



**Lord of Life**  
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 6 & 7, 2022**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
Setting Eight

**GATHERING**

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

**Prelude: “Take Time to be Holy”**

**arr. Larry Shackley**

**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.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

## 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 God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

### **First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6**

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

### **Psalm 33:12-22** (read responsively)

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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## 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 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Luke.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Mark Oehlert**

**Hymn of the Day: *Blessed Assurance***

**ELW 638**

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**Refrain**

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain**

## **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: "Open My Eyes that I May See"**

**arr. Larry Shackley**

**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.*

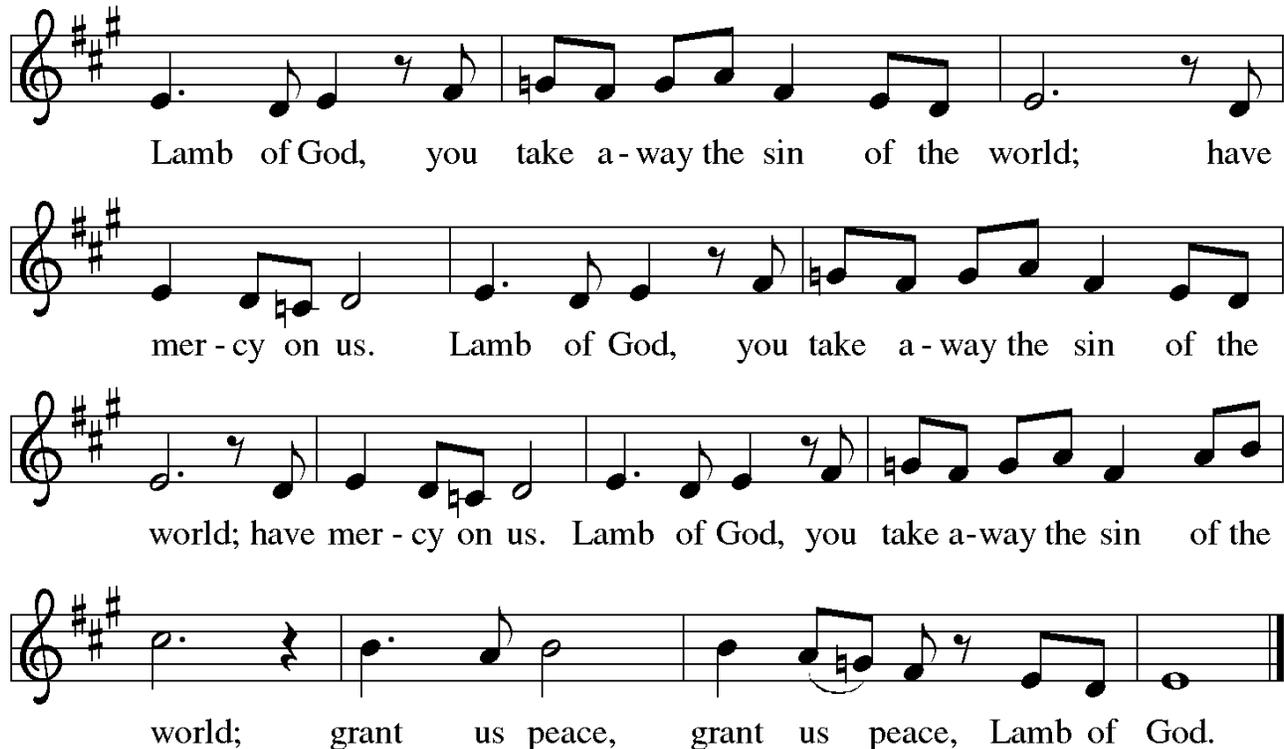
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

**Refrain**

Let us go now to the banquet,  
to the feast of the universe.  
The table's set and a place is waiting;  
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share. **(2x)**

- 1 I will rise in the early morning;  
the community's waiting for me.  
With a spring in my step I'm walking  
with my friends and my family. **Refrain**
  
- 2 God invites all the poor and hungry  
to the banquet of justice and good  
where the harvest will not be hoarded  
so that no one will lack for food. **Refrain**
  
- 3 May we build such a place among us  
where all people are equal in love.  
God has called us to work together  
and to share ev'rything we have. **Refrain**

**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.**

## **Sending Hymn: *How Great Thou Art***

**ELW 856**

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

### **Refrain**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
how great thou art! How great thou art!

- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**

- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
he bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**

- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" **Refrain**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: "St. Anne"**

**setting Timothy Shaw**

## 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 Jon & Rita Dienst in celebration of their daughter Jo's birthday and graduation.

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

Saturday, August 6	4:00 PM	Worship in-person or online
Sunday, August 7	9:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
Wednesday, August 10	10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Five Flags: fill the school bags
Thursday, August 11	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry
Saturday, August 13	4:00 PM	Worship in-person or online
Sunday, August 14	9:00 AM	Worship in-person or online

### **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.

### **Apples for Students**

Through the month of July, we collected donations for the Apples for Students project sponsored by St. Mark Youth Enrichment Center. Anyone wanting to help fill the school bags is invited to Five Flags on Wednesday, August 10, from 10:00-2:00. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Arp 563/588-4012 or Sandy Heer 563/556-0606. We will meet at Five Flags and proceed to fill many school bags.

## **Worship Servant Schedules**

Schedules for September & October have been created and are posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Please check your mailboxes as they have also been placed there along with a contact list for switching as necessary. Please remember to notify the office of any scheduling changes. Thank you!

## **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**

Robert & Erika Ziegelmaier and family  
Mike & Stephanie Ackerman and family  
Earl & Angie Alexander  
Pastor Paul & Lorice Amlin  
Kevin & Denise Anderson  
Sandy Arp  
Mike & Sue Asche

## **Servants:**

### **Saturday/Sunday August 6/7**

	<b>Tech</b>	<b>Assisting</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>				Tim Shade Val Kennedy
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Jon/Rita	Al Simms	Sandy Arp	Galen Thomas

### **Saturday/Sunday August 13/14**

**4:00 PM**

**9:00 AM**

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9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

