



**LORD of LOVE**  
*Lutheran Church*

## **The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Faith Believes the Hard-to-Believe**



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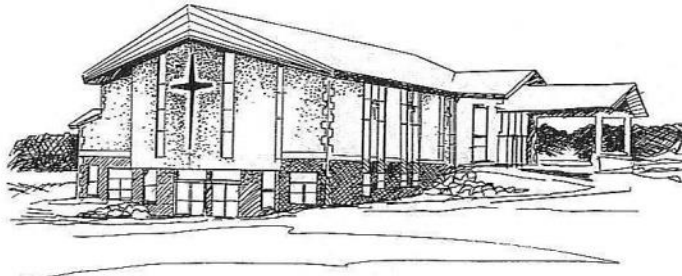
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”**

**Psalm 122:1**



# Lord of Love Lutheran Church

August 22, 2021

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 240)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 All life you en - gen - der in great and in small,  
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
Not want - ing nor wast - ing, you rule in your might,  
Of all life Be - friend - er, the true Life of all.  
Your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight.



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, O An - cient of Days,  
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
We blos - som and flour - ish in rich - ness and range;  
Our prais - es we ren - der; oh, lead us to see



Al - mighty - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise!  
Your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
We with - er and per - ish, but you nev - er change.  
The light of your splen - dor, your love's maj - es - ty!

Text: W. Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, abr., alt.  
Tune: ST. DENIO (11 11 11 11) Welsh folk tune, 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.

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.

**C:**    A       -       men.

*BE SEATED*



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 9:1-6

*9 Wisdom has built her house.  
She has carved out her seven pillars.  
2 She has prepared her meat.  
She has mixed her wine.  
She has already set her table.  
3 She has sent out her servant girls.  
She calls from the highest point in the city,  
4 "Whoever is naïve, let him turn in here."  
To someone who lacks sense she says,  
5 "Come, eat my food,  
and drink the wine that I have mixed.  
6 Abandon your naïve ways and live.  
Travel the road to understanding."*

### SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:15-20

*15 Consider carefully, then, how you walk, not as unwise people, but as wise people. 16 Make the most of your time, because the days are evil. 17 For this reason, do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk on wine, which causes you to lose control. Instead, be filled with the Spirit 19 by speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (singing and making music with your hearts to the Lord), 20 by always giving thanks for everything to God the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

### VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia. (Hebrews 11:1)

STAND



**GOSPEL**

John 6:51-58

*<sup>51</sup> I 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.”*

*<sup>52</sup> At that, the Jews argued among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”*

*<sup>53</sup> So Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. <sup>54</sup> The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink. <sup>56</sup> The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like your fathers ate and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever.”*

**BE SEATED**

**HYMN (CW 475)**

**The Man is Ever Blest**



1 The man is ev - er blest Who shuns the  
2 But makes the law of God His stud - y  
3 He like a tree shall thrive With wa - ters  
4 Not so the wick - ed man! He no such  
5 How will he bear to stand Be - fore that



sin - ners' ways, A - mong their coun - sels  
and de - light A - mid the la - bors  
near the root. Fresh as the leaf his  
bless - ing finds. His hopes shall flee like  
judg - ment seat Where all the saints at



nev - er stands, Nor takes the scorn - ers' place,  
of the day And watch - es of the night.  
name shall live; His works are heav'n - ly fruit.  
emp - ty chaff; Be - fore the driv - ing winds.  
Christ's right hand In full as - sem - bly meet?

6 God knows and he approves  
The way the righteous go,  
But sinners and their works shall meet  
A dreadful overthrow.

*<sup>1</sup> How blessed is the man  
who does not walk in the advice of the wicked,  
who does not stand on the path with sinners,  
and who does not sit in a meeting with mockers.*

*<sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the teaching of the LORD,  
and on his teaching he meditates day and night.*

*<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree planted beside streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season,  
and its leaves do not wither.*

*Everything he does prospers.*

*<sup>4</sup> Not so the wicked!*

*No, they are like the chaff which the wind blows away.*

*<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.*

*<sup>6</sup> Yes, the LORD approves of the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.*

**How Blessed!**



## 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:** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Open our lips, O Lord, that our mouths may declare your praise. Lord, in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Bless this congregation, that our ears would be opened by the Spirit to the Gospel of peace and salvation, and that our lips would show forth our thanks and praise. Lord, in your mercy: **C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Bless the Church throughout the world and our Synod, especially our district, that all congregations, pastors and agencies would serve faithfully and without fear. Lord, in your mercy: **C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Bless all pastors and give them boldness to speak the truth in love and compassion, that they would not break the bruised reed, but rather lovingly care for all sinners in need of God's mercy. Lord, in your mercy: **C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Bless all in authority by whose service you provide the gift of order, including parents and family, our government, our police and firemen, our military and our schools. Give them strength and endurance to carry out their duties for the good of those entrusted to their care. Lord, in your mercy: **C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Bless the sick, the frail and the dying [*including our brothers and sisters in Christ: \_\_\_\_\_*]. Restore them to health. We pray also for doctors, nurses, therapists and all who tend our brothers and sisters in need. Bless them as they put the talents you have given them to good use. Lord, in your mercy: **C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Bless all who will partake this day of Christ's most precious body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. Give them discernment of His body, that they would come to His table in humility and faith to receive the forgiveness of sins and salvation. Lord, in your mercy: **C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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.



**BE SEATED**

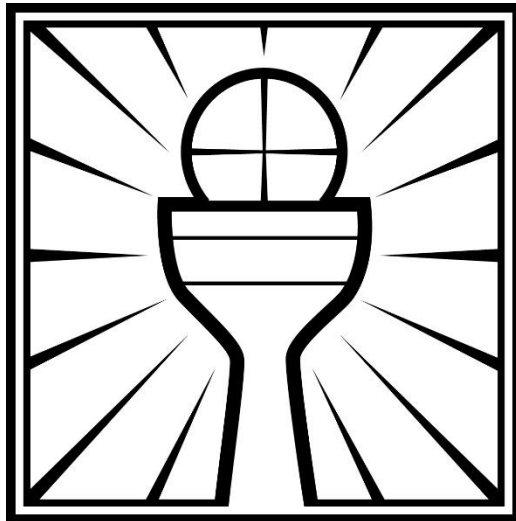
## **DISTRIBUTION**

*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 (CWS 751)**

**Word of God, When All Was Silent**





## Word of God, When All Was Silent



1 Word of God, when all was si - lent,  
 2 Word made flesh, you came a - mong us  
 3 Word of Life, raised up in pow - er  
 4 Word of God, your call, un - si - lenced,  
 5 Praise the Word for life un - end - ing!



Source of all that was to be;  
 Shar - ing all our joy and pain,  
 From the tomb on Eas - ter morn,  
 Sounds through - out our pass - ing years,  
 Praise the Word for truth that heals!



With the Fa - ther and the Spir - it,  
 Help - ing, heal - ing, liv - ing, lov - ing,  
 Vic - tor o - ver death's do - min - ion,  
 Seek - ing, prob - ing, pen - e - trat - ing  
 Praise the Word that shines where dark - ness



One through - out e - ter - ni - ty:  
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners slain:  
 Bring - ing hope to souls for - lorn:  
 By its truth our doubts and fears:  
 God's un - dy - ing love con - ceals!



When you spoke the whole cre - a - tion  
 By your bod - y, bro - ken, bleed - ing,  
 Make our lives a new cre - a - tion  
 Speak to us un - til we hear you;  
 Praise the Word whose grace in - car - nate



Came to birth by your de - cree.  
 Make cre - a - tion whole a - gain.  
 By the Spir - it's gift re - born.  
 O - pen duded and deaf - ened ears.  
 Still the heart of God re - veals!

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 383)

Blessed Are They, Forever Blest



1 Bless - ed are they, for - ev - er blest,  
 2 Bless - ed are they, to whom the Lord  
 3 From guile their hearts and lips are free;  
 4 How glo - rious is that right - eous - ness



Whose guilt is par - doned by their God,  
 Im - putes not their in - iq - ui - ty.  
 Their hum - ble joy, their ho - ly fear  
 That hides and can - cels all their sins,



Whose sins with sor - row are con - fessed  
 They plead no mer - it or re - ward  
 With deep re - pent - ance well a - gree  
 While bright the ev - i - dence of grace



And cov - ered with their Sav - ior's blood.  
 And not on works but grace re - ly.  
 And join to prove their faith sin - cere.  
 Through all their lives ap - pears and shines!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT (LM) *Andächtige Haus-Kirche*, Nürnberg, 1676, alt.



## 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.

C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*BE SEATED*

**CLOSING HYMN (CW 394)**

**Blessed Are the Saints of God**

1 Bless - ed are the saints of God; They are bought with  
 2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace; They en - joy the  
 3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a

Christ's own blood. They are ran - somed from the grave;  
 Sav - ior's peace. All their sins are washed a - way;  
 heav'n - ly birth. One with God, with Je - sus one,

Life e - ter - nal they shall have. With them num - bered  
 They shall stand in God's great day. With them num - bered  
 Glo - ry is in them be - gun. With them num - bered

may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.  
 may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.  
 may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Joseph Humphreys, b. 1720, alt.  
 Tune: VOLLER WUNDER (77 77 77) Johann G. Ebeling, 1637-76.



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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.

## **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: Sef Fox and *volunteers*
- Ushers 10:30 am: Mark Heath and Matt Heath
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biber      • A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck
- **11:40 am:** Special Voter's Meeting, *sanctuary*

## **Sunday August 29: 14th Sunday after Pentecost**

### **8:00 am: Private Examination**

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

- Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz      • Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristen Huebner
- Councilman: Steve Kalscheuer (9:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 9:00 am: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biber      • A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to Matthew Saidler (8/22), Katie Schulz (8/23), AJ Horne (8/26), Justin Johnson (8/26) and David Schroeder (8/26) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

**Anniversary:** We wish God's blessings to Andrew & Sheri Holzman (8/23) and Melissa & Mike Sellmeyer (8/26) 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).

# Special Voters Meeting Today

11:40 am in the sanctuary

We are having a special voter's meeting following the second service. At the meeting there will be an update on the elevator addition as well as discussion about replacing the roof on our current building. We need the congregation's direction on how to proceed with a possible roof replacement, as it has not been budgeted for.

There will also be time for discussion on our communion procedures going forward. All members are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary and should start around 11:40 am.

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## 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.

The Bible study topic is the book of Ephesians.

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## Choir practice begins Tuesday August 31

Church choir will begin practices starting Tuesday August 31. Practices are each Tuesday from 6—7. If you would like more information, contact Elaine Wilson at:

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## Sunday School and Teen Group begins September 12, 2021



Children ages 4 years through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to join us for in-person Sunday school starting this fall. Students 9 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to the Teen group. Both meet between services each Sunday from 9:15—10:15 am during the school year. Fill out a registration form located at church or on our website:

<http://www.lordoflovelutheran.org>

## **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. (*There is no in-person devotion 8/29.*)

## **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.