



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
May 31 & June 1, 2025**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
Setting 4

**GATHERING**

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

**Prelude**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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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: *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

ELW 855

- 1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,  
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;  
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,  
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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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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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.**

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: Acts 16: 16-34**

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling.

<sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

<sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

<sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW 151**

### **Gospel: John 17: 20-26**

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

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

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

**Hymn of the Day: *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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**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.**

## **Healing of the Nations**

### **Sharing of the Peace**

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

### **MEAL**

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

### **Offering: *Come to the Table***

**ELW p. 481**

Thank you for your gifts and offerings. Whether you give electronically, or by cash or check in an envelope, we greatly appreciate your continued support of God's ministries.

### **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**

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### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

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### **Lord's Prayer**

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*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**

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## **Communion Hymn: *One Bread, One Body***

**ELW 496**

### **Refrain**

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. **Refrain**

2 Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. **Refrain**

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all. **Refrain**

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## **Post-Communion Blessing**

**...Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

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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**

## Blessing

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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: *Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!***

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- 1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;  
from the gloomy halls of death Christ, the conqueror, has gone,  
bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.
- 2 Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh?  
Christ who died our brother here lives our brother still on high,  
lives forever to bestow blessings on his church below.
- 3 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life eternal waits for you;  
joined to Christ, your living head, where he is, you shall be too;  
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a victor you shall stand.
- 4 Jesus lives! Let all rejoice. Praise him, ransomed of the earth.  
Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav'nly birth.  
Praise the victor king, whose sway sin and death and hell obey.
- 5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.  
Let your chorus swell the strain which our feebler voices raise:  
Glory to our God above and on earth his peace and love!

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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## Announcements

### **This Week at Lord of Life**

Saturday, May 31      4:00PM Worship in-person or online

Sunday, June 1      10:30AM Worship in-person

### **Spring Cleanup**

A huge thank you to all who helped with the cleanup of the church building and church grounds. Your help is very much appreciated!

### **Summer Worship Schedule**

A reminder that our summer worship schedule has begun! Saturday services are at 4:00 pm and Sunday services are at 10:30 am. Wishing you a blessed summer!

### **Summer Office Hours**

Beginning the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kayleen will be in the office from 8:30 to 2:30 Tuesday – Thursday.

### **June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Weekend**

Let's all wear **red** to show our Holy Spirit!

### **Almost Home/Open Closet**

The Almost Home - Open Closet at St. John's Lutheran Church was recognized on May 17 with the Eagle's Eyes on the Future Citizens of the Year award, and on June 4 with the 2025 Governor's Volunteer Award, Please follow them on Almost Home & Open Closet Facebook page. We are so appreciative of volunteers and the great support for this community betterment service.



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### **Worship Online**

YouTube Channel: Lord of Life Lutheran Church; website: lordoflife.online  
or Facebook: Lord of Life Lutheran Dubuque

### **This Week's Worship Servants**

<b>Readers:</b>	4:00 Al Simms	10:30
<b>Ushers:</b>	4:00 Decker's	10:30
<b>Tech/PPT:</b>	4:00	10:30

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