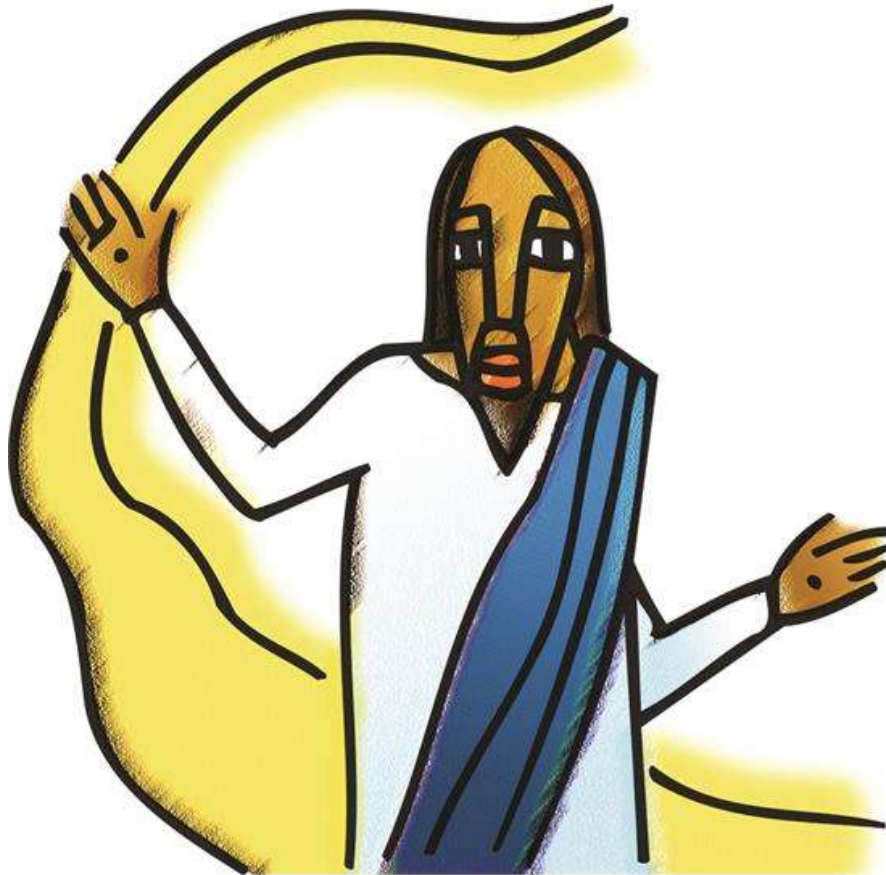




**Lord of Life**  
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 7, 2023**  
**8:00 am**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
Setting Ten

**GATHERING**

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

**Prelude: *How Firm a Foundation***

**arr. Michael Larkin**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

**ELW p. 97**

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: *Thine the Amen*

ELW 826

- 1 Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise  
thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread  
thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup  
thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.
- 3 Thine the truly thine the yes thine the table we the guest  
thine the mercy all from thee thine the glory yet to be  
thine the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war  
thine the living thine the loving evermore evermore.
- 5 Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light  
thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally  
then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee  
thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.

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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

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Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.  
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.  
Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

## Canticle of Praise

ELW p. 204

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:  
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **WORD**

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

### **First Reading: Acts 7:55-60**

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

## **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16** (*read responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

## **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

*Christ is the cornerstone of God’s saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God’s chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” <sup>8</sup>and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**Gospel: John 14:1-14**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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

## Hymn of the Day: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

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- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and ev'ry age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and 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

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**  
...through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **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:** *Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

arr. Cindy Berry

**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.



Scan code to give now.

### **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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**

**ELW p. 207**

## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**ELW p. 207**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
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 and Healing Prayers**

### **Lamb of God**

**ELW p. 208**

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Communion Distribution Songs:

### *Now We Join in Celebration*

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- 1 Now we join in celebration at our Savior's invitation,  
dressed no more in spirit somber, clothed instead in joy and wonder;  
for the Lord of all existence, putting off divine transcendence,  
stoops again in love to meet us, with his very life to feed us.
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!  
For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing  
of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry,  
pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.
- 3 Lord, we share in this communion as one fam'ly of God's children,  
reconciled through you, our brother, one in you with God our Father.  
Give us grace to live for others, serving all, both friends and strangers,  
seeking justice, love, and mercy till you come in final glory.

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### *I Received the Living God*

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#### **Refrain**

I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

- 1 Jesus said: I am the bread,  
kneaded long to give you life;  
you who will partake of me  
need not ever fear to die.

#### **Refrain**

- 2 Jesus said: I am the way,  
and my Father longs for you;  
so I come to bring you home  
to be one with us anew.

#### **Refrain**

- 3 Jesus said: I am the truth;  
come and follow close to me.  
You will know me in your heart,  
and my word shall make you free.

#### **Refrain**

- 4 Jesus said: I am the life,  
far from whom no thing can grow,  
but receive this living bread,  
and my Spirit you shall know.

#### **Refrain**

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Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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: *The Church's One Foundation***

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| <p>1 The church's one foundation<br/>is Jesus Christ, her Lord;<br/>she is his new creation<br/>by water and the word.<br/>From heav'n he came and sought her<br/>to be his holy bride;<br/>with his own blood he bought her,<br/>and for her life he died.</p> | <p>4 Through toil and tribulation<br/>and tumult of her war,<br/>she waits the consummation<br/>of peace forevermore;<br/>till with the vision glorious<br/>her longing eyes are blest,<br/>and the great church victorious<br/>shall be the church at rest.</p> |
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5 Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today***

**arr. Cindy Berry**

### **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 are provided by Sam & Sue Deaver in honor of all Mothers.

#### **Baptism**

Today we welcome Andrew and Evelyn Cordes in baptism at the 10:30 service. They are the children of Dave Cordes and Megan Dahlke.

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

Today	8:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	10:30 AM	Worship NOW in-person or online
Tuesday, May 9	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Wednesday, May 10	6:00 PM	Confirmation: end of year party w/Mentors
Thursday, May 11	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry
Saturday, May 13	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast

## **Youth Bonfire**

Sunday, May 21st at 7-8:30pm! Meet in Pastor Paul's backyard for s'mores and good conversation. Bring a chair and your own beverage.

## **Graduate Information Request...**

We are putting together a list of graduates: high school, college, grad school. We'd love to offer them a blessing and share their graduation news with the entire church. If you'd like to include the graduate's future plans that would be great, also. Contact the office 582-7371 or [office@lordoflifedbq.org](mailto:office@lordoflifedbq.org)

## **Roadside Cleanup**

We will again be doing the spring (of a twice-annual) hiway cleanup of "our" one-mile stretch of the NW Arterial on Saturday morning, May 20. We will meet at LOL at 9:00 AM and should be done by 11:00. LOL of Life has "adopted" this section of the arterial for the past 21 years. We will need between 8 and 16 volunteers to do the clean-up efficiently. Call or e-mail Steve Heer with any questions that aren't answered on the bulletin board/sign-up in the fellowship area: [ssheer@mchsi.com](mailto:ssheer@mchsi.com), or 563-451-8063.....and pray for nice weather on May 20. Thank You!!!!

## **Open Closet Donations**

Due to limited space, only spring and summer items will be accepted at the Open Closet. Please be sure that all donations are CLEAN AND IN GOOD REPAIR!

## Prayer List

David & Megan Dahlke Cordes and family

Craig & Joan Cram

Larry & Barb Croghan

Kevin & Darlene Curoe

Nancy & Clarence Davis

Margret Deason

Sam & Sue Deaver

## Worship Servants:

### Sunday, May 7

	<b>Tech</b>	<b>Assisting Min.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Nate Frambach	Susan Hansen	Kris Erickson Eipperle	Jim & Bernie Gilbertson
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Jon Dienst	Al Simms	Debbie Thomas	Galen Thomas

### Sunday, May 14

<b>8:00 AM</b>			Sandy Heer	Sam & Sue Deaver
<b>10:30 AM</b>			Tara Grace	Phil Granovsky

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