

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Faith Always Finds a Promise of God



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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 7, 2022

DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN (CW 153)

Alleluia! Jesus Lives



Text: Karl B. Garve, 1763-1841, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-97, alt.

Tune: FRED TIL BOD (77 77 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87.



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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

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.

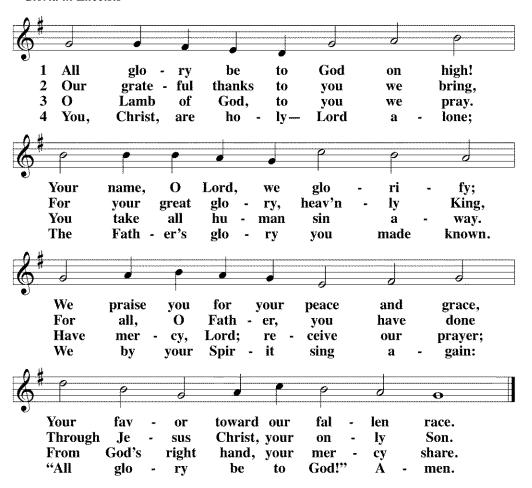
M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

Gloria in Excelsis





THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM The Gift of Love

FIRST LESSON Hebrews 11:1–3,8–16

Faith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see. ² For by this faith the ancients were commended in Scripture. ³ By faith we know that the universe was created by God's word, so that what is seen did not come from visible things... ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance, and he left without knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he lived as a stranger in the Promised Land, as if it did not belong to him, dwelling in

tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith Abraham also received the ability to conceive children, even though Sarah herself was barren and he was past the normal age, because he considered him faithful who made the promise. ¹² And so from one man, and he as good as dead, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand along the seashore. ¹³ One by one, all of these died in faith, without having received the things that were promised, but they saw and welcomed them from a distance. They confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴ Indeed, people who say things like that make it clear that they are looking for a land of their own. ¹⁵ And if they were remembering the land they had come from, they would have had an opportunity to return. ¹⁶ Instead, they were longing for a better land—a heavenly one. For that reason, God is not ashamed to be called their God, because he prepared a city for them.

VERSE OF THE DAY

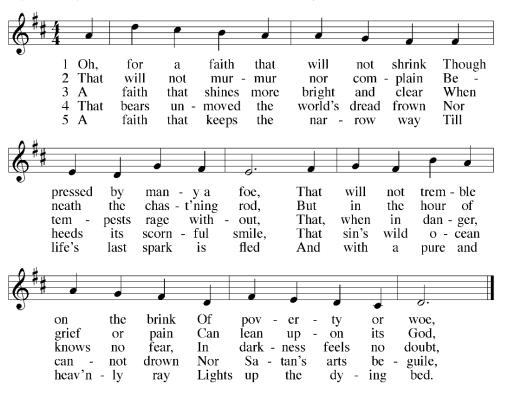
M: Alleluia. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 12:22-34

²² Jesus said to his disciples, "For that reason I tell you, stop worrying about your life, about what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ Certainly life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap; they have no warehouse or barn; and yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds! ²⁵ And who of you by worrying can add a single moment to his lifespan? ²⁶ Since you are not able to do this little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith? ²⁹ Do not constantly chase after what you will eat or what you will drink. Do not be worried about it. ³⁰ To be sure, the nations of the world chase after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, continue to seek the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you. ³² Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

HYMN (CW 405)

Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink



6 Lord, give us such a faith as this, And then, whate'er may come, We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.

Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796-1877.

Tune: St. Peter (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799-1877.

SERMON Genesis 15:1-6

After these events the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

² Abram said, "LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ Abram also said, "Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir."

⁴ Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, "This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir." ⁵ The LORD then brought him outside and said, "Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." He said to Abram, "This is what your descendants will be like." ⁶ Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

Credited Righteousness

STAND

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.

OFFERINGS BROUGHT FORWARD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For faith in the wise and gracious will of God, and power to turn from false belief in our own plans and natural powers, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For your Church on earth, that by the seed of father Abraham, our Lord, Jesus Christ, she would be defended against the assaults and temptations of the adversary; and that by your Holy Spirit, your people would live unto righteousness in Christ and shine like stars in the heavens forever and ever, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian fathers, that they, with faith like Abram, would prize the gift of their children and work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For rulers to be granted wisdom to know how small and fleeting their reigns are, and that they would rule in loving service to those in their charge, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord**, **have mercy**.

For your Holy Spirit, that your servants who recline at your table this day would be enlightened by your Word as a lamp unto their feet, being dressed in readiness for the

coming of the Son of Man, both now and at the end of days, even as he girds himself to serve them with his body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.
For comfort for all who mourn, [especially,] and for faith to follow the godly example of those who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.
Into your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, knowing that you will hear the prayers of your people and answer us with your mercy, providing all things needful and beneficial to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.



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 has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

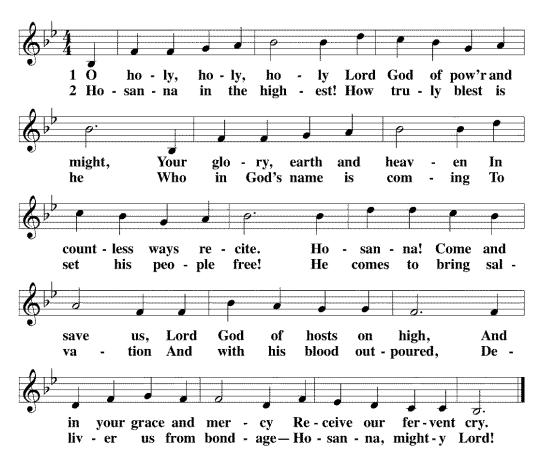
Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBER



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.

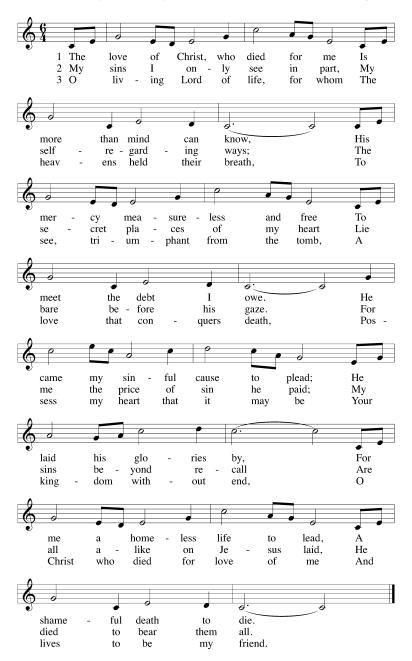


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DISTRIBUTION

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.

The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me



This hymn examines the true nature of God's grace. While human love is directed toward people and things that bring pleasure, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

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Tune: RESIGNATION (CM D) A Compilation of Genuine Church Music, Winchester, VA, 1832

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 402)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-87.

Tune: OLIVET (664 6664) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.



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 152)

I Know the My Redeemer Lives (v. 1, 6-8)

I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, he lives, who once was dead; he lives my ever-living Head!

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death. He lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

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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 7: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Services 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, sanctuary

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilmen/elder: TBA
- Ushers 8:00 am: Sef Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Ruth Kovaciny
 Recording: Jen Olson

Sunday August 14: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, sanctuary

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/elder: TBA
- Ushers 8:00 am: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Mike Wilson and Roger LaGrange
- Altar Guild: Ruth Kovaciny

• A/V & Recording: TBA

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Shannon Garrett (8/7), Dave Rimmert (8/7), Lisa Myhre (8/8), Sheryl Rimmert (8/8), Dominic Marks (8/10), Jen Olson (8/10), Alex Kopplin (8/11) and Zionna Bakken (8/13) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Devin & Kelly Anderson (8/8) who celebrate their wedding anniversary on Monday.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Marilyn Richardson 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).

Offerings July 24 - 31:

• General Fund: \$8,359

• Building Expansion Fund: \$75

• Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$10

Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$7,997

MTD shortage/surplus July 1 - 31: - \$5,081

(New Budget year July 2022 – June 2023)

Electronic Giving: You can give contributions to the church electronically through the Vanco Mobile app. Download the free app today in the **Google Play store** or the **Apple App store**. Find the church by searching for Lord of Love Lutheran Church in DeForest, or by its invite code, D4K54K.

(July 24 - 31, 2022: In the totals listed above, \$1,831 was given through Vanco to the general fund and \$25 to the building expansion fund.)



Ladies Outing to the Fireside Theater on October 15: For those signed up, all payments are due to church today, August 7. Checks should be made out to Lord of Love Lutheran. Payments can be placed in the church office. (\$77.25 per person.) If questions, speak with Elaine Wilson.

Workers needed at church: Thursday August 11 from 4—6 pm

We are in need of volunteers to help move boxes and a variety of items in our basement area and attic storage. Tasks to complete include:

- Move boxes and other stored items in our basement addition area to our basement. This is to allow for drywall and other work to be completed in our new lower addition.
- One of the Sunday school classroom rooms that has been used for storage will also be cleared out in preparation for the start of a new school year.
- Some items stored above the church office, will be brought down to the lower level where they will be sorted and organized at a later date. (These items include old church records, financial records and tile that was used in the original construction of the building.)

If you can assist, plan to meet downstairs at 4 pm.

Sunday School and Teen Group begin September 11

Children ages 4 years through 8^{th} grade are invited to join us for Sunday school starting this fall. Students $9-12^{\text{th}}$ grade are invited to the Teen group. Classes meet between services each Sunday from 9:15-10:15 am during the school year.





Bible Studies this week:

- Sunday 9:15 am, sanctuary
- Tuesday 9:00 am, downstairs
- Wednesday 6:30 pm, downstairs
- Friday 6:00 am, DeForest Family Restaurant