



**LORD of LOVE**  
*Lutheran Church*

## **Second Sunday of Easter**



**Proof and Peace in the Risen Christ**



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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

April 16, 2023

## THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 160)

This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.  
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.  
Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.

Tune: VRUECITEN (67 67 with Refrain) *Davids Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1684.

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

*This morning, Nora Michaela Mislivecek  
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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*The service continues on page 8.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE (8:00 a.m.)

STAND

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



**C:** A - men.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

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

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

### *Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

**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: A - men.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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### He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled  
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.  
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -  
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.  
Oh, hear What cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,  
Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.  
Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

*BE SEATED*



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

*<sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them...<sup>22</sup> “Men of Israel, hear these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man recommended to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man, who was handed over by God’s set plan and foreknowledge, you killed by having lawless men nail him to a cross. <sup>24</sup> He is the one God raised up by freeing him from the agony of death, because death was not able to hold him in its grip. <sup>25</sup> Indeed, David says concerning him:*

*I saw the Lord always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand,  
I will not be shaken.*

*<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart was glad,  
and my tongue rejoiced.*

*My flesh also will rest in hope,*

*<sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon my life to the grave,  
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.*

*<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life.  
You will fill me with joy in your presence.*

*<sup>29</sup> “Gentlemen, brothers, I can speak confidently to you about the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he saw what was coming and spoke about the resurrection of Christ, saying that he was neither abandoned to the grave nor did his flesh see decay. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that.”*

## **ANTHEM**

By Faith

## **SECOND LESSON**

1 Peter 1:3-9

*<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. <sup>5</sup> Through faith you are being protected by God’s power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.*

*<sup>6</sup> Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various kinds of trials <sup>7</sup> so that the proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

*<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**M:** Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

STAND

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

*<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.*

*<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." <sup>22</sup> After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."*

*<sup>24</sup> But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"*

*But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe."*

*<sup>26</sup> After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe."*

*<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"*

*<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

*<sup>30</sup> Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

## 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.**

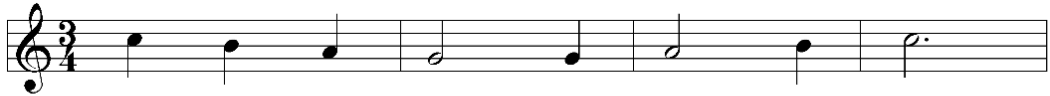
**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

HYMN (CW 165 v. 1, 4-8)

O Sons and Daughters of the King



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,  
 2 On that first morn - ing of the week,  
 3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,  
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;  
 5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,  
 Be - fore the day be - gan to break,  
 For thus he spoke un - to the three,  
 A - mong them came their Lord most dear  
 That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
 The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.  
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
 And said, "Peace be un - to you here."  
 He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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| <p>6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,<br/>             "My hands, my feet, my body see;<br/>             And doubt not, but believe in me."<br/>             Alleluia!</p>   | <p>8 Blessèd are they that have not seen<br/>             And yet whose faith has constant been;<br/>             In life eternal they shall reign.<br/>             Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;<br/>             He saw the feet, the hands, the side;<br/>             "You are my Lord and God," he cried.<br/>             Alleluia!</p> | <p>9 On this most holy day of days<br/>             To God your hearts and voices raise<br/>             In laud and jubilee and praise.<br/>             Alleluia!</p>            |

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.  
 Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT (888 with Alleluias) Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615, alt.

**Believing is Seeing!**

STAND

*After the sermon, the congregation sings:*

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

**OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD**

*While the offering is being collected, 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 faith to believe the resurrection of Christ and to trust the forgiving words of his servants, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all enemies of the Church, that their hearts may be brought to repentance; and for all Christians, that they may be strengthened in faith and vocation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the households of our church, that begotten in Holy Baptism, we may grow in his grace and share together in his forgiveness and life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the authorities God has placed over us in federal, state and local governments, that he would give them the desire to serve with integrity and honor and to work for the benefit of all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

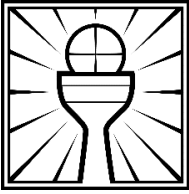
For the sick and sorrowful, for those who mourn, and for all who stand in need of our prayers, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For confidence in the mercy of Christ and glad hearts as he greets us with peace, that we would be forgiven, renewed and strengthened by his body and blood, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the 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

### PREFACE

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



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up un - 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, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.

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*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*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 our pastor. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with our pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 315)

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
 2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need  
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;  
 5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,  
 Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.  
 An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.  
 Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.  
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long  
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:  
 The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.  
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.  
 My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.  
 Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.  
 Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, abr., alt.  
 Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595-1662.



1 I am con-tent! My Je-sus lives a-gain, In whom my  
 2 I am con-tent! My Je-sus is my head; His mem-ber  
 3 I am con-tent! My Je-sus is my light, My ra-diant  
 4 I am con-tent! Lord, set me ev-er free And wake me



heart is pleased. He has ful-filled the law of God for  
 I will be. He bowed his head when on the cross he  
 sun of grace. His cheer-ing rays beam bless-ings forth for  
 from the dead That I may rise for-ev-er-more to



me; God's wrath he has ap-peased. Since he in  
 died With cries of ag-o-ny. Now death is  
 all: Sweet com-fort, hope, and peace. This Eas-ter  
 be With you, my liv-ing head. The chains that



death could per-ish nev-er, I al-so shall not  
 brought in-to sub-jec-tion For me, too, by his  
 sun has brought sal-va-tion And ev-er-last-ing  
 hold my bod-y, sev-er; Then shall my soul re-



die for-ev-er. I am con-tent! I am con-tent!  
 res-ur-rec-tion. I am con-tent! I am con-tent!  
 ex-ul-ta-tion. I am con-tent! I am con-tent!  
 joice for-ev-er. I am con-tent! I am con-tent!

Text: Johann J. Möller, 1660–1733, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: ES IST GENUG (10 6 10 6 99 44) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

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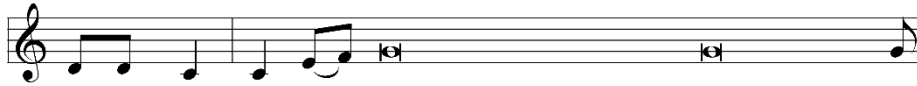
STAND

## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

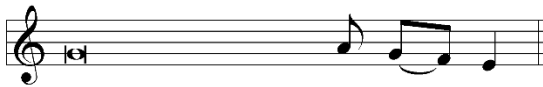


pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

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



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

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



C: A - men.

**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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 153 v. 3-4)

Alleluia! Jesus Lives



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the  
 2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; Praise him, ran - somed  
 3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and  
 4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours e -



liv - ing one; From the gloom - y house of death  
 ones of earth. Praise him in a no - bler song,  
 fre - quent sigh? He who died our broth - er here  
 ter - nal - ly; Joined to him, your liv - ing head,



Forth the con - quer - or has gone, Bright fore - run - ner  
 Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth. Praise the Vic - tor -  
 Lives our broth - er still on high, Lives for - ev - er  
 Where he is, you too shall be; You with him at



to the skies Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
 King, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.  
 to be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.  
 his right hand Vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

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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.

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## **Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

There are so many people to thank for their work and service these last several weeks. There is no way to thank everyone but pick up today's activity sheet to see the many activities that occurred, and some of the volunteers who made it possible.

# HEAVEN & HELL

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## A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

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42% of Americans are somewhat afraid of dying, while 52% are not very afraid of dying. What group are you in and why? 72% of Americans say they believe in heaven, while only 58% say they believe in hell. Do you trust them? What is death ... and when does it occur? Will I really have to play a harp while sitting on a cloud in heaven? Will all the really interesting people be in hell? These, and many more, matters of life and death will be discussed in the new Tuesday morning Bible Class titled "Heaven & Hell". Please join us at 9:00 this coming Tuesday!

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### Weekly Bible Studies

**Sunday 9:15 am: 2 Peter, sanctuary**

**Tuesday 9:00 am: Heaven & Hell, upstairs**

**Wednesday 6:30 pm: This study resumes April 26, downstairs**

**Thursday 6:30 pm: Christian Doctrine Class**

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

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

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### Important Dates

- **Today Sunday April 16: Strategic Planning All Group Meeting.** Lunch will be provided starting at 11:30 and the meeting will follow.
- **Sunday April 23 at 11:30 am: The quarterly congregational meeting will be held after the 10:30 service.** It will be an open forum (no voter's meeting) and the main focus will be reacting to the draft strategic ministry planning information. Lunch will be provided starting at 11:30 and the meeting will follow.
- **Tuesday/Wednesday May 9th and 10th: Carpet installation upstairs of the church.** (Planned days for moving items will be Sunday May 7 and Monday May 8 - more specific details will follow.)



**Sunday April 16: Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion**  
**Adult Bible Study, Teen Class and Sunday School**

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Choir Director: Elaine Wilson
- Councilman/elder: Brian Ehlenbach (8:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Roger LaGrange and Lynn Biwer
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Refreshments: Jean & Rachelle Dragon
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold • A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson/Julie Doyle

**11:30 am:** Strategic Planning All Group Meeting, upstairs. Lunch provided.

**11:30 am – 4:00 pm:** *Basement reserved.*

**Sunday April 23: Third Sunday of Easter**  
**Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion**  
**9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Class and Sunday School**

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Ryan Jaeger (8:00) and Jim Miller (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Jack Holzman, Kayden Zech, Kourtney Zech, Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Mike Wilson
- Refreshments: The Myhre Family
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold • A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

**11:30 am:** Open Forum. Lunch provided.

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to James Immel (4/16), Jeff Timler (4/16), Dawn Porter (4/20) and Kjersten Clayton (4/21) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

**Anniversary:** We wish God's blessings to Leona & Roger LaGrange (4/21) who celebrate their wedding anniversary this Friday.

**In Our Prayers:** Fred Bakken, Donald Bauer (father of Rich Bauer), Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder, Erica Willitz and Malachi Willitz 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).

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**Offerings March 26 - 31:**

- General Fund: \$8,432
- Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$10



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.

*(March 26 - 31: In the totals listed above, \$2,993 was given through Vanco to the general fund.)*

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**Easter Flowers:** You are welcome to take home any of the remaining flowers on the altar today.

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**Mystery Dinner April 29, 6:00 pm: Adult Fellowship Opportunity** What's the Mystery Dinner, you ask? Guests will be served a delicious 3-course meal, but the mystery is you won't be told what you are ordering. You will only be given clues to what the menu items are and the utensils you will be ordering off the menu for each course. You will make your best guess of what the clues lead you to think the menu items might be when you place your order for each course. There will be a free will donation to help offset the costs. Please sign up on the reservation sheet as you enter church by April 23. Get ready for an evening of delicious food, some unexpected choices, and lots of laughs.

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**Looking ahead:**

- **Today - April 16:** Strategic Planning Meeting, 11:30 am upstairs. Lunch provided.
- **April 23:** Quarterly Open Forum, 11:30 am upstairs. Lunch provided.
- **April 29:** Mystery Dinner, 6:00 pm
- **May 7: Confirmation Worship Service, 10:30 am**
- **May 9 & 10:** Carpet installation
- **May 21:** Last day of teen class and Sunday school for the school year. Sunday School students sing both services.
- **July 18:** Red Cross Blood Drive at church, 12:00 – 5:00 pm, *lower level*



