



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Good Shepherd Sunday

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

April 30, 2023

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

The bells will introduce this hymn today.

The organ will accompany the congregation for the singing.

1. Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2. We are yours; in love be - friend us; Be the
3. Ev - er let us seek your fa - vor; Ev - er

need your ten - der care. In your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way. Keep your flock; from sin de -
let us do your will. Bless - ed Lord and on - ly

feed us; For our use your folds pre - pare.
fend us; Seek us when we go a - stray.
Sav - ior, With your love our hope ful - fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear your
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have

bought us; yours we are. Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed
 chil - dren when they pray. Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed
 loved us; love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed

Je - sus, You have bought us; yours we are.
 Je - sus, Hear your chil - dren when they pray.
 Je - sus, You have loved us; love us still.

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 Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; 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 2:42-47

⁴² They continued to hold firmly to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of the bread, and to the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came over every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They were selling their possessions and property and were distributing the proceeds according to what anyone needed. ⁴⁶ Day after day, with one mind, they were devoted to meeting in the temple area, as they continued to break bread in their homes. They shared their food with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ as they continued praising God and being viewed favorably by all the people. Day after day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 23

Refrain



The Lord is my shep - herd; there is noth - ing I shall want.

Psalm tone



The LORD is my shepherd,*
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;*
he leads me beside quiet waters.

He restores my soul;*
he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Refrain

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:19-25

19 For this is favorable: if a person endures sorrows while suffering unjustly because he is conscious of God. 20 For what credit is it to you if you receive a beating for sinning and patiently endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and endure it, this is favorable with God. 21 Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in his steps. 22 He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. 23 When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

BE SEATED

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come forward and have a seat on the altar steps for a brief children's message. Moms and dads, if your child would gain the needed fortitude to come forward if you are with them, feel free to come along!

HYMN (CW 436)

Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, Who your
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand; None can
3 By your blood our souls were bought; By your
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; We with
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, Join th' as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, Safe we wake and
take us from your hand. Speak— we hear— at
life sal - va - tion wrought; By your light our
joy will fol - low on Till the work of
sem - bly of the blest, Gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, Guard - ed still by you.
your com - mand, We will fol - low you.
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.
grace is done, There to live with you.
ter - nal rest In the fold with you.

Text: Henry Cook, 1788–1868, alt.

Tune: CAPETOWN (777 5) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76, alt.

“Amen, Amen, I tell you: Anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the door, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The doorkeeper opens the door for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own sheep, he walks ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this illustration in speaking to the people, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ So Jesus said again, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: I am the door for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.

¹⁰ “A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Jesus, the Gate...for Shepherds and Sheep



I AM THE

GATE



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

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.

STAND

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: 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 432)

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; Ev - er glad at heart I
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my staff and
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the shep - herd's



am, For my shep - herd gent - ly guides me, Knows my
 stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me, In - to
 lamb? And when my short life is end - ed, By his



needs and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
 pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, he
 an - gel hosts at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
 to his breast, There with - in his arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. composite.

Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN (77 88 77) *Choralbuch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen*, Leipzig, 1784.

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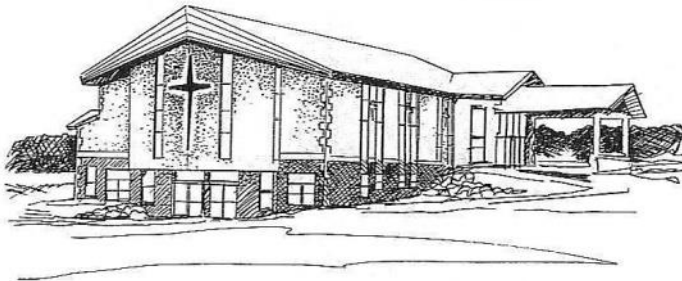
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



*Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the children's message.
Children seated on the altar will be visible in the recording.*

Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Worship

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise.

O Lord—our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter—we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake.

After Worship

Good Shepherd, I was glad to be here, gathered with your flock to worship you. Cause the Word I have heard to take root in my heart and bear fruit in my life. Guide me in paths of righteousness, that my words and actions might lead others to glorify you. Grant, O Lord, that the lips which here have sung your praise may continue to glorify you in the world; that the ears which have heard you speak may be open always to your Word and closed to hatred and discord; that the tongues which have confessed your name may always speak the truth without fear; that all of us who have worshiped together today may be united in true love for each other as you have loved us in Jesus.

Weekly Bible Studies

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

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

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Jonah, *downstairs*

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

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): **Matthew**
DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Sunday April 30: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30

9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Class and Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Children's Bell Director: Ruth Kovaciny
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Refreshments: Paul and Cindy Crary
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

Sunday May 7: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Teen Class and Sunday School

Confirmation at the 10:30 worship

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Joe Hornbeck (8:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Refreshments: Sharon Freund providing, *volunteer needed to serve*
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Gregg Andler (4/30), Gavin Bauer (4/30), Kristin Huebner (4/30), Penny Hershberger (5/2), Linda Jordan (5/2), Noelle Kirsch (5/2), Karen Tobison (5/2), Paul Crary (5/3), Rene LaReau (5/3), Erick Minnameier (5/3), Miles Oughton (5/3), Julie Leisses-Corcoran (5/5), Katie Salber (5/5), Brian Ehlenbach (5/6) and Gabe Hoel (5/6) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to John & Sherry Hill (4/30), Gene & Sharon Freund (5/1), Eileen & Ron Betzer (5/2), Dave & Sheryl Rimmert (5/4) and Brian & Karie Ehlenbach (5/5) who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

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, Dan Pierstorff, Peg Schroeder, Steve Tobison, Erica Willitz and Malachi Willitz 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).

Carpet Installation Update: The date for the carpet installation has moved to **May 23 & 24**. Volunteers will be needed to help move items on May 21 and 22. Volunteers can begin at 12 noon on Sunday May 21 to pack up items in boxes and move smaller items including the red chairs. Volunteers are also needed on Monday May 22 starting at 4:00 pm to move furniture and bigger items. Mark your calendars.

Proposed Summer Worship Schedule

At the April 23rd Open Forum, a suggestion was brought forward by the Worship Committee and discussed with members in attendance to transition from two to one service on Sundays during the summer months. This approach to our summer worship would help create additional fellowship opportunities for Lord of Love members to worship together while allowing the continuation of Bible studies. Summer attendance was also reviewed for the last four years indicating lighter attendance to further support one service. Overall feedback from members in attendance at the Open Forum was positive and in favor of the change.

As follow-up to this support from members in attendance at the open forum, the Church Council in consultation with Pastor Jenswold and Elders Committee are recommending moving forward with holding one service at 9:00 AM during the months of June, July, and August (June 4 – Aug. 27, 2023). A Bible study will be held each Sunday at 8:00 AM. We will return to the two-service schedule starting in September.

Questions or comments regarding this transition can be directed to any member of the Church Council, Pastor Jenswold or Dave Olson, chair of the Elders and Worship Committees. Feedback will be reviewed by the Church Council at the May 15 meeting. Thank You.

Projects at church, volunteers needed:

- Prime and paint the storage room next to the elevator downstairs.
- Help finish installing drywall in the new addition downstairs. There are a couple of workers currently, but additional help is needed. The drywall needs to be lifted and installed then taping, priming, and painting will occur.
- Water new bushes at church: Our new bushes on the east side, north side and down by the patio should be watered 1 time per week (or more if it is dry). The hose should be allowed to run about 2 minutes per shrub.

If you can help with any of the above items or would like more information, contact Joe Hornbeck at hornbo8410@gmail.com or 608-669-4652.

Offerings April 16 - 22, 2023:

- General Fund: \$14,025
- Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$235
- Carpet Installation (wish list): \$50



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.

(April 16 - 22: In the totals listed above, \$2,243 was given through Vanco to the general fund and \$50 for carpet installation.)

Looking Ahead:

- **May 7: Confirmation Worship Service, 10:30 am**
- **May 11: Ladies Friendship Circle Dinner – Rodeside Grill, 6:00 pm**
- **May 18: Ascension Worship at Lord of Love, 6:30 pm**
- **May 21: Last day of Sunday school and teen class**
- **May 21 & 22: Prep for carpet installation.**
- **May 23 & 24: Carpet installation upstairs of church.**
- **May 25 & 26: Move furniture and items back.**
- **July 1: Food Drive begins for the DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry**
- **July 18: Red Cross Blood Drive at Lord of Love, downstairs. 12 – 5 pm**

