



Lord of Life
Lutheran Church



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**11th Sunday after Pentecost
August 12 & 13, 2023**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
WOV Setting Five: Bread of Life

GATHERING

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

Prelude: *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

Tedd Smith

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.

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.

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.

All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of your might - y love.

My com - fort, my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength;

let ev - ry breath, all that I am nev - er cease to wor - ship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise

to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;

for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.

Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

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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.

Kyrie

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Kyrie eleison:

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison:

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison:

Lord, have mercy.

Hymn of Praise

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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.

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid.
Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and
preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in “sheer silence.” God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

⁹At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

¹¹He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

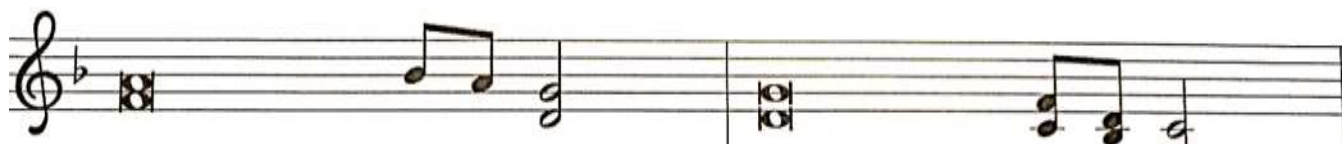
Psalm 85:8-13 (*sung responsively*)

Refrain



I will lis - ten to what the
LORD God is say - ing.

Tone



⁸I will listen to what the LORD¹ God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their¹ hearts
to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to¹ those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell¹ in our land. R**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have¹ met together;
righteousness and peace have¹ kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up¹ from the earth,
and righteousness shall look¹ down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed¹ grant prosperity,
and our land will¹ yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go be-¹ fore the LORD
and shall prepare for¹ God a pathway. R**

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of “little faith,” who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Sermon

The Rev. Karla Wildberger

Hymn of the Day: *Praise, Praise! You Are My Rock*

ELW 862



1 Praise, praise! You are my rock. The wind, the waves are high. You hold me
 2 Praise, praise! You are my rock. My des - ert sand is dry. You break the
 3 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You calm the fear and pain. One word of
 4 Praise, praise! You are my rock. You host the ta - ble set. We break the



when the waves are strong. You hold me lest I die, I die.
 rock, a riv - er flows. You hear me when I cry, I cry.
 faith and I am well, I rise to praise and walk a - gain.
 bread, we drink the cup; we know whom we have met, have met.



Praise, praise! O God, you are my rock.

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

...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: *I Know Whom I Have Believed*

Jan Alexander

Offering: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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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.

Offering Prayer in Unison

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

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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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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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

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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: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

ELW 773

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
- 3 When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Post-Communion Blessing

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

Post-Communion Canticle

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☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Prayer

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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

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

Sending Song: *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

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1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

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Dismissal

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

Postlude: *O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth*

Larry Shackley

Announcements

Worship Online

Zoom:

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Passcode: Luther

Phone in at:

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Passcode: 456037

Altar Flowers today are provided by Tim & Heather Felderman in honor of Kylie's Baptism.

This Week at Lord of Life

Saturday, August 12 4:00 PM Worship in-person or online

Sunday, August 13 9:00 AM Worship in-person or online

Livestream Services

Beginning this weekend we will only stream one service each weekend. For the rest of the summer schedule that will be the Saturday service. That service can be viewed at any time after its live airing.

Dear Lord of Life Family,

Lorice and I want to extend our great gratitude for all of the many ways that you showed us your love and appreciation as we parted with you. We love the clock, which is currently proudly displayed in my new pastor's study here. We laughed and cried as we read the many cards and notes you all gave us. Please know that you will all be in our hearts for the rest of our lives and that we give thanks for you and for the amazing years we shared. We will be praying for you as you search for your next pastor. In peace and hope, Pastor Paul & Lorice

Thank Yous...!

Thank you all for your wonderful welcome these last few weeks. It is a joy to be back serving with you all again. Just a reminder, I will be out of the country for a month. I will be back in the office on 18 Sept. If you are in need of pastoral care, please call the church office for assistance. In peace and with aloha, Pastor Karla

Thank you for your continued support of the ministry of Lord of Life!!! We cannot do what we do without you. A few weeks ago, you received your mid-year giving statements. You received 2 pages: one page was for "general offering"...these funds go to the day to day operation of the church; the other page was for the "Share the Abundance" campaign...these funds go towards debt reduction. We are in the final year of this campaign.

Again, thank you for all of your time, talents and monetary support of Lord of Life.

Please save these dates:

Saturday, September 2nd -- the last 4pm Saturday service for the summer

Sunday, September 10th -- only 1 service @ 9:00am

"Rally Day" and "God's Work. Our Hands." Day

Blessing of Sunday School teachers and Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 17th -- Sunday School and Confirmation Class Begin

Prayer List

Anthony Windau

David & Kay Zepeski

Robert & Erika Ziegelmaier and family

Mike & Stephanie Ackerman and family

Earl & Angie Alexander

Karin Anderson and family

Kevin & Rev. Denise Anderson



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Worship Servants:

Saturday/Sunday, August 12/13

	Tech	Assisting Min.	Reader	Ushers
4:00 PM				Dan & Joan Decker
9:00 AM			Sandy Arp	Tim & Heather Felderman

Saturday/Sunday, August 19/20

4:00 PM				Jim & Bernie Gilbertson
9:00 AM		Susan Hansen	Sandy Heer	Sam & Sue Deaver

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