



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
HS 1991 Now the Feast and Celebration

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Jan Sanborn

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

Have mercy on us. We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives us all our sin and grants us newness of life in Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

Refrain

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain
look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

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Greeting

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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

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Refrain

Assistant:

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

Congregation:

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

to Verses

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!

- 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. **Refrain**
- 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. **Refrain**
- 3 For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. **Refrain**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 (*spoken responsively*)

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.


[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Hymn of the Day: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

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1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'rings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.

The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

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Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**
...through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

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The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering: *As the Grains of Wheat*

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Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be
gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with-in our midst,
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when
D.C.
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer in Unison

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Let us pray.

Merciful God,

Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The musical score for the Great Thanksgiving is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a dialogue between a Presider and a Congregation. The Presider's parts are marked with a treble clef and a single sharp (F#), while the Congregation's parts are marked with a treble clef and two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise."

Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al-so with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts. *Congregation:* We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Congregation:* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface

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Holy

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The musical score for the Holy section is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a Congregation part. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!"

Congregation: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

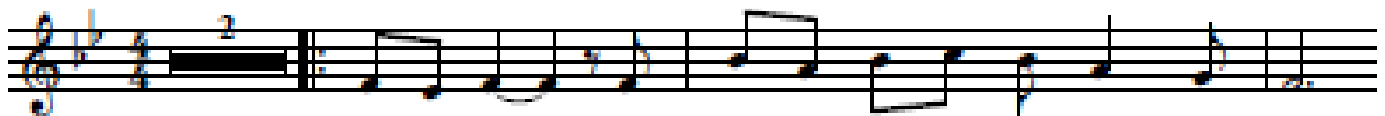
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

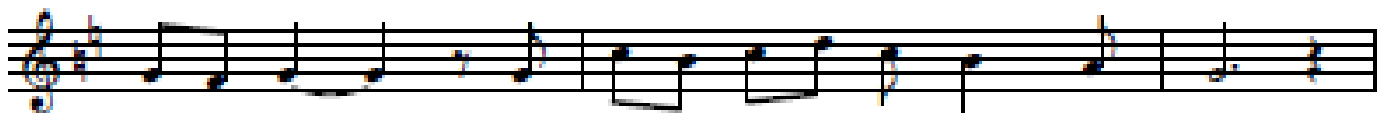
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1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace;
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion Music: *The Love of the Lord*

piano arr. by Jeanne Cotter

Post-Communion Blessing

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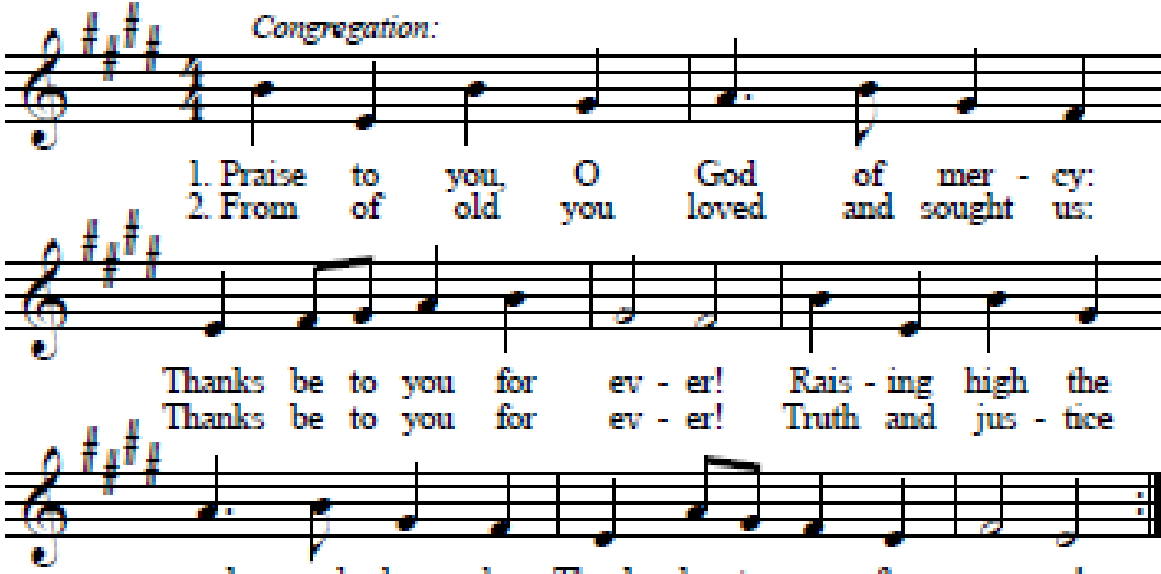
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle: *Thanks Be To You*

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Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Post-Communion Prayer

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Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

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May God bless and keep us.

May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

Amen.

- 1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
 soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
 soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
- 2 No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
- 3 No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
- 4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
 soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
 soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're goin' to see the King!
 Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

setting, John Carter

Announcements

Worship Online

Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/2PvSCQJ>
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371
Passcode: Luther

Phone in at:

(312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 563 582 7371
Passcode: 456037

Sweet Fellowship

Whether you attend the 8:00 or the 10:30 AM service, you are invited to enjoy some sweet fellowship between services. Come early or stay late, grab a cup of coffee and a sweet treat, spend some time visiting with friends, meeting some new friends, or attending an adult education class.

Altar Flowers today are provided by Sam & Sue Deaver, dedicated to all veterans.

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, November 12	8:00 AM	Worship in-person
	9:15 AM	Faith Formation: SS, Confirmation/Adults
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
	6:00 PM	Youth Outing at Dubuque Esports League
Tuesday, November 14	6:30 PM	Council Meeting

Youth Outing

7th – 12th graders, please join Pastor Karla TONIGHT from 6:00-8:30pm at Dubuque Esports League, 3220 Dodge St, Suite 109 (www.dbquesports.org). Cost is \$15 per person. We will have fun gaming and watching Pastor Karla be completely clueless 😊 (In all seriousness, she is looking forward to this new experience.... please come join us!)

Adopt a College Student

Let's let our college students know that we care! Choose a student to adopt and send them a package. Some things to include in the package are a note, snacks, small gift card, and any other small items they might enjoy. Look for student information cards in the Gathering Space. Each card has their name and address, a few things they like and enjoy. Please try to send the packages in November or early December.

Prayer List

John & Ellen Shook

Allan & Christine Simms

Rev. John and Mona Sorenson

David & Andy Spaniol and family

Alan & Kris Stache and family

Ken & Kara Steffen and family

William Thill, Sr.



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Worship Servants:

Sunday, November 12

	Tech	Assisting Min.	Reader	Ushers
8:00 AM		Diane Frambach	Diane Frambach	Kevin & Jenn Cartee
10:30 AM		Joan Cram	Barry Pickart	Tim & Heather Felderman

Sunday, November 19

8:00 AM	Sandy Arp	Gilbertsons
10:30 AM	Steve Geisert	Barry Pickart

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