



Lord of Life
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 11, 2022**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Eight

GATHERING

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

Prelude: “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

setting, Carol Wahl

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

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: *Shout to the North*

Refrain

Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth

1 Men of faith, rise up and sing
of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak,
in your brokenness complete. **Refrain**

2 Rise up women of the truth,
stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing pow'r
of our awesome King of love. **Refrain**

3 Rise up church with broken wings,
fill this place with songs again
of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly. **Refrain (x2)**

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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.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

⁷The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' " ⁹The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

¹¹But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt

with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’ ” ¹⁴And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Song *Word of God Speak*

Word of God speak, would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know that You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness
Word of God speak **(repeat)**

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³So he told them this parable: ⁴“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Liz Bell

Song of the Day: *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name (x2)

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name (x2)

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Blessing of Confirmation Students

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

... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
... through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.

Offering: *Lord I Lift Your Name On High (sing 2x)*

ELW 857

Lord, I lift Your name on high
Lord, I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad you're in my life
I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord I lift Your name on high



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Offering Prayer in Unison

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Communion

Preparing for the Table

People of God, People of life. We gather as a holy communion, for a meal that has been shared countless times, in countless places, and in countless ways.

The first time this meal was shared, Jesus was gathered around a table with a ragged collection of people--outcasts, betrayers, the power-hungry, the fragile, lonely, lost.

The first time this meal was celebrated, Jesus promised that it was for all time, that whenever the bread was broken and the wine poured, wherever the story was told around a table, he would be there.

Today we remember the story as it's been told a thousand times over; we eat the bread, and we drink the wine, and we affirm that we all belong at this table and that Jesus is here.

So if we come to this table angry,
Let this bread and wine be our peace.

If we come to this table broken,
Let this bread and wine be our grace.

If we come to this table betrayed,
Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.

If we come to this table in despair,
Let this bread and wine be our life.

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world and wine to quench thirsty hearts.

Thanks be to God!

Words of Institution

When Jesus ate with his friends,
He took bread, and after blessing it,
He broke it and gave it to them saying:
**"Take, eat; this is my body given for you.
Each time you do this, remember me."**

Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks,
passed it to his friends, saying:
**"Drink. This cup poured out for you and for all people is the promise of God.
Whenever you drink it, remember me."**

We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break bread
and share the one cup.

Thanks be to God!

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 away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Distribution Song: *Come to the Table*

ELW 481

Come to the table of mercy,
prepared with the wine and the bread.
All who are hungry and thirsty,
come, and your souls will be fed.
Come at the Lord's invitation;
receive from his nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
drink of the blood of the Lamb. **(Repeat)**

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 Song: *All the People Said Amen*

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid, you're not the only
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
to be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need

Refrain

And all the people said Amen, whoa
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord,
for His love never ends
And all the people said Amen

If you're rich or poor, well it don't matter
weak or strong, you know love is what we're after
We're all broken, but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
and He so loved the world He sent His Son to save us all **Refrain**

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God **Refrain x2**

And all the people said Amen

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “*All the People Said Amen*”

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 Tara & Kevin Grace in celebration of their 44th Anniversary.

Thank You!

We are grateful for our partnership with the Northeastern Iowa Synod, ELCA and for our special guest preacher, Pastor Liz, for being with us as we celebrate Homecoming Sunday.

Prayer Concern

Please keep the Felderman family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Dave, husband to Doris, father to Tim, Dennis and Tina.

This Week at Lord of Life

Today	9:00 AM	Homecoming Worship in-person or online
	10:00 AM	Service Projects/Training
	12:00 PM	Lunch
Tuesday, September 13	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 14	6:00 PM	7 th /8 th Grade Confirmation

Sunday School Registration

Registration forms for prek-5th and Youth (6th and up) Sunday School are available in the gathering space. Completed forms can be returned to the office or the education mailbox. A youth teacher and substitute teachers are still needed. Please consider how you can help.

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.

CROP Walk

SATURDAY, yes, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022, is the 2022 Dubuque CROP Walk for hunger. **THE SATURDAY WALK IS NEW THIS YEAR. ALSO NEW THIS YEAR IS THE STARTING POINT. The walk will begin and end at ST. ELIAS ORTHODOX CHURCH, 419 No. Grandview Avenue, Dubuque, IA.** Registration: 9:30 a.m., walking until 12:30 p.m. Walkers can walk any portion of the walk - pets welcome. See sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area. CAN'T WALK? Consider donating. Funds collected are donated to Church World Services (CWS) and are distributed worldwide for disaster relief, education, poverty, etc. Also, 25% of the funds collected will remain in Dubuque County and will be distributed to Dubuque Rescue Mission, People in Need (PIN) and the Dubuque Food Pantry.

Card Shower Invitation...

Ramona Kartman has moved from her daughter's home to a memory care unit. We are inviting a card shower to welcome her to her new home. Her new address is:

Cypress Creek Assisted Living
C/O Ramona Kartman G79
970 Cypress Village BLVD
Sun City Center FL 33573

Prayer List

Lois Freiburger
Pat Friedman
Nancy Fuchs
Sally Fuller
Steve Geisert
Jim & Bernita Gilbertson
Jessie & Amanda Gillen and family

Servants:

Sunday September 11

9:00 AM	Tech Nate or Brandon	Assisting Susan Hansen	Reader Steve Heer	Ushers Phil G.
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Sunday September 18

8:00 AM		Al Simms	Sandy Heer	Gilbertsons
10:30 AM		Tara Grace	Tara Grace	Phil G.

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