



Lord of Life
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 15, 2023
10:30 am**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Eight

GATHERING

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

Prelude: *Goodness Love and Mercy*

Gathering Song: *Here I Am to Worship*

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me
King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus (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.

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: Now the Feast and Celebration

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo - ple of
God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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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: Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Children's Time

Sermon

The Rev. Karla Wildberger

Song of the Day: *Our God Saves*

In the name of the Father in the name of the Son
In the name of the Spirit Lord we come
We're gather'd together to lift up Your name
To call on our Savior to fall on Your grace

Hear the joyful sound of our offering
As Your saints bow down as Your people sing
We will rise with You lifted on Your wings
And the world will see that

Our God saves our God saves
There is hope in Your name
Mourning turns to songs of praise
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Apostles' Creed

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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, **receive 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 Song: *I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy vs. 1,2,3,1*

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1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
2 I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
3 I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;



I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
I've got the peace that pass - es un - der - stand - ing,
I've got the love of Je - sus, love of Je - sus,



down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

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Offering Prayer

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.

Preparing for the Table

...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

... 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 together 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

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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*

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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.

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Prayer after Communion

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Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: *Goodness, Love and Mercy*

Oh Lord, You're my Shepherd,
You make me lie in fields of green.
You lead me by the still waters;
You restore righteousness to me.
Though I walk through the valley, I will fear no evil thing
for You are with me, and You comfort me.

Surely goodness, love and mercy will follow wherever I go.
Surely goodness, love and mercy will follow wherever I go.
Surely goodness, love and mercy will follow wherever I go.

Oh Lord, You're my Shepherd,
You make me lie in fields of green.
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Instrumental: *Psalm 23 read*

I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (4x)

Surely goodness, love and mercy will follow wherever I go.
Surely goodness, love and mercy will follow wherever I go.
Surely goodness, love and mercy will follow wherever I go.

(2x)

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Goodness, Love and Mercy*

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

Sweet Fellowship

Whether you attend the 8:00 or the 10:30 AM service, you are invited to enjoy some sweet fellowship between services. Come early or stay late, grab a cup of coffee and a sweet treat, spend some time visiting with friends, meeting some new friends, or attending an adult education class.

Altar Flowers today are provided by Val, Bri (Ensign) & Morgan Kennedy in honor of Janet & Grayden Grimm's birthdays.

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, October 15	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15	Faith Formation: SS, Confirmation, Adults
	10:30 AM	Worship NOW in-person or online
Wednesday, October 18	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 20	7:00 PM	Asbury Halloween Parade starts at LOL

Youth Bonfire

Sunday October 22 from 5:30-7:00 pm at Mark & Nancy Oehlert's, 13038 Swiss Valley Road, Peosta.

Asbury Halloween Parade

Once again, LOL will be hosting the starting point of the parade on Friday October 20 at 7:00 pm. Please see the sign-up in the Narthex for the chance to bring treats. If you sign up to provide treats, please have them to the Fellowship hall by 6:15 pm. Thanks for your help!

Office Hours Change for October

The office will be closed on **Monday October 23** as Rita is returning from a weekend trip. Please make arrangements ahead of time if you need access to the church that day. Thank you!

Confirmation Sunday Brunch

On Sunday, October 29 (Reformation Sunday) there will be only one service in order for our congregation to support our confirmands on their Affirmation of Baptism. We will begin the celebration with a brunch at 9:00 am. Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex for an opportunity to assist with bringing food for this brunch.

All Saints Sunday

In preparation for the All Saints service on November 5, please notify the office of any names of people who've passed in the last year which you wish to be added to the list of saints.

Also, that day is **Cross Generational Sunday School** at 9:15am. Troy Troftgruben will offer some teaching about prayer practices in scripture and today. There will be opportunities to pray and fun activities related to prayer. We will also be gifting Prayer Pillows to our young people. Prayer pillows are a special pillow with a pocket to hold prayer cards. If you have a child that would like to receive a prayer pillow, please email Maria Troftgruben (maria_troftgruben@hotmail.com) by October 22nd. If you would like to help make a few prayer pillows, please be in touch with Maria as well.

Adopt a College Student

We will once again be adopting college students this November. The first step is to collect information about students pursuing secondary education. If you have a child you'd like to include in the program, please email Maria (maria_troftgruben@hotmail.com) the following information by November 5th:

Student's Name	School Address
Favorite snack	Favorite candy
Ideas for small gift cards	Field of study/what they are doing right now
Any other helpful information	Return date from school for winter break

Card Showers

The following people in our congregation would love to receive cards/letters to brighten their day. Please consider helping your fellow congregants in this way.

John Cocayne
Butler Suites Skilled Care #119
5300 Grand Meadows Drive
Asbury, IA 52003

Rich Klinefelter
2050 Winne Court
Dubuque IA 52002-3743

Inspired Living,
Ramona Kartman #136
1320 33rd St. SE
Sun City Center, FL 33573

Prayer List

Gloria & Richard Klinefelter

The Klinefelter children and their families: Becky, Christina, Eric, Travis and Josh

Roger & Kathleen Klosterman

Harold & Pat Knutson

Marilyn Koehler

Mark Koehler

Josh & Ashley Lamey and family

Thank you for your continued support of the ministries of Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Scan the code to reach our website for more information.



Worship Servants:

Sunday, October 15

	Tech	Assisting Min.	Reader	Ushers
8:00 AM		Diane Frambach	Steve Heer	Craig & Dione Miller
10:30 AM		Joan Cram	Debbie Thomas	Linda Bothwell

Sunday, October 22

8:00 AM			Susan Hansen	Don & Kayleen Backhaus
10:30 AM	Nate Frambach	Diane Frambach	Diane Frambach	Tara Grace

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