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*Lutheran Church*

## **The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**



**The Work of the Gospel is Invisible, but Real**



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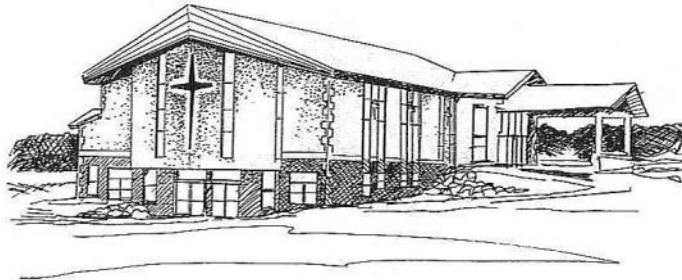
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”  
Psalm 122:1**



# Lord of Love Lutheran Church

June 20, 2021

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 369)

Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
Bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;  
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,  
Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion



Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.  
He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.  
Than all the an - gels in the sky.  
Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677, abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904.

Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU (557 558) Silesian folk tune, 19th century, alt.

*STAND*

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**



## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

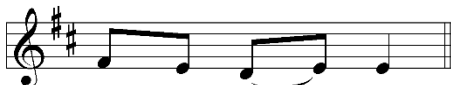
**C:** **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Kyrie*

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

# O LORD, OUR LORD



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood.      You are the

King of glo - ry;    you are the Lord!      O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:**    A       -       men.

*BE SEATED*



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

*<sup>22</sup> This is what the LORD God says. I myself will take part of the tip of the cedar and plant it. From the topmost of its shoots I will pluck off a tender sprig, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup> On the high mountain of Israel I will plant it. It will produce branches, bear fruit, and become a magnificent cedar. Flying birds of every kind will live under it. In the shelter of its branches they will nest. <sup>24</sup> Then all the trees in the countryside will know that I, the LORD, bring down the high tree and raise up the low tree, that I make the green tree dry up, and I make the dried-up tree blossom. I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will carry it out.*

### VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia. (Psalm 132:9)

*STAND*





*26 He said, “The kingdom of God is like this: A man scatters seed on the ground, 27 and while he sleeps and rises, night and day, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. 28 The ground produces fruit on its own: first the blade, then the head, then the full grain in the head. 29 When the crop is ready, he swings the sickle without delay, because the harvest has come.”*

*30 Then he said, “To what should we compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable may we picture it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which when sown on the ground is one of the smallest of all the seeds planted in the ground. 32 Yet when it is planted, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches so that the birds of the sky can nest under its shade.”*

*33 With many similar parables he continued to speak the word to them, as much as they were able to hear. 34 He did not speak to them without a parable. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.*

**BE SEATED**





1 For - ev - er with the Lord! A - men! So  
 2 While time on earth is spent, Ab - sent from  
 3 My Fa - ther's house on high, Home of my  
 4 Lord, be at my right hand, Then can I  
 5 So when my dy - ing breath Shall rend the



let it be. Life from the dead is  
 him I roam, Yet night - ly pitch my  
 soul, how near At times, to faith's fore -  
 nev - er fail. If you up - hold me,  
 veil in two, By death I shall es -



in that word, My im - mor - tal - i - ty.  
 mov - ing tent A day's march near - er home.  
 see - ing eye The gold - en gates ap - pear!  
 I shall stand; With you I shall pre - vail.  
 cape from death To end - less life with you.

6 I'll know as I am known;  
 How shall I love that word  
 And oft repeat before the throne,  
 "Forever with the Lord!"

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.  
 Tune: SCHUMANN (SM) *Cantica Laudis*, Boston, 1850.

*5 Now we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal home in heaven, which is not made by human hands. <sup>2</sup> In fact, the reason we groan is that we long to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven. <sup>3</sup> If we do indeed put it on, we will certainly not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> To be sure, while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed, but to be clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as the down payment.*

*<sup>6</sup> Therefore we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord, <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> But we are confident and would much prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> And for this reason we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home or away. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he did while in the body, whether good or bad.*

### **Living on Earth and Longing for Heaven**

#### **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*STAND*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** In thanksgiving for his steadfast love and wondrous works to the children of men, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For the endurance of the Gospel with its blessings amid every hardship, struggle and suffering; and for the steady conviction that since we have Christ, we possess everything, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For Christian neighbors in our community and in each home, that our Father would open wide our hearts to one another; for love that is genuine, speech that is truthful and patience that is constant; and that he would enable us to commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For those in need, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that setting their fears aside, they would recognize our Lord's care for all who are perishing; for peace to calm our troubled consciences; and that God would not reject our prayers for their littleness of faith, but teach us to trust fully in him, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For the Church gathered here for the Holy Communion, as we join with the sons of God and shout for joy to receive Christ's true body and blood; and that we would not doubt but firmly believe his Words, that the God who formed our world and its matter knows well how to be present for us and our forgiveness in this Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** These and whatever else you would have us ask of you, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*The recorded Service of the Word for members at home concludes here.  
We continue with the Service of the Sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.*



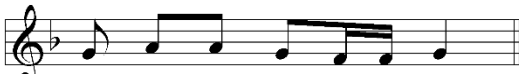
## THE SACRAMENT

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

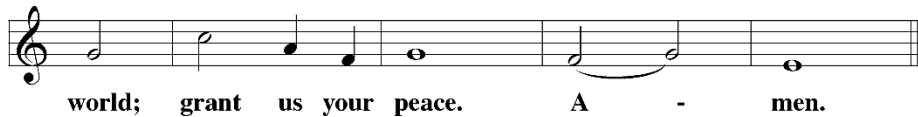
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



**BE SEATED**

## DISTRIBUTION

*In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.*



*To limit the proximity of our members and reduce the possibility of transmitting disease, we are asking our communicants to approach the chancel steps by families. If your family is seated closer to the center aisle, you may come to the table closer to the Baptismal font. If your family is seated closer to a side aisle, you may come to the table farther from the font. Please wait until the family ahead of you has communed and returned to their seats before approaching.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 214)

## Jerusalem the Golden



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and  
 2 They stand, those halls of Zi - on, All ju - bi -  
 3 There is the throne of Da - vid, And there, from  
 4 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of



hon - ey blest— The sight of it re - fresh - es The  
 lant with song And bright with man - y an an - gel And  
 care re - leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The  
 God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try That



wea - ry and op - pressed. I know not, oh, I  
 all the mar - tyr throng. The Prince is ev - er  
 song of them that feast; And they who with their  
 ea - ger hearts ex - pect! Je - sus, in mer - cy



know not What joys a - wait us there, What ra - dian -  
 in them; The day - light is se - rene; The pas - tures  
 lead - er Have con - quered in the fight For - ev - er  
 bring us To that dear land of rest; You are with



cy of glo - ry, What bliss be - yond com - pare.  
 of the bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green.  
 and for - ev - er Are clad in robes of white.  
 God the Fa - ther And Spir - it ev - er blest.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
 Tune: EWING (76 76 D) Alexander C. Ewing, 1830–95, alt.



1 I'm but a stran-ger here; Heav'n is my home.  
 2 What though the tem-pest rage, Heav'n is my home.  
 3 There at my Sav-ior's side— Heav'n is my home—  
 4 There - fore I mur-mur not; Heav'n is my home.



Earth is a des-ert drear; Heav'n is my home.  
 Short is my pil-grim-age; Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall be glo-ri-fied; Heav'n is my home.  
 What - e'er my earth-ly lot, Heav'n is my home.



Dan-ger and sor-row stand Round me on ev-'ry hand.  
 And time's wild, win-try blast Soon shall be o-ver-past;  
 There are the good and blest, Those I love most and best,  
 And I shall sure-ly stand There at my Lord's right hand.



Heav'n is my fa-ther-land; Heav'n is my home.  
 I shall reach home at last; Heav'n is my home.  
 And there I, too, shall rest; Heav'n is my home.  
 Heav'n is my fa-ther-land; Heav'n is my home.

Text: Thomas R. Taylor, 1807–35.

Tune: HEAVEN IS MY HOME (64 64 6664) Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842–1900.



## THANKSGIVING

STAND.

### THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



*BE SEATED*

**CLOSING HYMN (CW 322:1 &3)**

**On What Has Now Been Sown**

**On what has now been sown, your blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is yours alone to make it spring and grow.  
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise, and you alone shall have the praise!**

**Oh, grant that each of us, now met before you here,  
May meet together thus when you and yours appear,  
And follow you, to heav'n, our home. E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!**

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**Happy Fathers' Day** to all fathers today! May our heavenly Father bless this day for you, and may he continue to give you all the needed grace to be a godly spouse and father in your home!



### **Personal Prayers for Worship**

#### **Before Communion:**

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

#### **After Communion:**

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

## **Sunday June 20: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Happy Father's Day*

### **The Family Altar Devotion, 8:00 am**

### **Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion**

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold • Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman: Steve Kalscheuer (9:00) and Greg Zeman (10:30)
- Ushers 9:00 am: Lynn Biwer
- Ushers 10:30 am: Matt Heath
- Altar Guild: Donna Cotter • A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

## **Sunday June 27: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

### **The Family Altar Devotion, 8:00 am**

### **Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion**

- Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz • Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Jim Miller (9:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 9:00 am: Ryan Jaeger
- Ushers 10:30 am: Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Donna Cotter • A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

**12:00 – 5:00 pm:** *Building reserved for wedding*

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to Oliver Batz (6/20), Mark Heath (6/20), Julia Hodkiewicz (6/20), Dawson Dregne (6/23), Dan Manthe (6/23), Travis Ebel (6/25) and Nick Anderson (6/26) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

**Anniversary:** We wish God's blessings to Ellen & Peter Moll (6/24) who celebrate their anniversary on Thursday.

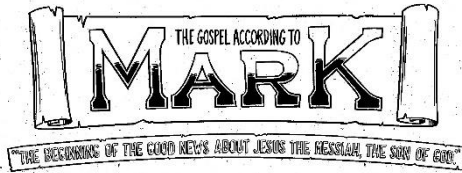
**In Our Prayers:** Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Jack Richardson, Marge Ripp and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

## **Sunday Devotion at 8:00 am - The Family Altar**

Families of all ages are invited to this morning devotion. The group follows the format of *The Family Altar* which is available each week at the back of church, or on our website under **Devotions**. The group meets in the sanctuary.

## **Tuesday Bible Study at 9:00 am**



“Gospel” means “good news”! The good news Mark brings us is Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God. In a world that constantly unsettles us with bad news, Mark’s good news offers us lasting peace and joy! Bring your Bible and join us on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 for a study on the book of Mark! The group meets downstairs and uses the lower doors. Coffee is served.

## **Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 pm**

**New topic starting this week**

This study meets in the sanctuary.

## **Friday Breakfast/Bible Study at 6:00 am**

**Topic: Acts**

The group meets each Friday morning at the DeForest Family Restaurant. (505 W. North Street, DeForest) Breakfast is at 6:00 am with the study starting at approx. 6:50 am.

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# **Annual Open Forum and Voter’s Meeting**

**Sunday July 18**

**11:45 am in the sanctuary**

