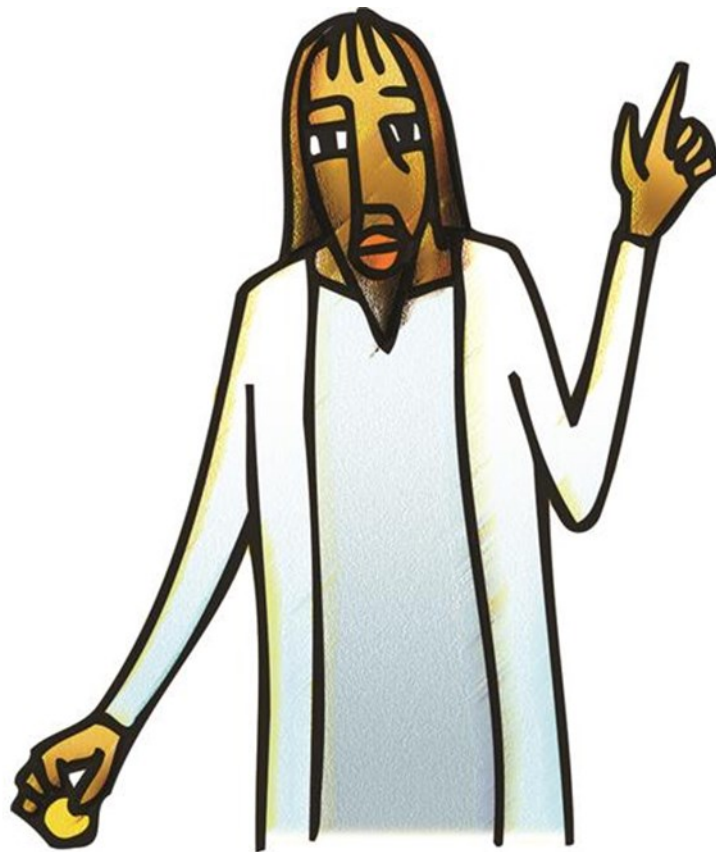




Lord of Life
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2023**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
HS 1991 Now the Feast and Celebration

GATHERING

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

Prelude: *I Need Thee Every Hour*

Terry Osman

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

Have mercy on us. We confess to you that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives us all our sin and grants us newness of life in Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world,
 de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923 Music: Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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Greeting

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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.

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:

God. A - men.

Refrain

Congregation:

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!

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

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. *to Refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

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

Verse 3

Congregation:

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

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

Psalm 96:1-9 (*spoken responsively*)

¹Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.

⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

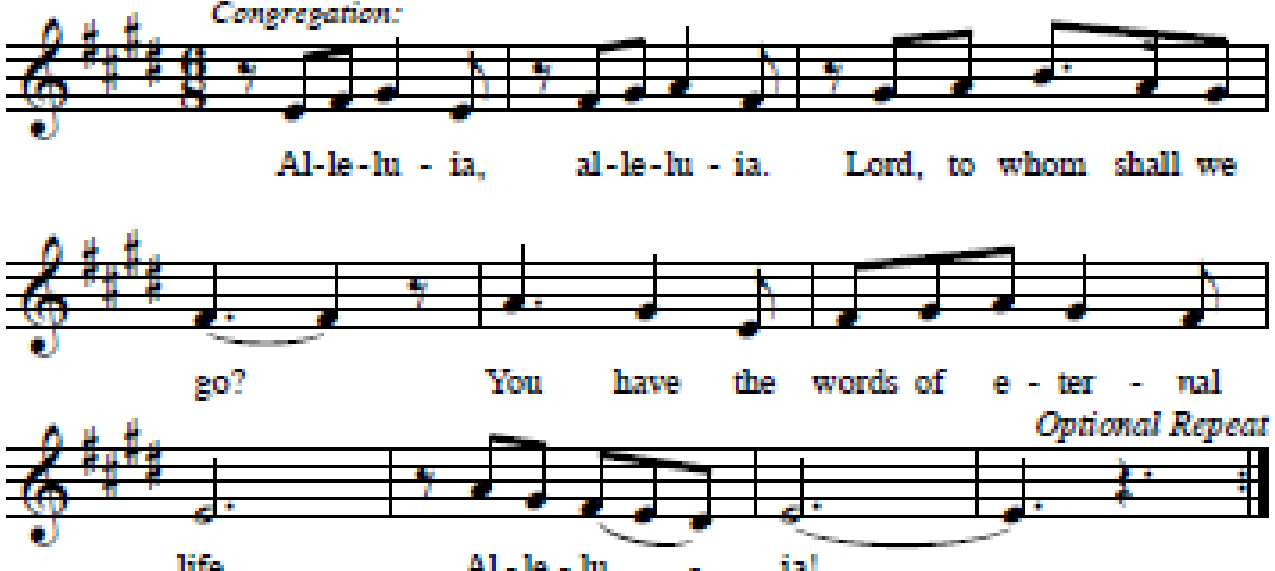
Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

Congregation:



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

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Children's Time

Hymn of the Day: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels;
 Son of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

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

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The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be
gath - ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with-in our midst,
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

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may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Let us pray.

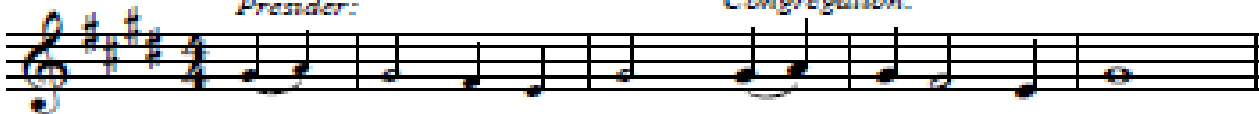
Merciful God,

Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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Presider: *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.


Preface

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Holy

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Congregation:




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; Heav-en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!



Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high-est!

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.

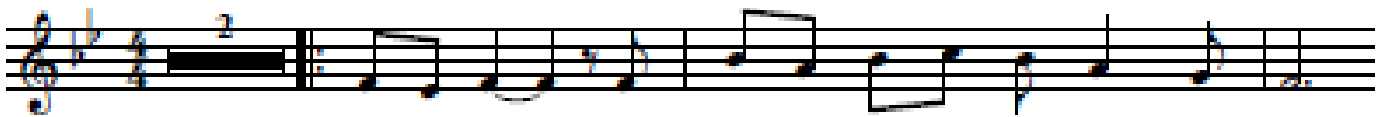
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

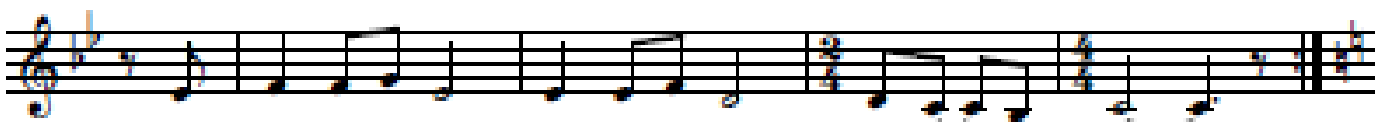
Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace;
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Post-Communion Blessing

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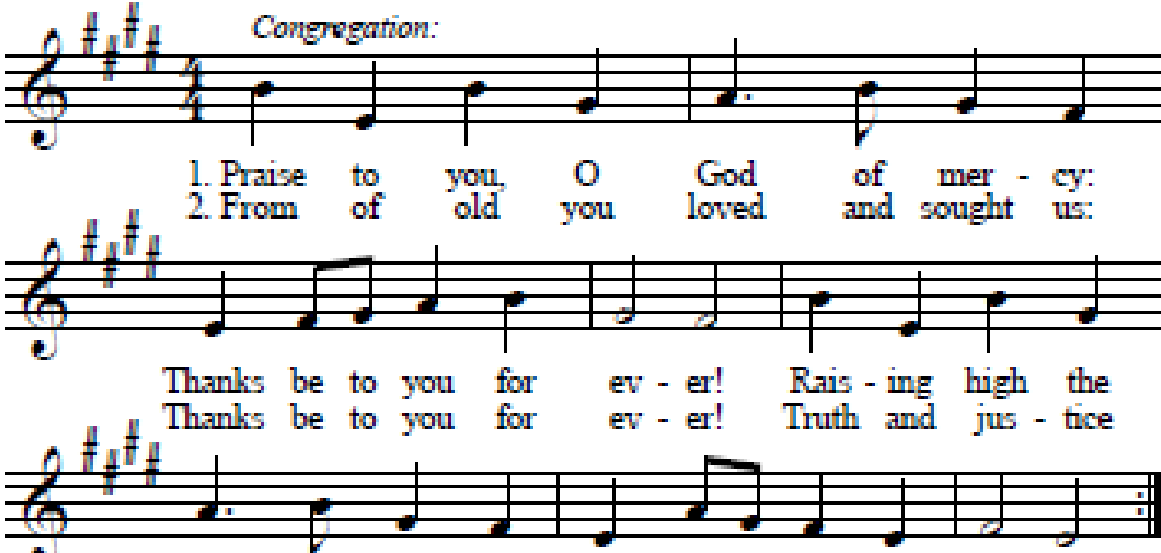
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle: *Thanks Be To You*

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Congregation:



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Congregation:'. Below the first two staves are two verses of lyrics. The third staff continues the melody with a double bar line at the end.

Post-Communion Prayer

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Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

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May God bless and keep us.

May God's face shine on us and be gracious.

May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

Amen.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824-1908, alt. Music: Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807-1876 Public Domain

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

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 Kurt & Susan Hansen in memory of Susan's mother on her birthday.

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, October 22	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Faith Formation: SS, Confirmation, Adults
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
Monday, October 23	OFFICE CLOSED	
Wednesday, October 25	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Call Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 26	11:30 AM	Senior Lunch: Kalmes Restaurant
	4:30 PM	Westemeier/Hanson Wedding Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry
Friday, September 27	2:00 PM	Westemeier/Hanson Wedding

Youth and Family Bonfire

All families with 7th-12th graders!

Please join us **TONIGHT** from 5:30-7:00 at Nancy and Mark Oehlert's home, 13038 Swiss Valley Road, Peosta for an evening of family fun. We'll have burgers and hot dogs along with baked beans, potato salad, chips, pop and of course smores! RSVP's appreciated, along with any special dietary requirements. Looking forward to seeing you there! Nancy's cell # 815.625.1415 call or text

Confirmation Sunday Brunch

Next 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. Please **Wear Red!** 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.

Rich Klinefelter
2050 Winne Court
Dubuque IA 52002-3743

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

Thanksgiving Potluck??

There has been conversation among people who have no extended family close to home, who will be single or just a couple for Thanksgiving. So we're wondering if there are others in the same situation who might be interested in getting together for a "Friendsgiving" Potluck at church. Perhaps a 1:00 potluck meal (anything goes: not just turkey...) and maybe some games afterwards? Please contact Rita in the office ASAP so we can make a plan of sorts if you're interested in celebrating together!

Prayer List

Eleanor Lang
Barb Lindecker
Amanda & Sean Mairet and family
Rex & Julie Massey and family
Jeff Mentzer
Jerry & Mona Merrick
Craig & Dione Miller

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



Worship Servants:

Sunday, October 22

	Tech	Assisting Min.	Reader	Ushers
8:00 AM			Susan Hansen	Don & Kayleen Backhaus
10:30 AM	Nate Frambach Barry Pickart	Diane Frambach	Diane Frambach	Tara Grace

Sunday, October 29

10:30 AM		Allan Simms	Nancy Davis	Jerry Merrick
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