



**Lord of Life**  
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,  
Sent to Serve.*

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 8 & 9, 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***

**arr. 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.**

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our king;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

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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.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you,  
call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

## First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity.  
Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of  
hope."*

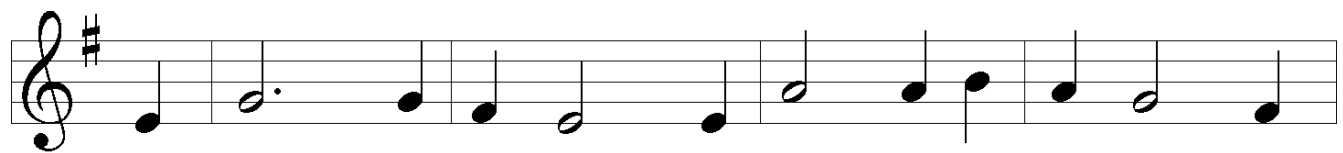
<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

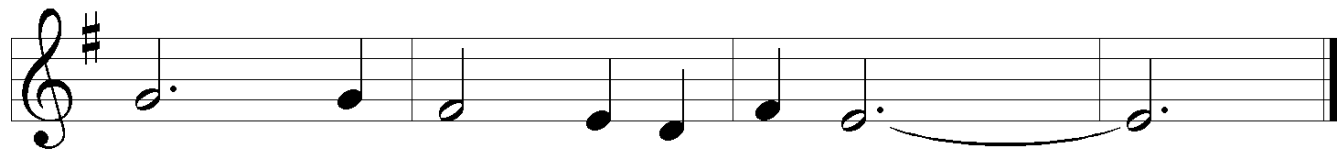
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 145:8-14 (sung responsively)

#### Refrain



The LORD is gra-cious and full of com-pas-sion, the



LORD is full of com-pas-sion.

#### Tone



<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are | good to all,  
and your compassion is over | all your works. R**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory<sup>l</sup> of your kingdom  
and speak<sup>l</sup> of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know<sup>l</sup> of your power  
and the glorious splendor<sup>l</sup> of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures  
through-<sup>l</sup> out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in<sup>l</sup> all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all<sup>l</sup> those who fall  
and lifts up those who<sup>l</sup> are bowed down. **R**

### **Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a**

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 11:16-19, 25-30**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Paul Amlin**

**Hymn of the Day: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling***

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1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
calling for you and for me.  
See, on the portals he’s waiting and watching,  
watching for you and for me.

**Refrain**

“Come home, (Come home,)  
come home! (come home!)  
You who are weary, come home.”  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, “O sinner, come home!”

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,  
mercies for you and for me? **Refrain.**



3 Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. **Refrain.**

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**WOV p. 33**

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.**  
...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.*

**Offertory Music: *Like a River Glorious***

**arr. Lisa Hoekstra**



## **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**

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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**

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### **Holy, Holy, Holy**

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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.

**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**

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: *Day by Day***

- 1 Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,  
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.  
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me  
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.  
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,  
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;  
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,  
where at last I'll find eternal rest.
- 2 Day by day, I know you will provide me  
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;  
I will seek your loving will to guide me  
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.  
I will fear no evil of the morrow,  
I will trust in your enduring grace.  
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow  
till in glory I behold your face.

3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me  
when my burdens grow too great to bear;  
oh, what joy to know that you will hear me  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.  
Day by day, no matter what betide me,  
you will hold me ever in your hand.  
Savior, with your presence here to guide me,  
I will reach at last the promised land.

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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**

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

**Amen**

**Refrain**

Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- 1 I am weak but thou art strong:  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to thee. **Refrain**
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. **Refrain**
- 3 When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. **Refrain**

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**Order for Godspeed and Farewell for Pastor Paul**

You were invited into this pulpit. In this spot you have proclaimed the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ hundreds of times throughout these past 6 ½ years. You have been a faithful occupant of this church's pulpit and messenger of the good news of God's love in Christ. As you leave this pulpit we thank God for your preaching ministry.

**CONGREGATION: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Congregational Leader:**(Walk to font) At this font you have presided at the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Through the cleansing waters of baptism we welcome new members into the family of Christ.

You have presided as confirmands affirmed their baptismal promises. As you leave this font, we thank you for your ministry surrounding baptismal promises.

**CONGREGATION: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Congregational Leader:** (Walk behind the altar) At this altar you have presided at the Sacrament of Holy Communion. You have reminded us of the story of Jesus' beginning of this meal. You have provided instruction to those who would

receive it for the first time. As you leave this table, we thank you for presiding at the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**CONGREGATION: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Congregational Leader:** (Walk to front of altar) Standing in front of this congregation you have led services where we thanked God for people who had died. You led us in the midst of grief as we expressed gratitude for God's gift of life. You proclaimed the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and encouraged the community with the comfort of the gospel. God's victory over death took place while you were here. As you leave this sanctuary, we thank you for being with us in our times of loss.

**CONGREGATION: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Congregational Leader:** (In front of altar) It is here that you presided at services where couples were married. You were present to rejoice with those who rejoice. Thank you for sharing those and other great times of joy.

**CONGREGATION: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Congregational Leader:** (Hold up keys) When you came here you received keys to this building. You had an office to do your work of reading and preparing, to meet people for small talk and big conversations. You have heard confessions and spoken words of absolution. As you return your key, we thank you for your prayers, your diligent preparation and your careful listening.

**CONGREGATION: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Congregational Leader:** It is indeed possible we will see you again, but you will no longer be Pastor of Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We ask you to honor that and help us to honor that boundary. You will continue to be a sister/brother in Christ's family and we will cherish that relationship. Thank you for journeying with us these years.

**CONGREGATION: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Congregational Leader:** Pastor Paul, you have received a Letter of Call to become Pastor of Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Cocoa Beach, FL and you have said yes to that new calling.

You have been in our midst for 6 ½ years. You have been part of this church family, sharing your gifts for the sake of Christ's mission in our community. We are proud to send you with our blessing.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, you have called us in our baptism to be our servants. You have enabled us to respond to your call as a community of believers. Thank you for the partnership in the gospel we have enjoyed with Pastor Paul and Lorice. Now send them forth to continue their work in another congregation and community. Strengthen them for the mission you have placed before them, and may they go from here knowing our love and our continuing partnership. In Jesus' name, Amen.

When we end our worship, you have offered a blessing. Today we speak (sing) it to you.

Saturday service:

**Congregation:** (*Arms raised upward toward pastor*)

**The Lord bless you and keep you.**

**The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.**

**The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

Sunday service: (*Choir sings first time through, congregation joins in*)

**The God of peace bless and keep you**

**and may God's grace shine upon you**

**and may God's love e-er sustain you**

**So we sing shalom, shalom 'til we meet again (repeat)**

"May Peace Be Upon You" arr. Dan R. Edwards © 2015 Choristers Guild

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude: *With Shouts of Praise***

**Jason W. Krug**

## **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 Al & Christine Simms in celebration of their 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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

Saturday, July 8	4:00 PM	Worship in-person or online
Sunday, July 9	9:00 AM	Worship in-person or online
	10:00 AM	Farewell brunch for Pastor Paul
Tuesday, July 11	6:30 PM	Council meeting
Thursday, July 13	6:30 PM	Stephen Ministry

## **Many Hands Make Light Work!**

Lord of Life has a tradition of providing resources for the food insecure. On July 22 we will be hosting a mobile food distribution. PLEASE plan to help! Sign up in the gathering area or email the church. The food arrives at 8 am and we distribute until we run out of food (usually within a few hours). See you there!

## **Prayer List**

Kirk & Linda Mushrush

Dean Niklasen and family

Dan & Amy Norton and family

Pam Null and family

Mark & Nancy Oehlert

Jake & Susan Ohms

Ann Philippi

## **Worship Servants:**

### **Saturday/Sunday, July 8/9**

	<b>Tech</b>	<b>Assisting Min.</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Jon/Rita	Karla W.	Karla W.	Craig & Dione Miller
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Nate F. Barry Pickart	Susan Hansen	Debbie Thomas	Kevin & Jenn Cartee

### **Saturday/Sunday, July 15/16**

<b>4:00 PM</b>	Al Simms	Jim & Bernie Gilbertson
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Diane Frambach	Susan Hansen Sam & Sue Deaver

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