

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany



"You are the Light of the World!"



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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



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

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

February 5, 2023

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT



THE ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM (10:30 a.m.)

This morning, Cole Alexander Eckelberg is born again of water and the Word in Holy Baptism.

REMAIN SEATED

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: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:
- C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.
- **M:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

The congregation may kneel.

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.

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

For the baptism of children

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought *this child* to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:

_____, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

STAND

EXHORTATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that ____ may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on ____ and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT (8:00 a.m.)

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.

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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.



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.



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.

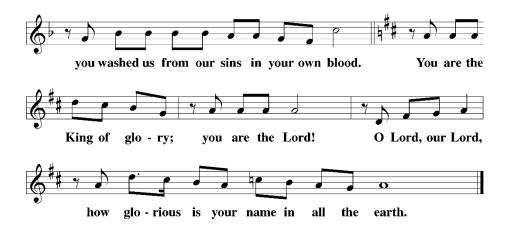


M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



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





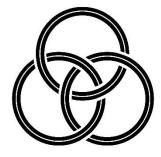
PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED





THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Exodus 19:1-8a

In the third month after the Israelites had left the land of Egypt, on that same day of the month, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. ² After they set out from Rephidim and came to the Wilderness of Sinai, they camped in the wilderness. Israel camped there in front of the mountain.

³ Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and to tell the people of Israel: ⁴ 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you will carefully listen to my voice and keep my covenant, then you will be my special treasure out of all the nations, although the entire earth is mine. ⁶ You will be my kingdom of priests and my holy nation.' These are the words that you are to speak to the Israelites."

⁷ Moses went and summoned the elders of the people, and he set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸ All the people answered together, "Everything that the LORD has said, we will do."

SECOND LESSON 1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and temporary residents in the world, to abstain from the desires of the sinful flesh, which war against your soul. ¹² Live an honorable life

among the Gentiles so that even though they slander you as evildoers, when they observe your noble deeds, they may glorify God on the day he visits us.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? Then it is no good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket. No, they put it on a stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way let your light shine in people's presence, so that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ Amen I tell you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not even the smallest letter, or even part of a letter, will in any way pass away from the Law until everything is fulfilled. ¹⁹ So whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever practices and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ Indeed I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and experts in the law, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



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SERMON Matthew 5:13-16

Salt and Light for a Rotting, Dark World

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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.

GATHERING OF THE THANKOFFERING

During the collection of the offering, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For deliverance from the oppression of sin, that God, who looses the bonds of wickedness, would cleanse our hearts to know him as the Giver of all that is good, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For children and youth of our congregation, that the Lord would guard their ways according to his Word and give them delight in his testimonies as much as in all riches, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peaceful homes, that in the midst of a quarrelsome, self-seeking world, God would give parents wisdom and courage to teach their children his ways, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the rulers of this age whom God has placed in authority, [especially our president, and our governor,] that they may fulfill their duties in wisdom, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For the sick, [especially ______,] that God would cause healing to spring up speedily according to his good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who commune this day, that Christ, whose righteousness goes before us and whose glory is our rearguard, would visit his people at the altar with grace and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth your Holy Spirit, that delivered from the spirit of this world, we may hold fast in faith to what you freely give us; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



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



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.

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



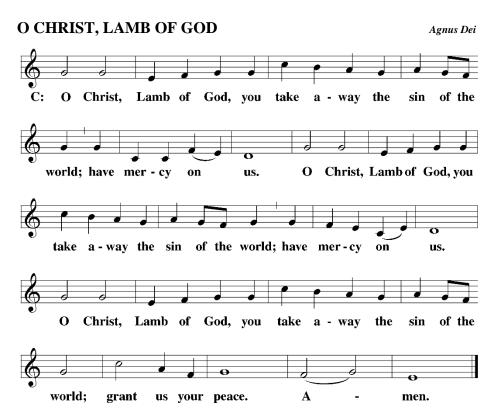
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.





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 440)

On Eagles' Wings



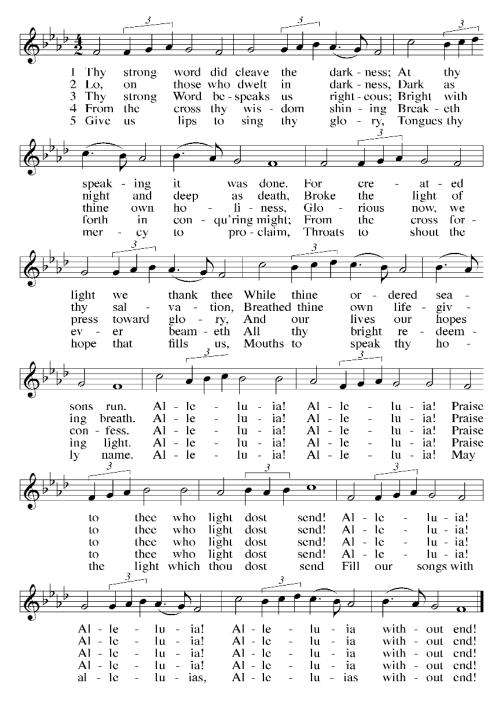
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 280 v. 1-4)

Thy Strong Word

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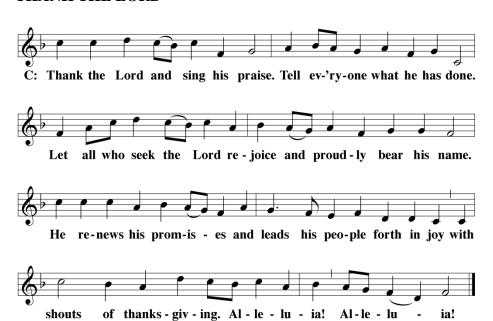
6 God the Father, light-creator,
 To thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light from Light begotten,
 Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 Glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 Praise the holy Trinity!



THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



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.



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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

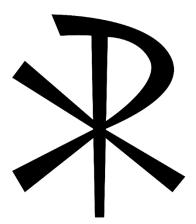
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 280 v. 5-6)

Thy Strong Word (on page 21)



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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.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: 1 Peter, Sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: Judges, Upstairs

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Psalms, Downstairs

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45)

Matthew, DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

2022 Contribution statements are located near the bulletins as you enter church.

We are returning to **mid-week potluck dinners during Lent** this year. Each Wednesday at 5:30 is a potluck meal in the upstairs fellowship area. Bring a dish to share and stay for the 6:30 worship service. Coordinators are needed to set up before the potluck. See the signup sheet as you enter church to help.

Sunday February 5: Fifth Sunday after Epiphany Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: Brian Ehlenbach (8:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Mike Wilson
- Refreshments: Sharon Freund
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller

• A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

Sunday February 12: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Group and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Ryan Jaeger (8:00) and Jim Miller (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Sef Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Kim Bauer
- Refreshments: Volunteers needed
- Altar Guild: Mandi Miller
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Colleen Biwer (2/5), Candace Saidler (2/5), Troy Cooley (2/6), Abby Uebersetzig (2/7), Cheryl Uebersetzig (2/7), Kayden Kalscheuer (2/8), Veronica Salber (2/8), Marilyn Lund (2/9), Dillon Kuecker (2/10), Jacob Tutaj (2/10), Henry Holzman (2/11) and Kristen Sullivan (2/11) who celebrate their birthdays 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 and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all 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:

- February 22: Ash Wednesday Worship, 12:30 & 6:30 pm
- **February 22:** Potluck dinner, *upstairs* 5:30 pm
- March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: Lent Worship 12:30 & 6:30 pm. Potluck meal 5:30.
- April 6: Maundy Thursday Worship, 6:30 pm
- April 7: Good Friday Worship, 1:00 & 6:30 pm
- April 9: Easter Worship 8:00 and 10:30 am. Easter breakfast at 9:15 am
- July 18: Red Cross Blood Drive at Lord of Love, downstairs

Offerings January 8 - 14:

• General Fund: \$7.008

• Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$150

Offerings January 15 - 21:

• General Fund: \$6,756

• Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$760

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

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.

(January 8 - 21: In the totals listed above, \$3,656 was given through Vanco to the general fund.)

Current Wish List Items:

Carpet Installation \$12,000: The church has purchased new carpeting for the upstairs of the building and the stairs. It is currently being stored for us at a warehouse. Our plan is to install the carpet after Easter. Any contributions marked "Wish List – Carpet Installation" will be used to cover this expense.

Projectors in the sanctuary \$25,000: The current projectors in the sanctuary are no longer serviceable. They both have limited projection capabilities and the color quality is poor. This causes images to look blue. It is our goal to replace them so we can better utilize them during worship services and for viewing video such as the WELS Connection. Contributions marked "Wish List – Projectors" will directly fund purchasing two new ones.

Contributions received as of 12/31/22:

Carpet Installation: \$1,261.50 AV Projectors: \$1,191.50



Ash Wednesday February 22

Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm Potluck 5:30 pm

Wednesday Lent Services March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Worship 12:30 and 6:30 pm Potluck 5:30 pm