Lord of Life MOVING faith forward

Loved by God, Sent to Serve.

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting 4

GATHERING

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

Prelude: *Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King* **Thomas Miller**

Thanksgiving for Baptism **ELW p. 97**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen

Gathering Song: *All Are Welcome* — ELW 641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: Refrain

3 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **Refrain**

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: **Refrain**

5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **Refrain**

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Greeting — ELW p. 147

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. 147

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Canticle of Praise

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

…one God, now and forever.
Amen

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 40:29-31

29 He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
30 Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;
31 but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

Psalm 91

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty

2 you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."

3 For God will rescue you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly plague.

4 God's wings will cover you, and you will find refuge beneath them; God's faithfulness will be your shield and defense.

[5]You shall not fear any terror in the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
[6]**nor the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor the sickness that lays waste at noon.**

[7]A thousand may fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.

[8]**You will only have to look with your eyes, and you will see the reward of the wicked.**

[9]Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

[10]**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

[11]For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

[12]**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

[13]You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

[14]**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

[15]They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

[16]**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:13

[13]No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

Gospel Acclamation ELW 151

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[19]When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” [20]After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
[21]Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send

you." [22]When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. [23]If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." [24]But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. [25]So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." [26]A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." [27]Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." [28]Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" [29]Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." [30]Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. [31]But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon **The Rev.Marissa (Dienst) Becklin**

Hymn of the Day: *Thy Holy Wings* **ELW 613**

1 Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

2 Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

3 Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

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Nicene Creed

Together we profess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

…Hear us O God **Your mercy is great.**
…in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace ELW p. 152

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering: *Beautiful Savior* — Choir

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Offering Prayer

Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

Great Thanksgiving ELW p. 152

The Lord be with you.	**And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy — ELW p. 153

Thanksgiving at the Table — ELW p. 153

Lord's Prayer — ELW p. 154

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God — ELW 154

Communion Hymn: *Son of God, Eternal Savior* — ELW 655

1 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.

2 As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.

4 Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.

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Post-Communion Blessing

…Amen.

Prayer after Communion — ELW p. 155

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen**.

SENDING

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

Announcements

Farewell and Godspeed for Jon & Rita

Blessing — ELW p. 209

The God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.
Amen.
The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
The God of all grace ✢ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* — ELW 815

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain
In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
and show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

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Dismissal
Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Lead On O King Eternal* **Music by Henry T. Smart**

Announcements

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, April 27	10:30 AM Worship in-person or online, potluck lunch following worship.
Wednesday, April 30	6:30 PM NOW Band practice

Special Event
Thank you to our guest preacher today, the Rev. Marissa (Dienst) Becklin. She is the daughter of longtime members, Jon and Rita Dienst. We are so happy to have her share the gospel message with us today. Please join us after worship today for a potluck lunch to celebrate the years of service Rita and Jon Dienst have given to Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We wish you Godspeed and many blessings in your new home. You will be missed!

April is World Hunger Month If you choose to contribute to this it can be added to the regular offering envelope.

Faith Formation
The end of Year Party will be Sunday, May 4th at 9:15 am.

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