

# The First Sunday of End Time



The Festival of the Reformation



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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**

# October 31, 2021

# **DIVINE SERVICE II**

### **OPENING HYMN** (CW 200)

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Sunday School grades 4-8 will sing stanzas 1-3. The congregation will then stand and sing stanza 4.

1 A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon; He helps us free from ev'ry need That has us now o'ertaken. The old evil foe Now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal.

2 With might of ours can naught be done; Soon were our loss effected. But for us fights the valiant one Whom God himself elected. You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is, The almighty Lord. And there's no other God; He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us, We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us. This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will, He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done! One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain, Nor any thanks have for it; He's by our side upon the plain With his good gifts and Spirit. And do what they will—Hate, steal, hurt, or kill—Though all may be gone, Our victory is won; The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite.



# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

STAND

### **INVOCATION**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### CONFESSION

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

### **ABSOLUTION**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### Mark 10:47

# LORD, HAVE MERCY

**Kyrie** 

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

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

**M:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

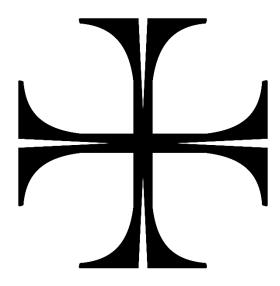
C: Christ, have mercy.

**M:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

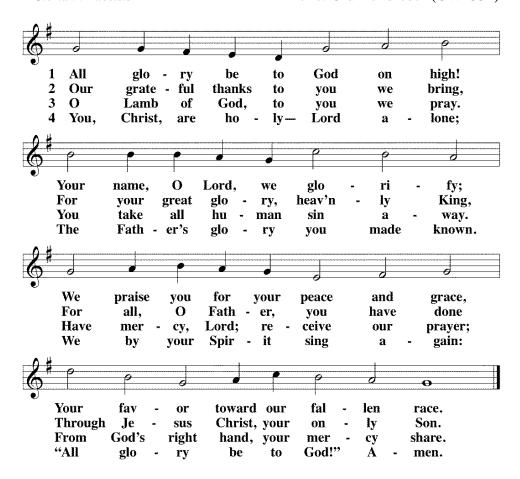
C: Amen.



# **GLORY BE TO GOD**

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14
Tune: Old Hundredth (CW#334)





#### THE WORD

### **SALUTATION**

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

C: And also with you.

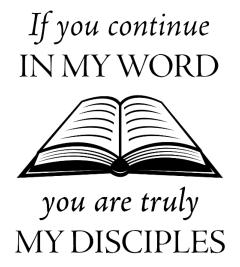
# PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED



FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 18:1-11

<sup>1</sup>This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup> "Get up, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will reveal my words to you."

<sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter's house, and he was making something on the wheel. <sup>4</sup>But the pot he was forming out of the clay was ruined as he shaped it with his hands, so the potter formed it into a different pot, whatever he saw fit to make.

<sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me.

<sup>6</sup>House of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does? declares the LORD. See, like clay in the potter's hands, that is what you are in my hands, house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>One time I may say that a nation or a kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation I spoke about repents of its evil, then I will relent and not bring the disaster I had planned to bring against it. <sup>9</sup>Another time I may say that a nation or a kingdom is to be built and planted, <sup>10</sup>but if they do what is evil in my sight by not listening to my voice, then I will not bring about the good I said I would do for them.

<sup>11</sup>Now therefore say this to the men of Judah and to those who live in Jerusalem. This is what the LORD says. Look! I am forming a disaster against you. I am devising a plan against you. Turn from your evil ways, each of you, and reform your ways and your actions.

**SECOND LESSON** Revelation 14:6–7

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. <sup>7</sup>He said with a loud voice:

Fear God and give him glory,

because the hour of his judgment has come.

Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water.

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia. If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31,32)

GOSPEL Mark 13:5–11

<sup>5</sup>Jesus began by telling them, "Be careful that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and will deceive many.

<sup>7</sup> "Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup> In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. <sup>9</sup> But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. <sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. <sup>11</sup> Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit."



#### HYMN (CW 204) O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word 1 O God, our Lord, Your ho - ly Word Was long Sal BvThat va - tion true faith in vouis your 3 Lord, This work have done you a - lone Byyour free mine, My Lord di - vine, Death holds 4 Since you are hid Till den trea sure to its place It gos - pel's ing, The core Of preach heart and All Will grace and fa vor. who be - lieve dread - ful Your pre - cious blood, My ter rors; full - est Re - stored in was by grace sure. mea Bi ble lore In all its sa - cred teach ing. ceive Through Je - sus Christ, our Sav grace re ior. high - est Has blot - ted my good, out er rors. For this to day Our thanks we And say Christ In we must Put all our trust, Not And though the foe Would o Your ver throw My thanks to you— Your Word is true! Ful glad - ly glo - ri - fy you. Your mer - cy show And our deeds or la -With con - science pure And in bor: Word with grim en - deav -All he has wrought Must or, your prom-ise give While fill ev er. And mer - cv all who still On grace be - stow de - ny you. Lord, and heart Love you, our neigh se - cure bor. Your Word come to naught will stand for - ev er! here I live And heav'n - ly bliss for - ev er.

Text: Enchiridion . . . . zum Schwartzen Horn, Erfurt, 1527, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
 Tune: O HERRE GOTT, DEIN GÖTTLICH WORT (447 447 D Iambic) Enchiridion . . . zum Schwartzen Horn, Erfurt, 1527.

#### **SERMON**

### Psalm 46

For the choir director. By the Sons of Korah. According to alamoth. A song.

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength,

a helper who can always be found in times of trouble.

<sup>2</sup> That is why we will not fear when the earth dissolves and when the mountains tumble into the heart of the sea.

<sup>3</sup> Its waters roar and foam.

The mountains quake when it rises. Interlude

<sup>4</sup> There is a river—its streams bring joy to the city of God, to the holy dwelling of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup> God is in her. She will not fall.

God will help her at daybreak.

<sup>6</sup> Nations are in turmoil. Kingdoms fall.

God raises his voice. The earth melts.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of Armies is with us.

The God of Jacob is a fortress for us. Interlude

<sup>8</sup> Come, look at the works of the LORD.

What a wasteland he has made of the earth!

<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth.

He shatters the bow. He cuts up the spear.

He burns the carts with fire.

<sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God.

I will be exalted among the nations.

I will be exalted on the earth."

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of Armies is with us.

The God of Jacob is a fortress for us. Interlude

# A Strong Refuge in an Unstable World

#### **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.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious heavenly Father, we thank you for the comfort of the gospel restored to your Church on earth through the work of Martin Luther and other faithful pastors and leaders during the Reformation. We praise you that by your rich grace we have come to the sure knowledge that we stand justified before you not by what we have done, but rather by faith in what your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, has done on our behalf. We implore you, defend your Church from all enemies of your saving Word. Cause your eternal gospel to be proclaimed in our time to every nation, tribe, language and people on earth, and graciously preserve your truth for generations to come. Lord, in your mercy,

### C: Hear our prayer.

M: Lord, make us truly your disciples. Keep us in your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

# C: Hear our prayer.

**M:** Be with our catechumens. Teach us also to hear and learn your Word anew as disciples with them. Lord, in your mercy,

# C: Hear our prayer.

M: Have mercy on our nation. Give us good and faithful rulers who will govern after your good pleasure. Give us comfort and a right understanding of your rule in this world, that we would not be deceived to think earthly powers will last forever, but have confidence in you alone. Your kingdom come! Lord, in your mercy,

# C: Hear our prayer.

M: Hear our prayers for the sick, the joyful and those in any need [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_\_]. Answer their prayers, preserve them by your promises and bring them safely through this world to everlasting life. Lord, in your mercy,

# C: Hear our prayer.

M: You have given us the certainty of sins forgiven in your Son, set forth as the propitiation for our sins by his blood to be received by faith. So lead us to eat and

drink his holy body and precious blood in repentance and faith, now and always. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank you that you have brought us by your Word out of the darkness of error and into the light of your grace. Mercifully help us to walk in that light. Guard us from error and false doctrine, and grant that we do not become ungrateful and despise your Word, but receive it with all our heart, conduct our lives according to it and put our trust in your grace; through the merits of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.

C: And also with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

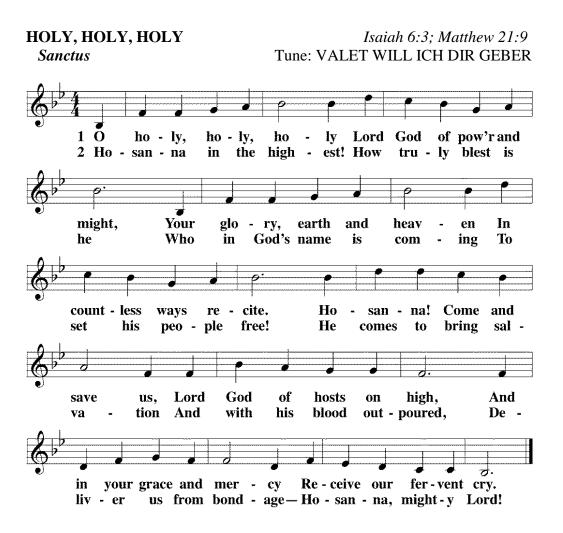
**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

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 will soon come again in glory to deliver us forever from this present evil age.

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



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28 1 Corinthians 11:24.25

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.

C: Amen.



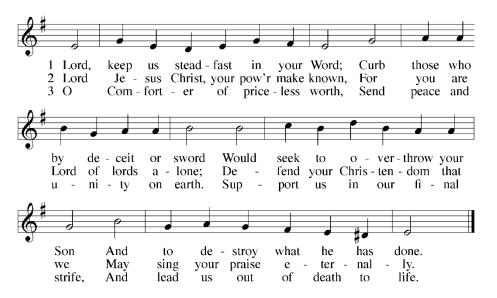
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#### DISTRIBUTION

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 203)

# Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. composite.

Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, Geistliche Lieder zu Wittemberg, Wittenberg, 1543, alt.

# **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 390)

# Salvation unto Us Has Come<sup>1</sup>

- 1 Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor; Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never. Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone; He is our one Redeemer.
- 2 What God did in his law demand And none to him could render Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender. Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the law requires, And lost is our condition.
- 3 It was a false, misleading dream That God his law had given That sinners could themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven. The law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light That lurks within our nature.

<sup>1</sup> The words of the hymn are printed as they appear in *Christian Worship* 2021. Stanzas 4, 7, 8, & 9 have been restored, having been absent in *Christian Worship* 1993.

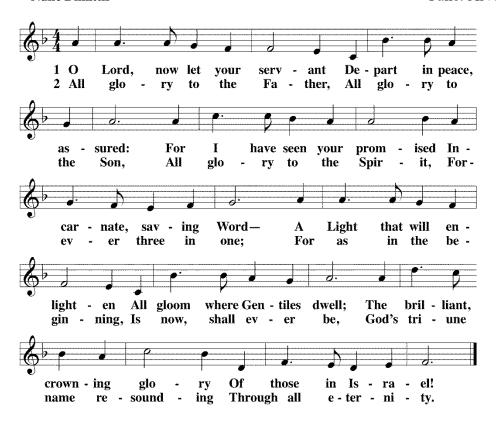
- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain, Sin held its sway unceasing; The task was useless and in vain, Our guilt was e'er increasing. None can remove sin's poisoned dart Or purify our wicked heart, So deep is our corruption.
- 5 Yet as the law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing, Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing. He has for us the law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed Which over us impended.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation, Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation. Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my life indeed, For you have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see Your Word cannot be broken; Your call rings out, "Come unto me!" No falsehood have you spoken. Baptized into your precious name, My faith cannot be put to shame, And I shall never perish.
- 8 The law reveals the guilt of sin And makes us conscience-stricken; But then the gospel enters in The sinful soul to quicken. Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; The law no peace can ever give, No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone And rests in him unceasing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With love and hope increasing. For faith alone can justify; Works serve our neighbor and supply The proof that faith is living.
- 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit, The God who saved us by his grace—All glory to his merit!
  O Triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love;
  Your blessed name be hallowed!

Text: Paul Speratus, 1484–1551, abr., alt.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt. Text and music are in the Public Domain.

#### SONG OF SIMEON

**Nunc Dimittis** 

Luke 2:29-32 Tune: ANGEL'S STORY



M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

# C: Amen.

BLESSING Numbers 6:24-26

**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.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

**CLOSING HYMN** (CW 291)

We Have a Sure Prophetic Word (sts. 1 & 4)

1 We have a sure prophetic Word By inspiration of the Lord, And, though assailed on ev'ry hand, Jehovah's Word shall ever stand.

4 Abiding, steadfast, firm, and sure, The teachings of the Word endure. Blest all who trust this steadfast Word; Their anchor holds in Christ, the Lord.

Text: Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841-1931, alt.

Following the 8:00 service, all are invited to remain in (or return to) the sanctuary for the beginning of Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, and Teen Bible Study. Children may remain with their parents. All will begin together in the sanctuary at 9:15.

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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.

# Work Day Saturday November 13, 8:00 am

We will be having an outdoor work day on the church property on Nov. 13. Volunteers should bring work gloves. We have work for <u>all ages</u> including youth. Tasks include gathering sticks, branches and trimming. We will also be cutting down some smaller trees. If you have loppers or are good with a chain saw, bring them along.



# Sunday October 31: Reformation Sunday Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

Preaching Pastor: Michael Willitz
 Presiding Pastor: Joel Jenswold

- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: Aaron Oughton (8:00) and Steve Kalscheuer (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Roger LaGrange and Lynn Biwer
- Ushers 10:30 am: Mark Heath and Matt Heath
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Candace Saidler / Erica Willitz A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle

# Sunday November 7: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of End Time – Last Judgement Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Preaching Pastor: Joel Jenswold
   Presiding Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: TBA
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger / Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: Greg Zeman / Joshua Hodkiewicz
- Counters: Lynn Biwer and Mike Wilson
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller/ Bonnie Punzel A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to Katie Hafenstein (11/1), Bonnie Punzel (11/2), Courtney Nale (11/3), Sandy Kuecker (11/4), Courtney Mallien (11/4), Chloe Hoel (11/5), Rachel Hoel (11/6), Sydney Hoel (11/6), Tom Lamp (11/6) and Rick Schade (11/6) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

**Belated Anniversary:** We wish a belated anniversary to Jen & Nate Sauer (10/29) who celebrate their anniversary last Friday.

**Anniversary:** We wish God's blessings to Kathy & Shamus Wilson (11/1) and Karmin & Morgan Wolfum (11/6) who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

**In Our Prayers:** Fred Bakken, Cindy Crary, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Barb Noltemeyer, Marge Ripp, Peg Schroeder and the Willitz family 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).

# **Looking Ahead:**

- November 13: Work Day at church, 8:00 am
- **November 18:** Ladies Friendship Circle, 6:30 pm. June Thayer's home.
- November 24: Thanksgiving Worship 6:30 pm
- November 25: Thanksgiving Worship 9:00 am
- December 4, 11 and 18: Children's Service practice, 9:00 am. Sanctuary
- December 24: Children's Christmas Service, 4 pm
- December 24: Christmas Eve Worship, 6:30 pm
- December 25: Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion, 9:00 am
- December 31: New Year's Eve Worship, 4:00 pm
- Feb. 5, 2022: Seminar on Home Devotions at Lord of Love, 9 12 noon