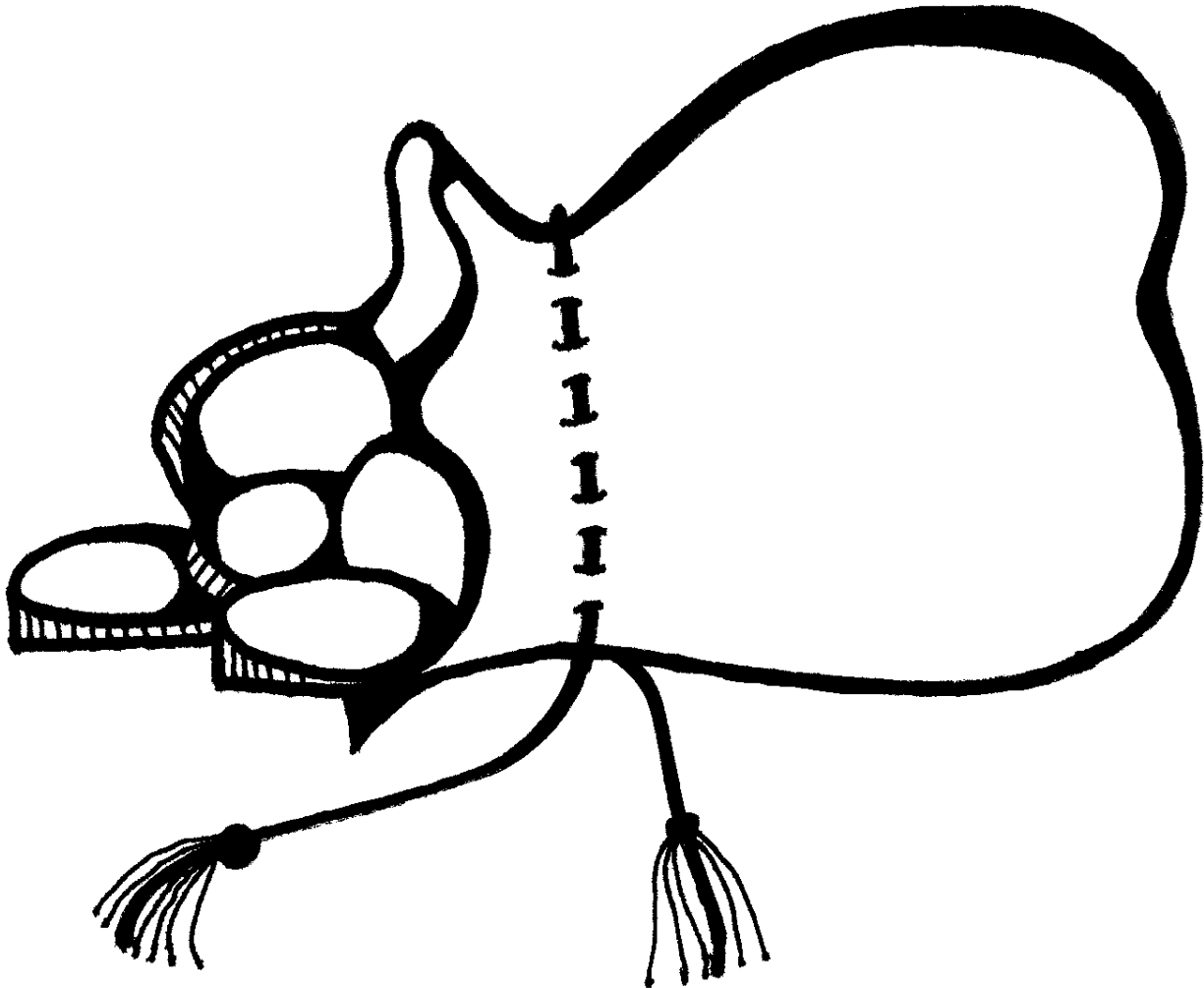




Lord of Life
Lutheran Church



You matter to God.
You matter to us.
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Service of the Word

THE GATHERING

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

Prelude: *God is Here*

Setting, Valerie A. Floeter

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive 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.

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him

and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him—

and the gates shall not be closed:

²I will go before you

and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze

and cut through the bars of iron,

³I will give you the treasures of darkness

and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,

the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,

and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name,

I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the Lord do all these things.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Video: Psalm 96:1-5[10-13]

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

O God of ev'ry nation,
of ev'ry race and land,
redeem your whole creation
with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.

Lord, strengthen all who labor
that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.

From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver ev'ry nation,
eternal God, we pray.

Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and love shall reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's 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

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Gracious God, you call us by name...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God...in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, **amen.**

THANKSGIVING

Offering: *We are an Offering*

Setting, Lynette Maynard

Offering Prayer:

Merciful God,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving for the Word

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

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.

THE 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.

Sending Song: *Lord, be Glorified*

ELW 744

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in our song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

Dismissal

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

Postlude: *The People Walk*

Arr. Ann Krentz Organ

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parking Lot Worship

Join us for worship in the parking lot **Saturday, October 24 at 4:00 PM** (*note time change*). Call our office or visit <https://bit.ly/30F36Q4> to sign up. Want to bring lawn chairs and sit on the lawn? You can do that, too! See you in church (well, the parking lot anyway).

Columbarium Dedication

After much anticipation, the columbarium is complete including some engraving and an adjoining bench. The time has come to consecrate this monument that will become the final resting place for members of our congregation.

Please join us on Saturday, October 24th at 4:00 PM for the blessing/consecration service of the columbarium during our parking lot service. Masks, social distancing and proper CDC protocols will be observed. We invite Lord of Life members and their families to attend this blessed event.

Looking forward to seeing you there,
Phil Granovsky and The Columbarium Committee

Little Food Pantry

Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and generous congregation we have been able to keep our pantry filled and available throughout COVID-19. After the pandemic individual relief monies were ceased, the use of the pantry has increased greatly. Want to help? We have volunteer spots open to cover filling the pantry for one week per month.

If you would like to donate, please consider the following needs:

- Body wash and shampoo (adults, children, and babies)
- Wash cloths/Loofas
- Deodorant (male and female)
- Paper towels

Questions? Contact Andy Spaniol at (563) 451-5792 or email at lilfooddbq@gmail.com.

Altar flowers were provided by Tara Grace.

Worship on the Web

Bible study: Mondays at 7 PM

Sunday school: Sundays 10 AM

Confirmation: Visit <https://www.lordoflife.online/confirmation.html> for information on your class.

Join any Worship on the Web activities using the following information:

Via Zoom: <https://bit.ly/2YYHkGh>

Meeting ID: 563 582 7371

Passcode: Luther

Phone in at: (312)626-6799

Meeting ID: 563 582 7371

Passcode: 456037

Prayer List

10/18 Gregg & Martha Papke and family

10/19 Kathryn Patterson and family

10/20 Dave & Cheryl Peacock

10/21 Mark & Sally Perlewitz

10/22 Barry & Mary Pickart

10/23 Scott & Liza Pollitt and family

10/24 Brian Proeber

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