



**Lord of Life**  
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
November 19, 2023  
10:30 am**

# Evangelical Lutheran Worship

## Setting Eight

### GATHERING

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

**Prelude: *For All You've Done***

**Gathering Song: *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory***

**ELW 890**



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;  
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;  
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.  
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!  
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.  
Our God is march - ing on.  
while God is march - ing on.

*Refrain*



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

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## Greeting

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

**ELW p. 184**

*The assembly joins in with the refrain when invited.*

let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord**  
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,**  
**Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

## Canticle of Praise

**ELW p. 185**

### Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. **Refrain**
- 3 For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. Amen. **Refrain (x2)**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

### **First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

*Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the Lord as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the Lord.*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; The LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." <sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. <sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

*Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in

darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

### **Gospel Song: *Word of God, Speak***

Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty  
to be still and know that You're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness  
Word of God speak (**repeat**)

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### **Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His

master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'<sup>22</sup> And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'<sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'<sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;<sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'<sup>26</sup> But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?'<sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.<sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.<sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.<sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Denise Anderson**

**Song of the Day: *For All You've Done***

My Saviour Redeemer  
Lifted me from the miry clay  
Almighty forever  
I will never be the same  
'Cause You came near  
From the everlasting  
To the world we live  
The Father's only Son

**Chorus:**

And You lived and You died  
And You rose again on high  
And You opened the way  
for the world to live again  
Hallelujah for all You've done

My Saviour Redeemer  
Lifted me from the miry clay  
Almighty forever  
I will never be the same  
'Cause You came near  
From the everlasting  
To the world we live  
The Father's only Son

### **Chorus(x2)**

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### **Apostles' Creed**

**ELW p. 206**

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**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **Offering Song: *Soon and Very Soon***

**ELW 439**

- 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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### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



## **Preparing for the Table**

...So if we come to this table angry,  
**Let this bread and wine be our peace.**

If we come to this table broken,  
**Let this bread and wine be our grace.**

If we come to this table betrayed,  
**Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.**

If we come to this table in despair,  
**Let this bread and wine be our life.**

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world  
and wine to quench thirsty hearts.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Words of Institution**

... We break bread and share the one cup.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray together 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, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Distribution Song: *Christ, Be Our Light vs. 1,3,5*

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for  
4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for  
5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the  
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone  
wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,  
hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants  
your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.  
bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.  
shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.  
to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.

*Refrain*  
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
church gath-ered to-day.

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Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**Announcements**

**Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Song: *All the People Said Amen***

You are not alone if you are lonely  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only  
We are all the same, in need of mercy,  
to be forgiven and be free  
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need

**Refrain**

And all the people said Amen, whoa  
And all the people said Amen  
Give thanks to the Lord,  
for His love never ends  
And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter  
weak or strong, you know love is what we're after  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together  
God knows we stumble and fall  
and He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all **Refrain**

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start  
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God **Refrain x2**

And all the people said Amen

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: *All the People Said Amen***

## Announcements

### Worship Online

#### Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 563 582 7371

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#### Phone in at:

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### 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 Val Kennedy in honor of Bri Ensign's birthday on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

### This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, November 19	8:00 AM	Worship in-person
	9:15 AM	Adult Faith Formation: guest speaker
	10:30 AM	NOW Worship in-person or online
Wednesday, November 22		OFFICE CLOSED
Thursday, November 23		OFFICE CLOSED

### Adopt a College Student

Thank you for supporting our college students...all have been sponsored and will be receiving care packages!

## **Church Decorating – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Next Sunday we'll be bringing out the decorations from closets between services in preparation for decorating the church after 2nd service. Your assistance for this task at either time will be necessary & greatly appreciated...Let's get our 'Festive' on!!

## **Christmas in the Barn**

Join us on Sunday, December 10, as we reinstate the Christmas in the Barn service at 4:00pm. There's a signup sheet in the Narthex so we have an idea of how many to expect. Our hosts: Ted & Angie Boyle and family 7393 Sundown Road, Peosta.

## **Prayer List**

Galen & Debbie Thomas

Bill Thurm

Troy & Maria Troftgruben & family

Logan & Lydia VanderBush & family

Todd & Tanya Vanderlinde & family

Van & Shirley Waggoner

Roman & Maureen Weinberg and family

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## **Worship Servants:**

### **Sunday, November 19**

	<b>Tech</b>	<b>Assisting Min.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>			Sandy Arp	Gilbertsons
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Brandon Johnson		Steve Geisert	Barry Pickart

### **Sunday, November 26**

<b>8:00 AM</b>			Kris Erickson Eipperle	Sandy Arp
<b>10:30 AM</b>			Barb Lindecker	Phil Granovsky

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