams are great!) Thanks!

Read Scripture in Worship
Please talk to Pastor David if you can take a turn once every couple of months reading our New Testament and Old Testament Scriptures

NEW Opportunities to Serve...

...when we get back to church:

+ Can You Work with POWERPOINT?



Guidelines request that we don't use bulletins after we begin to worship together inside our building. That means we will need to utilize our projector to display the worship order, songs and announcements onto the front wall. **Please call, email or text Pastor if you could help by putting these into a PowerPoint slide show.**

+ Can You Operate a Camcorder?

After we get back to worshipping together inside our building we will continue to record our worship service, so it will be able to be viewed online. That means we will need camcorder operators during worship. **Please call, email or text Pastor if you could help at least one Sunday each month.**

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Thot for a day: Introverts, check in on your extrovert friends. They have no idea how this works.

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Many Thanks To...

Everyone who has been sending in offerings!

Just a reminder we now have several ways you can do that:

1. Mail a check to Living Word, P.O. Box 242, New London 56273
2. Bring a check with when you attend "Parking Lot Worship"
3. Give online at livingwordlutheran.net (see page 12)
4. Give via automatic direct deposit - (see page 9)



Seen on Church Signboards...

**Thank God . . .
He Doesn't Stay Home !**

(Ok, that was on OUR sign board)

Sign up to have this newsletter sent directly to you by e-mail. Send your email address to:
newsletter@livingwordlutheran.net

From MN North District...

Dear Friends in Christ,

Rahm Emanuel served as the Chief of Staff under President Obama. He is credited with the idea that you should "Never let a crisis go to waste." By that, he meant that there are real opportunities to effect changes during a time of crisis. Charles Doyle of the University of Georgia, co-author on the forthcoming Yale Book of Modern Proverbs, has found that this expression is now commonly applied to economic or diplomatic crises that can be exploited to advance political agendas, but he traced it back at least as far as 1976, when M. F. Weiner wrote an article in the journal Medical Economics entitled "Don't Waste a Crisis — Your Patient's or Your Own." Weiner meant by this that a medical crisis can be used to improve aspects of personality, mental health, or lifestyle. (August 13, 2009 blog written by Fred Shapiro).

Personally, I turn to Romans 8:28: "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose." That doesn't mean that all things are good, but God can work good in all things.

I do not take glee in the crisis we are in — but I know that God can, and does work all things for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

So what good can come out of a pandemic? In an April 2, 2020, opinion piece in the Jerusalem Post by Joel C. Rosenberg entitled; "Millions of Americans say coronavirus a 'wake-up call' from God" reports "a

stunning 44% of Americans polled said they see 'the global coronavirus pandemic and economic meltdown' as 'a wake-up call for us to turn back to faith in God,' as 'signs of coming judgment.'"

In the March survey, 22% of non-Christians polled said that the crisis is causing them to start reading the Bible and to listen to Christian sermons online even though they usually do not search online to learn more about Bible prophecy and God's plan for the future of mankind and have more spiritual conversations with family and friends.

40% of self-identified Christians report to be reading their Bible more than ever and watching or listening to Biblical teaching and Christian sermons online since they cannot go to church.

The survey was conducted by McLaughlin & Associates, a nationally-respected polling company, from March 23 through March 26. The

questions were asked of 1,000 likely American voters. The poll had a reported margin of error of +/- 3.1%, at a 95% confidence interval.

We live in a time of fear and unrest. Even though we may be sheltered in, I have witnessed more outreach taking place by our District Pastors and rostered Church Workers. I do not take glee in the crisis we are in — but I know that God can, and does work all things for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. Get the Word of God's Grace out into our communities that the people in our communities may know that we have a sure and certain hope in a loving God who redeems us to be His children. To God be the glory.

In His Service, Rev. Jeffrey A. Lee

Just For Fun...

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 250

Matt.9:22-34

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Jesus Heals

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ASKED	AWAY
ASLEEP	DAVID
BELIEVE	DONE
CALLING	EYES
CROWD	FAITH
DEMONS	FLUTE
DRIVEN	GIRL
ENTERED	HOUSE
INDOORS	ISRAEL
LAUGHED	JESUS
NOTHING	KNOWS
OUTSIDE	LORD
PLAYERS	MUTE
PRINCE	MERCY
REGION	NEWS
RESTORED	NOISY
RULERS	OVER
SPREAD	SEEN
STERNLY	SIGHT
TOUCHED	SPOKE
WARNED	

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

Opportunities to Help...

Donate to Living Word when you order from Amazon



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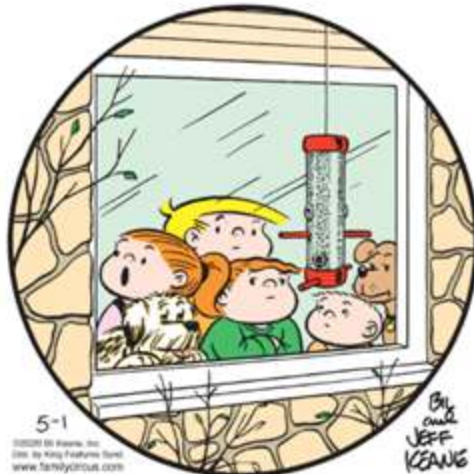
Our latest donation: Living Word Lutheran Church has been issued a \$40.36 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity from Oct 1 - Dec 31, 2019.

Remember the Teal's Rebate Program.



Teal's rebate in the amount of \$103.66 for 2019 was received and deposited into the building fund. Thank you to all who gave your receipts. Keep them coming!

Teal's Grocery gives a 1% rebate to eligible organizations. There's a box under the mail boxes where you can put in your receipts.



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By artist
JEFF KEANE

"How come the birds aren't eating at our feeder? Do they hafta stay home, too?"

New Music of the Month...

This month I would like to share a video of a virtual choir performing "The Blessing" with Kari Jobe and Cody Carnes. This is a great song and a great representation of being apart physically, but still all together in worship. Watch at <https://youtu.be/kH7uUzW1u4>

Email Wisdom...

Puzzle Solved

A man wanted to read a magazine, but was being pestered by his daughter. To keep her busy, he tore a sheet out of the magazine that had a picture of the world printed on it. He cut the picture into small pieces and said, "Here, now go into the other room and see if you can put this picture of the world back together again."

A few minutes go by and the daughter appears in the room and hands him the picture, all correctly fitted together. The father was surprised and asked her how she was able to fit all those little pieces of the world back together so quickly. "Oh!" she said, "On the other side of the paper was a picture of Jesus and once I got Jesus in the right place, then the world came out alright."

Story Behind The Song...



Forgiveness

"Forgiveness," a song by Matthew West, was inspired by the true story of Renee Napier, who lost her 20 year old daughter as a result of being hit by a drunk driver. The driver was sentenced to 22 years in prison, but it didn't take away the bitterness that Renee felt. It wasn't until Renee visited the driver, Eric, in prison and forgave him that she was able to experience true freedom from the anger she harnessed inside. Not only that, but Renee petitioned the judge to cut Eric's sentence in half. He now joins her speaking around the country on the dangers of drunk driving.

West said of Renee, "She lost her daughter because a drunk driver got behind the wheel of his car one night and crashed into her daughter's car," said West.

"That young man is the reason, she'll never see her daughter again. That young man was sentenced to 22 years in prison for the crime he committed. Renee wrote to me about how she was the one who felt like a prisoner because she had all this bitterness, hatred and anger in her heart towards that young man," said West.

"So she wrote to me about how she just began to surrender that and she's like, I can't go on like this. And God began to lead her to a point where she could forgive that young man. I asked her when I met her for

the first time. 'Renee, how did you manage to forgive him?' And she said, 'I didn't, I came to the end and I asked God to take me the rest of the way,' he explained.

It's the hardest thing to give away
And the last thing on your mind today
It always goes to those that don't deserve

It's the opposite of how you feel
When the pain they caused is just too real
It takes everything you have to say the word...

Forgiveness
Forgiveness

It flies in the face of all your pride
It moves away the mad inside
It's always anger's own worst enemy
Even when the jury and the judge
Say you gotta right to hold a grudge
It's the whisper in your ear saying 'set it free'

Forgiveness, Forgiveness
Forgiveness, Forgiveness

Show me how to love the unlovable
Show me how to reach the unreachable
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness, Forgiveness
Help me now to do the impossible
Forgiveness

It'll clear the bitterness away
It can even set a prisoner free
There is no end to what its power can do
So let it go and be amazed
By what you see through eyes of grace
The prisoner that it really frees is you

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Show me how to love the unlovable
Show me how to reach the unreachable
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Thot for a day: If you get an em ail that says "Find out what everyone is talking about in 2020" don't open it - it's a virus.

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I want to finally set it free
So show me how to see what Your mercy sees
Help me now to give what You gave to me
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Editor's note: We played the video about this song in our 4/26 worship service. Watch at <https://youtu.be/sZafzmrNSU>

- The original backstory video is at <https://youtu.be/wz3tkHv5sbg>
- The "rest of the story" video is at <https://youtu.be/18SzbjJgaE>
- And the official video for the song can be seen at <https://youtu.be/FMn0QNdiuGE>

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