



Lord of Life
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 23 & 24, 2022**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Eight

GATHERING

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

Prelude: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

arr. Marty Parks

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

- 1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

- 2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suffering won: **Refrain**

- 3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: **Refrain**

- 4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: **Refrain**

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

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

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.

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

In today's reading, Abraham undertakes the role of a mediator between God and sinful humanity. Appealing to God's justice, Abraham boldly asks for mercy for the city of Sodom for the sake of the few righteous people there, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

²⁰Then the LORD said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

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

Psalm 138 (read responsively)

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15

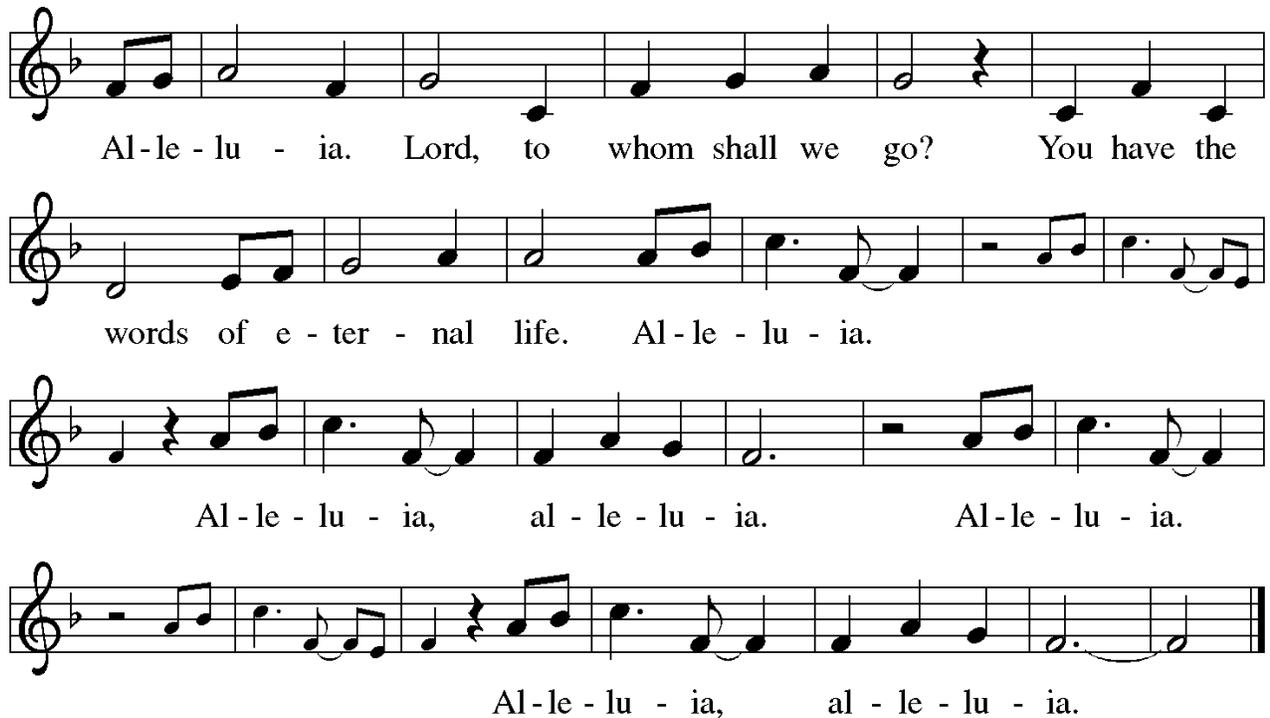
The writer of this letter warns the congregation in Colossae about “the empty lure” of philosophies and traditions that compromise faith. Through the gift of faith, the church is mystically connected with Christ in his death and resurrection which is enacted in baptism.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In teaching his disciples this prayer, Jesus also reminds them to focus on God's coming reign, God's mercy, and the strengthening of the community. Jesus encourages his disciples to childlike trust and persistence in prayer.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.'⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are

with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Mark Oehlert

Hymn of the Day: *Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright*

ELW 745

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| 1 Lord, teach us how to pray aright, with rev'ence and with fear. Though dust and ashes in your sight, we may, we must draw near. | 3 Give deep humility; the sense of godly sorrow give; a strong desire, with confidence, to hear your voice and live; |
| 2 We perish if we cease from prayer; oh, grant us pow'r to pray. And when to meet you we prepare, Lord, meet us on our way. | 4 Faith in the only sacrifice that can for sin atone; to cast our hopes, to fix our eyes on Christ, on Christ alone. |
| 5 Give these, and then your will be done; thus strengthened with all might, we, through your Spirit and your Son, shall pray, and pray aright. | |

Apostles' Creed

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

... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
... through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **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.

Offertory Music: “*Like a River Glorious*”

arr. Lisa Hoekstra

Offering: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 184

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray 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



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 Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* ELW 742

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
oh, what needless pain we bear--
all because we do not carry
ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness--
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

- 1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 2 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God, we belong to God.
- 3 Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind;
and when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “*With Shouts of Praise*”

by Jason W. Krug

Announcements

Worship Online

Zoom:

<https://bit.ly/2PvSCQJ>

Meeting ID: 563 582 7371

Passcode: Luther

Phone in at:

(312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 563 582 7371

Passcode: 456037

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are provided by Sandy Arp in celebration of her daughter Amy's birthday.

Hunger Month

July is Hunger Month, and our quarterly offering to ELCA World Hunger. Offering envelopes can be found in the narthex at church. Thank you for your continued support of this appeal.

**BIG NEED FOR DONATIONS OF SOUP FOR OUR LITTLE FOOD PANTRY!
(NO TOMATO NEEDED!) THANK YOU!**

This Week at Lord of Life

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| Saturday, July 23 | 4:00 PM | Worship in-person or online |
| Sunday, July 24 | 9:00 AM | Worship in-person or online |
| | 6:30 PM | Faith Formation meeting via Zoom |
| Thursday July 28 | 11:30 AM | Senior Lunch |
| | 6:30 PM | Stephen Ministry |
| Saturday, July 30 | 4:00 PM | Worship in-person or online |
| Sunday, July 31 | 9:00 AM | Worship in-person or online |

Apples for Students

St Mark Youth Enrichment Center has been giving bags of school supplies to school-age children for over 20 years. It may seem early to ask for donations for the fall-school year but our donations can be used to help buy school supplies in July. Every penny collected goes to buy items to fill the bags. The cost of each school bag is now over \$40.00. More than 3,500 young students from East Dubuque to Dubuque to Western Dubuque receive these bags. Help us to help these young people. Look for the Apples for Students display in the Narthex area to donate via donation envelopes found there. **Also, on August 10, 2022, from 10:00-2:00, we will meet at Five Flags to help assemble the bags.** Volunteers can sign-up at the display. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Arp 588-4012.

Open Closet

DONATION CHANGE: WE ARE NOW SEEKING DONATIONS OF FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING. OPEN CLOSET ALREADY HAS AN EXCESS OF SUMMER CLOTHING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Volunteers needed: Do you have a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning available once or twice a month to volunteer at the Open Closet? Please talk to Sandy Arp or Sandy Heer for more information.

Sabbatical

Pastor Paul remains on his sabbatical through August 14. If you require pastoral care or have an emergency, please contact Pastor Mark Oehlert or Pastor Troy Troftgruben or the church office. Pastor Paul returns to the office on Monday, August 15th.

Prayer List

Al Stuart
DeWayne & Kathy Teig
Galen & Debbie Thomas
Bill Thurm
Brianna Tieskotter
Troy & Maria Troftgruben and family
Van & Shirley Waggoner

Servants:

Saturday/Sunday July 23/24

| | Tech | Assisting | Reader | Ushers |
|----------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 4:00 PM | Jon/Rita | | Pat Friedman | Heers |
| 9:00 AM | | Tara Grace | Tara Grace | Dean Niklasen Barry Pickart |

Saturday/Sunday July 30/31

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| 4:00 PM | Jon/Rita | | | Granovskys |
| 9:00 AM | Nate Frambach | Diane Frambach | Nate Frambach | Tara Grace Jan Helwig- Schrobilgen |

Franciscan Common Venture Service Trip

There are still openings for a FCV team to The Wild Rose Center in Busby, MT. The dates are September 4 – 10, 2022, with arrival on Sunday the 4th and departure on Saturday the 10th. Located on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation and bordering the Crow Indian Reservation, this unique setting offers a safe and quiet place where women of all races, cultures and spiritual beliefs are welcomed. The types of service needed include, but are not limited to: painting, quilting, sewing, cleaning, preparing buildings for winter, and organizing. Open to men and women 20+ years of age. Fee of \$125 to help cover costs. Due date to apply is August 8, 2022. Download an application from our webpage (<https://bit.ly/3OqVg2Q>) or contact Sr. Shell at balekm@osfdbq.org for more information.

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