



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**19th Sunday after Pentecost
October 8, 2023**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
HS 1991 Now the Feast and Celebration

GATHERING

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

Prelude: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

arr. by John W. Schaum

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

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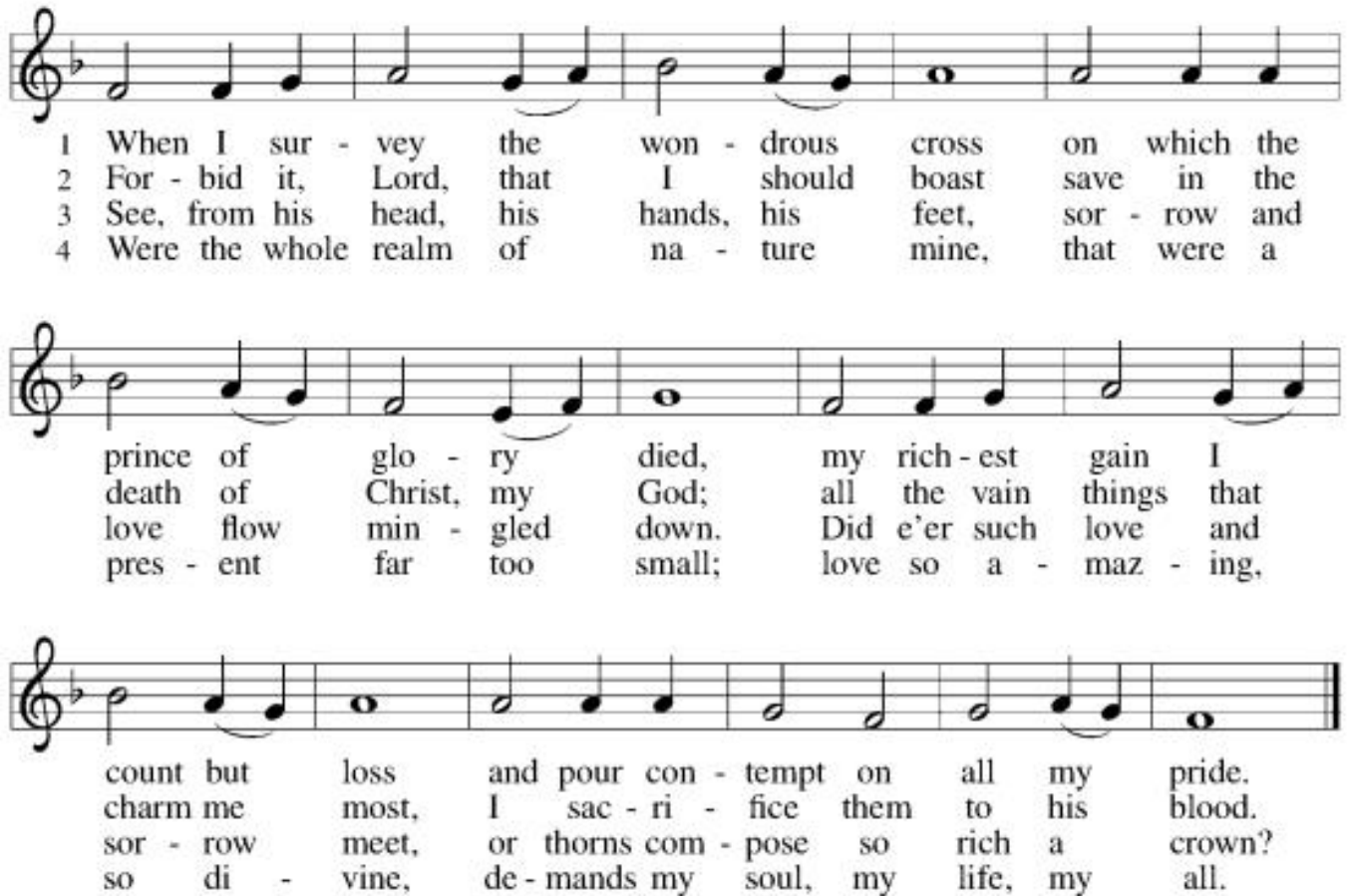
In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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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,

to Verses

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.

Now the Feast

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.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

Psalm 80:7-15 *(spoken responsively)*

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸**You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

¹⁰**The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

¹²**Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

¹⁴**Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

¹⁵behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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 21:33-46

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces;

and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Children's Time

Sermon

The Rev. Karla Wildberger

Hymn of the Day: *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* vs. 1-3

ELW 729

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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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

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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
D.C.
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:



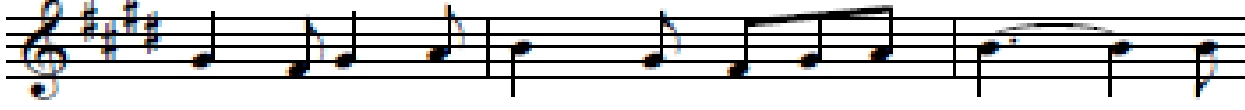
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



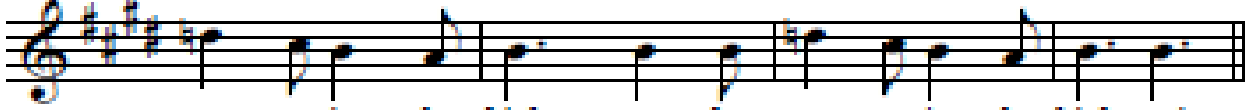
might; Heav-en and earth are filled with your



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

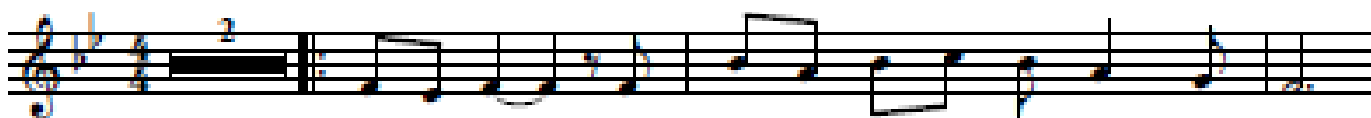
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

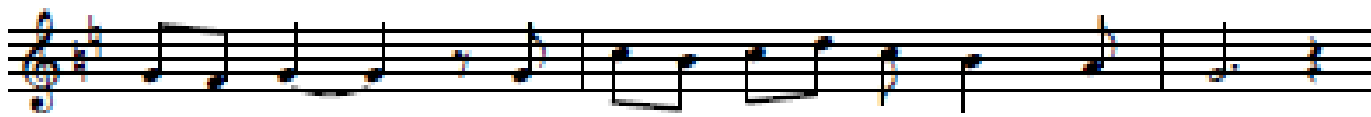
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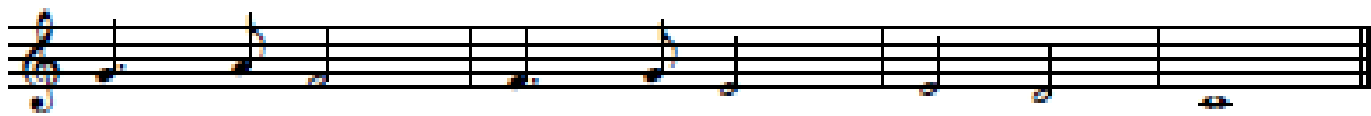
1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace;
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



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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Communion Distribution Music: *One Bread, One Body*

John Foley

Post-Communion Blessing

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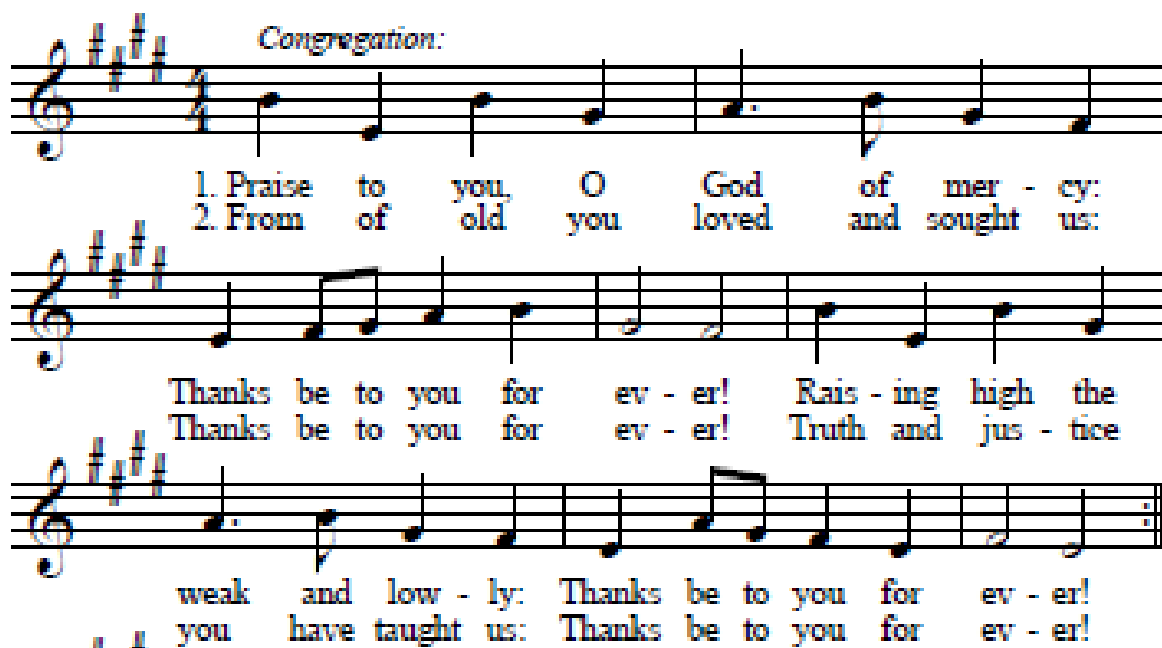
May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

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!

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.

Sending Song: *God Loved the World* vs. 1,3,4

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1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son, for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt. Music: Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt. Public Domain.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Scherzo in D Minor*

Cornelius Gurlitt

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 Tim & Heather Felderman in honor of Breanna's baptism.

This Week at Lord of Life

Sunday, October 8	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Faith Formation: SS, Confirmation, Adults
	10:30 AM	Worship in-person or online
Tuesday, October 10	6:30 PM	Council meeting
Wednesday, October 11	6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Call Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 12	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry
Saturday, October 14	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast

Office Hours Changes for October

There will be two Mondays in October that the office will be closed. Rita will be returning from trips on **October 9 & 23** (corrected dates 😊) so the office will be closed on those days. Please make arrangements ahead of time if you need access to the church on those days. Thank you!

Roadside Cleanup

Saturday, October 14 at 9:00 am. Help beautify our one-mile stretch of the NW Arterial. This should only take a couple of hours. Many hands make light work! Sign-up in the Gathering Space.

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. Thanks for your help!

Youth Bonfire

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

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.

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

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. We will be learning about prayer and connecting this with the gifting of 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.

Prayer List

Ramona Kartman

Morgan Kennedy

Valerie Kennedy

Rich & Sue Keppler

David King

Pete & Stephanie Klein and family

Joe & Jill Klinebriel & family

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 8

	Tech	Assisting Min.	Reader	Ushers
8:00 AM			Larry Croghan	Sam & Sue Deaver
10:30 AM			Sandy Arp	Phil Granovsky

Sunday, October 15

8:00 AM		Steve Heer	Craig & Dione Miller
10:30 AM		Debbie Thomas	Tim & Heather Felderman

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE IN NEED (PIN)

The purpose of PIN is to give emergency monetary assistance for needs including (but not limited to) rent to avoid eviction and water, natural gas or electricity to avoid shutoff. Money is never given directly to clients but is paid by PIN to the vendor/provider of services. PIN serves individuals and families in the greater Dubuque area experiencing emergency needs within their households. Those in need may call their parish, or congregation or another social service agency to be referred to PIN for assistance.

PIN is a certified tax-exempt agency, and receives gifts from individuals, parishes and congregations. It also receives financial support from DACU at its Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service each year. PIN is operated by a non-paid volunteer Board. All gifts received are given to those in need.

The Board meets monthly at Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Chair of PIN is Tom Stovall. He can be reached at 563-581-7220.

Donations may be sent to: People In Need (PIN), 2155 University Avenue, Dubuque, IA 52001. Thanks for your generosity.

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