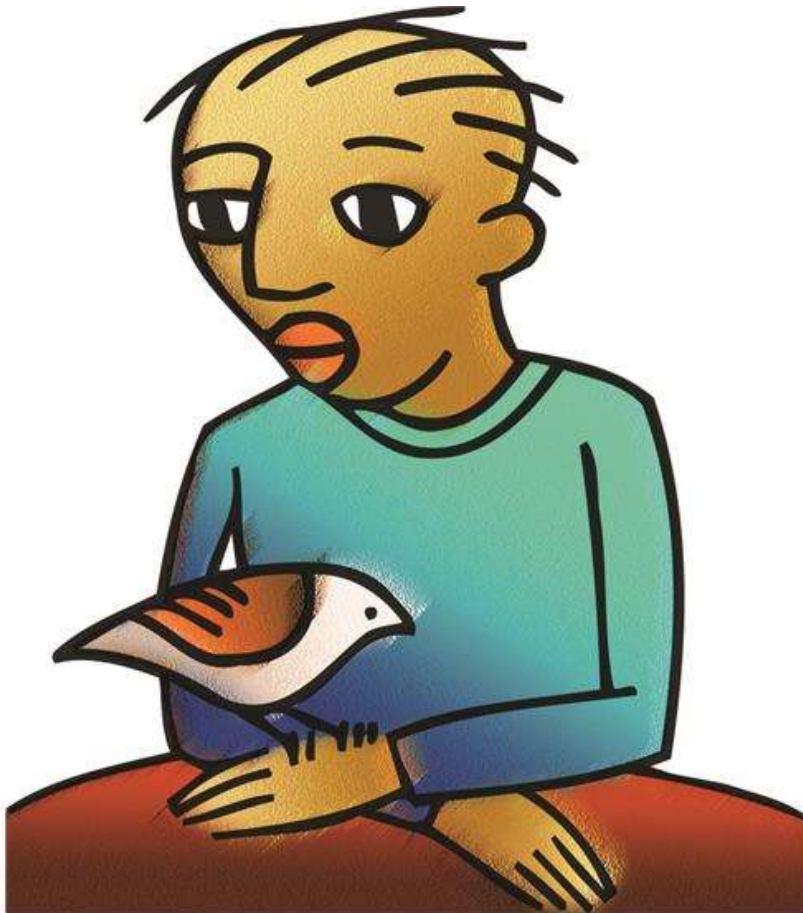




**Lord of Life**  
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
June 24 & 25, 2023**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship**  
WOV Setting Five: Bread of Life

**GATHERING**

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

**Prelude: *Eternal Father, Strong to Save***

**Marty Parks**

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

**WOV p. 10**

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn: *How Firm a Foundation*

ELW 796

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."
- 3 "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."
- 4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

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## Greeting

WOV p. 28

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

WOV p. 28

Kyrie eleison:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christe eleison:  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie eleison:  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## Hymn of Praise

WOV p. 29

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

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.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

## First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup>If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering: “Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.”

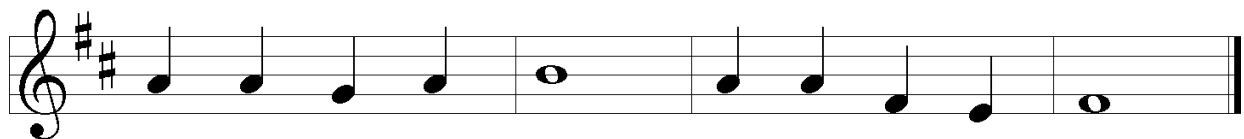
<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18 (*sung responsively*)

### Refrain



An - swer me, O LORD, for your love is kind.

### Tone



<sup>7</sup>Surely, for your sake have I suf- | fered reproach,  
and shame has cov- | ered my face.

<sup>8</sup>**I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,  
an alien to my | mother’s children.**

<sup>9</sup>Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.

<sup>10</sup>**I humbled my- | self with fasting,  
but that was turned to | my reproach. R**

<sup>16</sup>Answer me, O LORD, for your | love is kind;  
in your great compassion, | turn to me.”

<sup>17</sup>**Hide not your face | from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.**

<sup>18</sup>Draw near to me | and redeem me;  
because of my enemies de- | liver me. **R**

## **Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11**

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

<sup>1b</sup>Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup>But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

<sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**WOV p. 31**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

## **Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; <sup>36</sup>and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Paul Amlin**



- 1 O God, my faithful God,  
true fountain ever flowing,  
without whom nothing is,  
all perfect gifts bestowing:  
give me a healthy frame,  
and may I have within  
a conscience free from blame,  
a soul unstained by sin.
- 2 Give me the strength to do  
with ready heart and willing  
whatever you command,  
my calling here fulfilling--  
to do it when I ought,  
with all my might--and bless  
whatever I have wrought,  
for you must give success.
- 3 Keep me from saying words  
that later need recalling;  
guard me, lest idle speech  
may from my lips be falling;  
but when, within my place,  
I must and ought to speak,  
then to my words give grace,  
lest I offend the weak.
- 4 When dangers gather round,  
oh, keep me calm and fearless;  
help me to bear the cross  
when life seems dark and cheerless;  
help me, as you have taught,  
to love both great and small,  
and, by your Spirit's might,  
to live at peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Music: Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1629-1701 Public Domain

## **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, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**  
...in the name of Jesus Christ. **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: *Fair Havens***

**Stan Pethel**

## **Offering: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful***

**WOV p. 35**

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 now.  
Grace our table with your presence, Lord,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.



Scan code to give now.

## **Offering Prayer in Unison**

**WOV p. 35**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

**WOV p. 36**

## **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**

**WOV p. 36**

## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**WOV p. 36**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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**

**WOV p. 37**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:*

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, 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.

**Communion Distribution Hymn: *Will You Come and Follow Me* ELW 798**

1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?"

2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?"

3 "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?"

4 "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"

5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949 Music: Scottish traditional

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## **Post-Communion Blessing**

**WOV p. 40**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen**

## **Post-Communion Canticle**

**WOV p. 40**

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.  
Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

**WOV p. 41**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

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

## **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

**WOV p. 41**

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

## **Sending Song: *O Jesus, I Have Promised***

**ELW 810**

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
remain forever near me,  
my master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.
- 2 Oh, let me feel you near me;  
the world is ever near.  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear.  
My foes are ever near me,  
around me and within;  
but, Jesus, then draw nearer  
to shield my soul from sin.
- 3 Oh, let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will.  
Now speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
now speak and make me listen,  
O Guardian of my soul.
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too.  
And Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
oh, give me grace to follow,  
my master and my friend.

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## **Dismissal**

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

## **Postlude: *Go In Peace***

## **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 Barb & Larry Croghan in celebration of their anniversary.

## **Party on Purpose**

A very big Thank You to all those who came out to support the Almost Home Fundraiser! What a great time and for a great purpose!

## **Out of Office**

Rita will be out of the office on vacation until July 5. The July Newsletter will also be on vacation! Information will be shared via Weekly & Worship emails. Look for the next newsletter in August.

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

Saturday, June 24	4:00 PM	Worship in-person or online
Sunday, June 25	9:00 AM	Worship in-person or online

## **Save the date!**

July 9 will be pastor Paul's last day at LOL. Join us at the 9 am service followed by a breakfast brunch. If you wish to contribute towards a farewell gift please be sure to note it on your envelope or check.

## **Apples for Students**

Each year Lord of Life collects funds to assist St. Mark's Enrichment Center as they furnish disadvantaged Dubuque area children with backpacks filled with school supplies. St. Mark's purchases supplies in July and all money collected goes directly into the purchase of supplies. Look for the Apples for Students display in the gathering space from mid-June to early July to help this cause. Thank you!

## **Prayer List**

Roger & Kathleen Klosterman  
Harold & Pat Knutson  
Marilyn Koehler  
Mark Koehler  
Josh & Ashley Lamey and family  
Eleanor Lang  
Barb Lindecker

## **Worship Servants:**

### **Saturday/Sunday, June 24/25**

	<b>Tech</b>	<b>Assisting Min.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>		Al Simms	Debbie Thomas	Dan & Joan Decker
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Nate Frambach	Diane Frambach	Steve Heer	Sam & Sue Deaver

### **Saturday/Sunday, July 1/2**

<b>4:00 PM</b>		Al Simms		Don/Kayleen Backhaus
<b>9:00 AM</b>			Sandy Arp	Sam & Sue Deaver

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