

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



The bread of earth gives life that will end. The Bread from heaven gives life that will never end.



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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

August 15, 2021

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CWS 750) **Christ, the Word of God Incarnate** (sts. 1, 2, & 6)

1 Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham; Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I Am; Christ, the Light, you shine unvanquished, Light and life you bring to all; Light our path with your own presence, Grant us grace to heed your call.

2 Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body, food for soul; Christ, the manna, daily given, Nourish, strengthen, make us whole. Feed us with the food of heaven, Foretaste of the feast to be; Quench our thirst with living water Springing up eternally.

6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega; Christ, the firstborn from the dead; Christ, the life and resurrection; Christ, the Church's glorious head: Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be To the Father and the Spirit And to you eternally.

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STAND

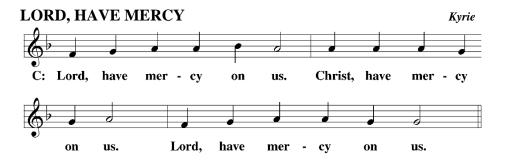
M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.





CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- 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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. O We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the O sin of the world; have mercy You take away the us. O re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of sin of the world; have mercy on God the Father; us. For you on-ly are holy; you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit, O

are most high in the glory of God the Father.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

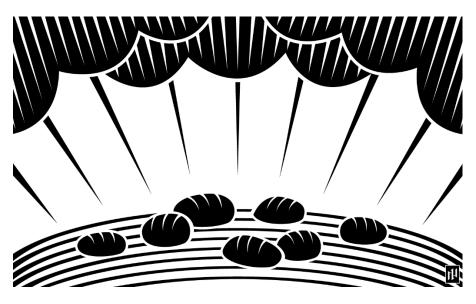


M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED





THE WORD

FIRST LESSON 1 Kings 19:3-8

³Elijah was afraid, and he ran for his life. He went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and he left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. There he sat down under a broom tree, where he prayed that he would die. He said, "I've had enough, LORD. Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵Then he lay down and went to sleep under the broom tree.

Suddenly an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat."

⁶Then he looked around, and near his head there was a loaf of bread baking on coals and a jar of water, so he ate and drank, and then he lay down again.

⁷Then the angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, because the journey is too much for you."

⁸So he got up and ate and drank. Then, with the strength gained from that food he walked for forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.

SECOND LESSON Ephesians 4:30–5:2

³⁰Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. ³²Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one other, just as God in Christ has forgiven us.

^{5:1}Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. ²And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. The word of God is living and active, sharper than any double edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. Alleluia. (Hebrews 4:12)

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GOSPEL LESSON John 6:41–51

⁴¹So the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They asked, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

⁴³Jesus answered them, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶I am not saying that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God. He is the one who has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me has eternal life.

⁴⁸"I am the Bread of Life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."



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.

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Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, st. 1; William Williams, st. 2-3. Tune: Guide Me (87 87 47) George W. Warren, 1828–1902.

SERMON 1 Kings 19:3-8

Bread for the Journey

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After the sermon, the congregation sings:



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise and glorify you for the unsurpassed gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess that we are unworthy sinners who have transgressed your will and Word. We repent of our evil and pray for the faith that trusts utterly and completely in the righteousness of Christ Jesus for our forgiveness.

Open our hearts to the mighty power of your Word. Teach us to depend on your holy sacrament for spiritual strength. Grant that our minds may be renewed in righteousness, that our consciences may be stirred to choose the good, and that

every thought, word, and deed may be brought into captivity to Christ.

Give to your Church ministers and teachers who have the faithfulness and courage of true prophets, that your people may be built up in faith, abound in good works, rejoice in your love, and finally enter your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for our beloved country. Give us citizens who perceive that the standard of all that is right is not personal advancement or private favor, not public opinion or party platform, but your holy will. Lavish your grace on all families, that each home may, by its Christian love and character, be for our children a foretaste of the joy and blessedness of our heavenly home.

For all who are in any sickness, pain, anguish, or suffering, for all who are in any danger of body or soul, we pray. Teach them to turn to you and wait on you for mercy. Grant them hope and a joyous deliverance from all their trials, and let them walk in your light all their days.

These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our refuge and hope.

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

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



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



M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



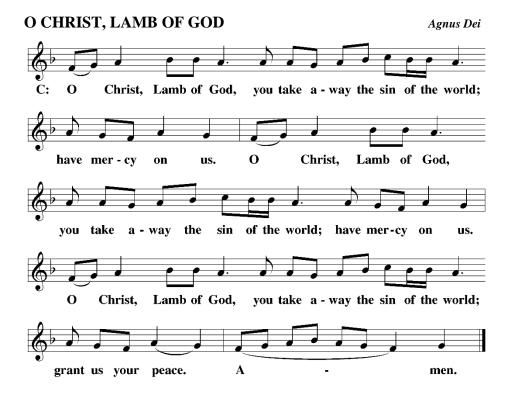
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.





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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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 361)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

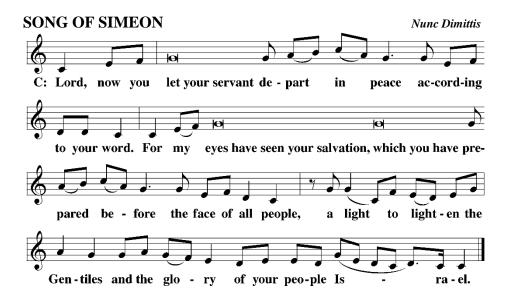


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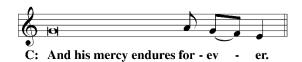


THANKSGIVING

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M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: 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.



CLOSING HYMN (CW 169)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (sts. 2 & 3)

2 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

3 Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, abr., alt.

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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.

Hosting: The church was contacted last week by a member from our sister congregation at Beautiful Savior in Carlsbad, California. Her name is Danielle and she is looking for a WELS family that would be willing to host herself and her 10 year old daughter from August 19 – 23 in the DeForest area. (Four overnights.) Her daughter is competing in a sporting event in the area. The mother and daughter are flying into the Milwaukee airport and renting a car to come to DeForest. If you would like more information or can assist, please contact Jen in the church office.

Sunday Service times changing

Starting September 12

Sunday Worship service times will return to 8:00 and 10:30 am

Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School will be between services at 9:15.

Sunday School and Teen Group begin September 12

Children ages 4 years through 8^{th} grade are invited to join us for inperson Sunday school starting this fall. Students $9-12^{th}$ grade are invited to the Teen group. Both meet between services each Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am during the school year. To join us, fill out a registration form located at church or on our website:



http://www.lordoflovelutheran.org

BBQ Dinner and Bible Study: Wednesday August 25, there will be a BBQ dinner with all the sides starting at 5:30 pm at church. Dinner will be served from 5:30 – 6:30 pm and people can arrive anytime during the hour. (It is our hope to be having the meals downstairs depending on the progress of the stair construction.) There will be a short cleanup and then the regular Wednesday Bible Study will begin at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. Everyone in the congregation is invited. You are welcome to invite a neighbor or friend to join you.

If you would like to help provide some of the side items for the meal, see the signup sheet at church. The Bible study topic is the book of Ephesians.

Sunday August 15: 12th 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
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: Jim Miller (9:00) and Greg Zeman (10:30)
- Ushers 9:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Chad Heath
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

Sunday August 22: 13th Sunday after Pentecost 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: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Aaron Oughton (9:00) and Andy Huebner (10:30)
- Ushers 9:00 am: Dave Olson, Ben Olson and Sef Fox
- Ushers 10:30 am: Mark Heath and Matt Heath
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer
 A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Danny Batz (8/15), Jen Sauer (8/15), Sara Natysin (8/16), Bob Degnan (8/17), Kelly Oughton (8/21) and Daniel Turnbull (8/21) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Ashley & David Natysin (8/16), Corie & Dieter Bradley (8/17), Diane & Greg Zeman (8/17), Katie & Nick Hafenstein (8/19), Dawn & Mark Porter (8/20) and Linda & Rob Jordan (8/21) who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

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 currently meets upstairs. Coffee is served.

Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 pm Topic: Ephesians

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.