October 18, 2026 21st Sunday after Pentecost
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Order of Service:

Confession & Forgiveness	
Gathering Hymn: *You Servants of God*	ELW # 825
Kyrie/ Canticle of Praise	
Prayer of the Day	
First Reading: Isaiah 45: 1-7	
Psalm 96: 1-13 (Women/Children and Men read responsively)	
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10	
Gospel Reading: 22: 15-22	
Semon	The Rev. Rodney Bluml
Hymn of the Day: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*	ELW #841
Apostles Creed	
Prayers of Intercession	
Sharing of the Peace	
Offering: Create in Me a Clean Heart	ELW #188
Offering Prayer	
Great Thanksgiving	
Preface/ Holy, Holy, Holy	
Thanksgiving at the Table	
Lord's Prayer	
Communion/Communion Hymn – *One Bread, One Body*	ELW #496
Anointing & Healing Prayers	
Post Communion Blessing/ Communion Prayer	
Blessing/ Sending Hymn: *O God of Every Nation*	ELW #713

Taking the Word to Heart: {some invitations for you and/or your family to interact with this week's scriptures}

--Sit down with somebody today and discuss how God may have been present during a difficult time in your life. Invite the other person to help you see clearly.

--Does this match your experience: Most common turn off for relationships cited by people – *foul language and derogatory remarks.* What is it about the use of foul language that makes people react so negatively? Could it have something to do with our desire to feel safe and the lack of respect shown in foul language?

--Paul affirms the Thessalonians. When you interact with people today, or throughout the week, find something to say that is affirming to each person. Challenge yourself to move to less superficial observations like, "You're a good listener" or "I like when you share your ideas because they challenge me," or "I enjoy being with you because…." or "I got excited when...."

--Make a list of things you think rightfully belong to God and will one day need to be returned (ex. Life, praise, creation, beauty, your classic car…) How do you actually determine what belongs to the government and what belongs to God and what belongs to you? Revisit the teaching on stewardship.

--broaden your perspective. During the next political related news report or ad, take a deep breath; name a positive thing or two that our local, state, and federal governments have done to better society.

--Take out some currency, look at it and consider what you have spent your money on recently. How have you rendered to Caesar, self, and God?

"As I'm coming to realize more and more, God holds everything together in a mysterious quantum entanglement. With each breath we participate in the life-death-life pattern that always ends in resurrection. My hope is that each of us will choose to participate consciously, aware of this privilege and delight in being co-creators with God. Just pray that I can do whatever God wants me to do." – **Richard Rohr**, author/preacher

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.

October is World Hunger Month

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

Worship News

25 October, Reformation 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 25:

	8:00AM	10:30am
Tech Minister	Kayleen Backhaus	Sam Klinebriel
Reader	Steve Heer	Pat Friedman
Usher	Deavers	Hubbards

Ministry Schedule:

19 October,Monday: 5:45PM – Drumming for Healing
20 October, Tuesday: 1:30PM – Liturgical Study
21 October, Wednesday: 7:00AM – Meditation/ Morning Prayer
22 October, Thursday: 11:30AM – Sr. Luncheon – Kalmes Restaurant
24 October, Saturday: 8:30AM-Fall Highway Cleanup

Anointing and Healing Prayer in Worship

Today, 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.

The Dubuque Food Pantry

The Dubuque Food Pantry is in need of plastic bags and cloth bags for fruits and vegetables and other groceries that they send home with clients. There is a box located near the mailboxes for your donations. If you have any questions talk with Gloria Klinefelter.

Stephen Ministers:

There are always people among us seeking healing in mind, body, and/or spirit. As a faith community, we want to accompany each other in experiencing that healing. Lord of Life has a strong pastoral care team including five Stephen Ministers trained to accompany people in times of personal or spiritual need. Along with Pastor Rodney, Tara Grace, Nancy Davis, Kevin Curoe, Debbie Thomas, and Kayleen Backhaus are willing to meet with those seeking companionship, a listening ear, or someone with whom to pray. This can be a one time visit or an ongoing regular visit. A simple request is all it takes (319.389-6153) to make the arrangements.

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: Jenny Huseman, Steven & Megan Ingalsbe and family, Gerald Jecklin, Brandon Johnson, Morgan Kennedy, Val Kennedy and Rich & Sue Keppler

Birthdays for the week of October 18th

Amanda Mairet – 10/21
Dione Miller – 10/21
Rich Keppler – 10/23

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