Lord of Life MOVING faith forward

October 11, 2026 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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Hymns for Sunday, October 11, 2026
Opening Hymn: *All Are Welcome* – ELW #641
Hymn of the Day: *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet* – ELW # 523
Communion Hymn: *What Feast of Love* – ELW #487
Sending Hymn: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* – ELW *#547*

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

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 1, 6-9; Psalm 23; Second Reading Philippians 4: 1-9;
Gospel Reading: Matthew 22: 1-14

Taking the Word to Heart:
As a family, do you merely engage in the necessity of eating, or do allow yourselves the intimacy of regularly sharing a meal? Are you satisfied by the food you put into your body or are you craving something more…? Did the Great Covid Pause change your behavior? Discuss a time someone helped you out of a prison or dark place, or waited patiently on you while you were in crisis.

Recall a time you remained faithful to someone or a principle while others scoffed at you. What did you learn from the experience?

Do you believe that the banquet of God is being served today? Describe how you can help convince people that it is and extend a welcome to that banquet.

Mindfulness (set aside five minutes. breathe and read through three times. Which words or ideas hold energy for you? What images and feelings emerge in your imagination?) *"If we are to remain faithful to the gospel, we have to adjust its spiritual code to the new shape of the universe. It has ceased to be the formal garden from which we are temporarily banished by a whim of the Creator." The most fundamental task of our age is to forge a union between evolution and Christianity, if we are to go forward toward the fullness of God. It became increasingly evident to Teilhard (de Chardin) that if Christ is to remain at the center of our faith in an evolutionary universe, then this cosmic Christ must begin to offer himself for our adoration as the "evolutive" Christ—Christ the Evolver. The one who is in evolution is himself the cause and center of evolution and its goal. Ilia Delio, FSA, (2011-11-09). The Emergent Christ. Orbis Books. Kindle Edition (820-822).*

Mission Statement:
We are a church deeply and confidently rooted in the gospel of God's grace. Through worship, education, and fellowship, we are freed to give our lives joyfully in witness and service.

Poetry Corner

So He Said by
Dr. Victor Klimoski

Bless the animals, Francis said,
for they are divine, as holy
as the sun and moon,
rivers, fields, the oak copse
near the ravine. And the ravine
is holy, as sacred a space
as the narrow path to the cemetery,
the high cliffs of Lake Superior,
the dark waters of the Wolf River.
Blessed and sacred are all things,
not to rival divine privilege
but as the divine presence itself-
in a world so given to temporality
and Gordian knots of greed.
Blest are the dirt, puddles of rain,
the shore littered with stones.
Sacred power lights the eyes of the beetles,
frogs, cows in the pasture, wolves
who prowl moonlit landscapes.
Holy indeed are fungus, bacteria,
nematodes all making soil
so seeds can take root and,
in a burst of pious fervor
push through the darkness
fulfilling their priestly duty
to feed a hungry world.

October is World Hunger Month

If you choose to contribute to this it can be added to the regular offering envelope.

Worship News

18 October, Sunday
8:00AM – Worship in person
9:15AM – Faith Formation/Adult Bible Study
10:15AM – Worship in person or online

Worship Servants for Sunday, October 18:

	8:00AM	10:30am
Tech Minister	Kayleen Backhaus	Kevin Anderson
Reader	Sandy Arp	Barry Pickart
Usher	Susan Hansen	Phil Granovsky

Ministry Schedule:

13 October, Tuesday: 1:30PM – Lectionary Study
6:30PM Church Council meeting
14 October, Wednesday: 7:00AM – Meditation/ Morning Prayer
10:00AM- Hawkey Care Center service
5:45PM – Confirmation

Anointing and Healing Prayer in Worship

On Sunday, **October 18th** at the conclusion of the communion rite, those seeking healing for any reason (fear, upcoming medical procedure, new diagnosis, loss, major life changes, grief, etc.), will be invited to come forward to have hands laid on you, anointed and prayed over by members of our pastoral care team. During these five minutes, the congregation is invited to sing while praying for those who come forward. It is a powerful way to be united in faith without having to know all the details....
We hope you will join in this powerful ministry and energy of our loving God.

Upcoming Events

Drum For Healing: Come drum for healing with us at Lord of Life, **Monday, October 19th**, 2026 at 5:45PM in the atrium/entryway of the church lower level.

The Senior Lunch Group will be traveling to St. Donatus for lunch and fellowship at Kalmes Restaurant, 100 N. Main Street, on **Thursday, October 22nd.**

Care in our Community

Fall Highway Cleanup will take place at 8:30 A.M. on **Saturday, October 24th**. More information and volunteer sign up can be found on the bulletin board in the fellowship area. For further details, please contact Steve Heer at 563-451-8063.

Beginning in October, Pastor Rodney and members of the Stephen Ministry pastoral care team will be leading Services with Communion at the following Care Centers: Grand Meadow, first Wednesday of the month, 10:00 am; Hawkeye Care Center, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30 pm; Luther Manor, 4th Wednesday of the month, 10 am. You are welcome to join them and help spread the joy of God's love.

Crop Walk, 2026

Thank you to Sandy Heer, Debbie Thomas and Sandy Arp for your participation in this years Crop Walk held on Saturday, October 3rd.

All Saints Sunday, Sunday November 1st, 2026

November is the month our church chooses to consider "end of life" things and to remember those saints that have recently died. It is a chance for us to grieve together and to remember that they are still joined with us in the cloud of witnesses and communion of the saints.

To help celebrate this reality, we invite you to share the names of loved ones who have died this past year by contacting Kayleen at office@lordoflife.online. We will speak your loved one's name during our services on 11/1, and you are invited to come forward during the service you are attending to light a candle in their honor.

We Remember the following members in prayer this week: Jim & Molly Hall and family, Susan & Kurt Hansen, Steve & Sandy Heer, Alan & Laura Henningsen and family, John & Vonda Hermsen, and Brady & Gracie Hubbard
Also, remember Susan Lorenz in your prayers as she heals from back surgery.

Birthdays for the week of October 11th

Joan Decker – 10/12
Sue Keppler – 10/12
David King – 10/13
Jill Klinebriel 10/14
Jeff Mentzer – 10/17
Grayden Grimm 10/17

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