

Seventh Sunday of Easter



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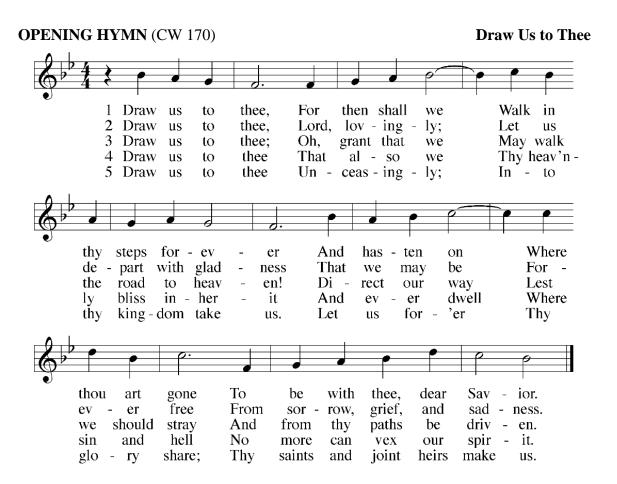
"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Lord of Love Lutheran Church

May 21, 2023

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT



Text: Friedrich Funcke, 1642-99; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.

Tune: ACH GOTT UND HERR (447 447) As hymnodus sacer, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

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.

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.

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.

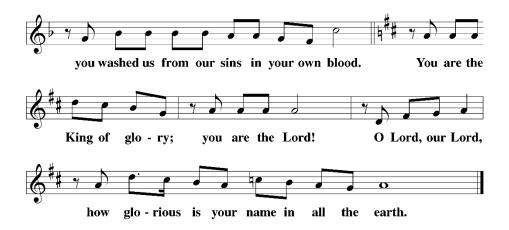


M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



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, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Acts 1:12-26

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter and John were there, also James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All of them kept praying together with one mind, along with the women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days, when the group there numbered about 120 people, Peter stood up among the brothers and said, ¹⁶ "Gentlemen, brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David about Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ Judas was counted as one of us and was given a share in this ministry. ¹⁸ Now this man acquired a field with what he was paid for his wicked act. When he fell headfirst, his middle burst open, and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹ This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, and so in their own language that field was called Akeldema, which means Field of Blood. ²⁰ Indeed, it is written in the book of Psalms:

'May his residence be deserted. Let there be no one dwelling in it'

And, 'let someone else take his position.'

²¹ "Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us during the entire time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from his baptism by John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, become a witness with us of his resurrection." ²³ They proposed two: Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." ²⁶ Then they assigned lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was counted with the eleven apostles.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 4:12-17, 5:6-11

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised by the fiery trial that is happening among you to test you, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³ Instead rejoice whenever you are sharing in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted in connection with the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or as a meddler. ¹⁶ But if you suffer for being a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God in connection with this name. ¹⁷ For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God. Now if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who disobey the gospel of God?...

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world. ¹⁰ After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. ¹¹ To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

STAND

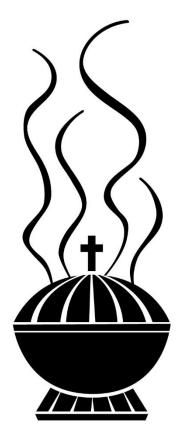
GOSPEL LESSON John 17:1-11a

After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. ² For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. ⁴ I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to

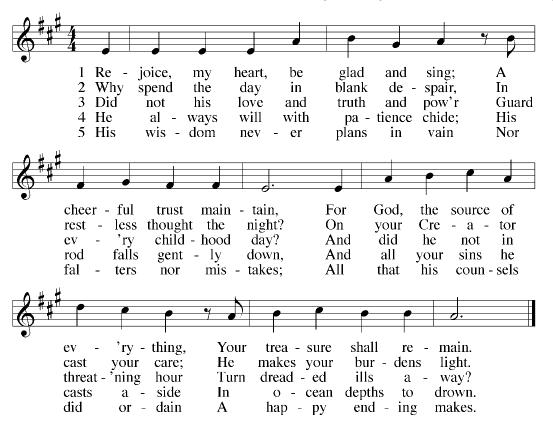
do. ⁵ Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed.

⁶ "I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.

⁹ "I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. ¹¹ I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.



Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing



6 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand, And trust his guiding love; Then like a rock your peace shall stand Here and in heav'n above.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607-76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833-90, alt.

Tune: ICH SINGE DIR (CM) Harmonischer Lieder-Schatz, Frankfurt, 1738, alt.

SERMON 1 Peter 5:6-7

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

Humble Yourselves

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.

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

While the offering is gathered, 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 the Church of God, that she would be protected from every attack of the prowling lion, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For protection against Satan's seductions and terrors, that no false doctrine or ungodly living would gain a foothold among us, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For endurance and patience, that where the devil incites enemies against God's Word and Church, the saints may rejoice to share in Christ's sufferings, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the work of our missionaries, that the seeds they sow would bring forth the harvest of our Lord Jesus; that they would endure fiery trials for Christ's name; that they would shine the light of His Gospel into the hostile darkness; and that they would rejoice in tribulation to share the sufferings of the Lord who suffered for us all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation and all people of the world, that peace and justice would overcome war and violence, liberty reign over oppression, and that the holy angels would guard those who defend us in the armed forces or protect us in our communities, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and the distressed, those whose hearts are heavy, those whose lives are burdened, those who mourn, and all who are in need [especially ______]; and that they would be granted healing and given God's peace which passes all understanding, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith to recognize the body and blood of our Lord Jesus and to receive this blessed food in the Holy Communion; and for guidance to live faithfully here on earth until we live with him eternally, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Heavenly Father, as the first Christians devoted themselves to prayer and worship following Christ's glorious ascension, preserve us in the same until we are raised with all the saints to your heavenly kingdom; through 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

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

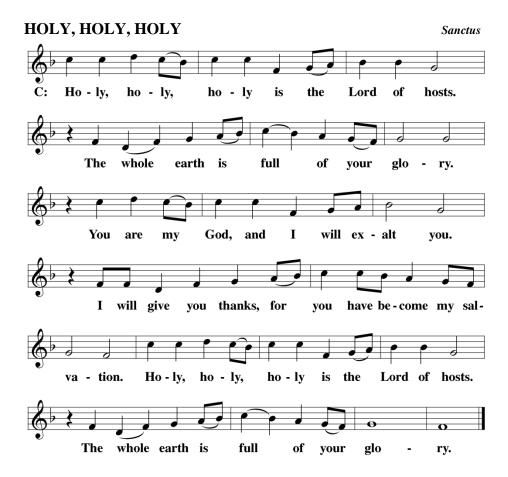


M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.

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:



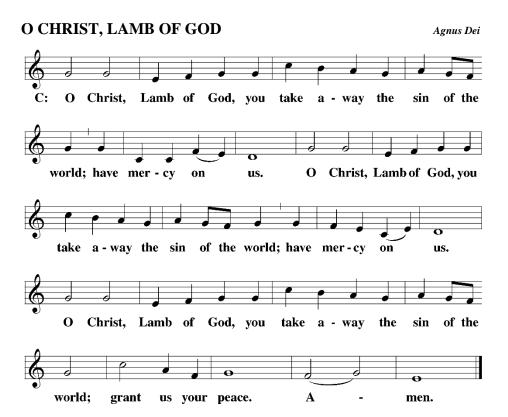
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.





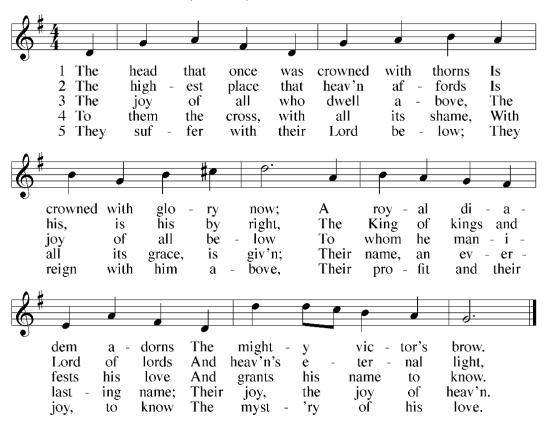
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DISTRIBUTION

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 our pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 217)

The Head that Once Was Crowned



6 The cross he bore is life and health, Though shame and death to him; His people's hope, his people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769-1855.

Tune: St. Magnus (CM) Jeremiah Clarke, c. 1674-1707.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 173)

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build



Text: Josua Wegelin, 1604-40; tr. William M. Czamanske, 1873-1964, alt.

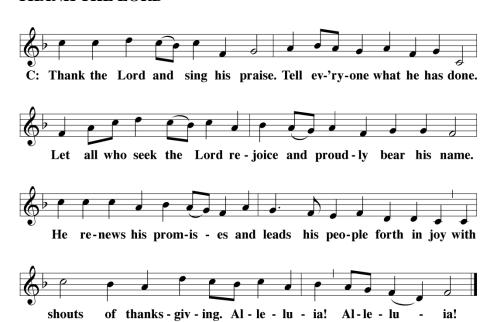
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THANKSGIVING

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.

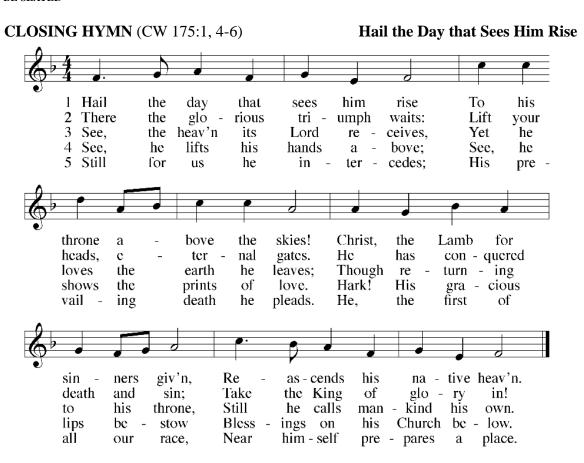
The Lord bless you and keep you.

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



6 There we shall with you remain Partners in your endless reign, There your face unclouded view, Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you. Service of Word and Sacrament and Personal Prayers for Worship © 1993 Northwestern Publishing House. All rights reserved. The Holy Bible, Evangelical Heritage Version® (EHV®) © 2017 The Wartburg Project. All rights reserved. www.wartburgproject.org
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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.

Youth Help Needed: We have a member in our congregation who is looking to hire a young person to help with some simple tasks at her home. She lives near Fireman's Park in DeForest. Tasks would include taking the trash cans to the road on Tuesday evening and bringing them back on Wed. Watering flowers, sweeping the sidewalk etc. If you would like more information or are interested, please speak to Pr. Jenswold or Jen Olson.

Inviting all Youth!! You are invited to a cookout/fellowship night here at church on Sunday, June 11 at 5:00 pm. We will eat (Pastor and Sue Jenswold will take care of food/grilling), have a devotion, hang out, play some yard games, and talk a little bit about youth group moving forward. All youth from 7^{th} grade -12^{th} grade are invited! If you plan to attend, please sign up on the signup sheet in the entry area of church. Should be a fun evening! Hope you can join us!

Sunday May 21: Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study, Last day of Teen class & Sunday School

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Children's Choir Director: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman/Elder: Brian Ehlenbach (8:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Sef Fox, Jack Holzman, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30 am: Chad Heath, Matt Heath and Mark Heath
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Mike Wilson
- Refreshments: The LaGrange Family
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel

A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

Sunday May 28: Pentecost

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30

9:15 am: Bible Study

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Ushers 8:00 am: Aaron Oughton and volunteer needed
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Refreshments: Elaine Wilson
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel A/V & Recording: *TBA*

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Roger LaGrange (5/21), Hailey Wagner (5/21), Devin Anderson (5/22), Irie Kreuger (5/23), Kayden Zech (5/24), Kourtney Zech (5/24), Missy Strong (5/25) and Sef Fox (5/27) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Amy & Travis Ebel (5/22), Jenny & Justin Johnson (5/22), Dave & Jen Olson (5/23), Sally & Wayne Kaalberg (5/25) and Sharon & Steve Kalscheuer (5/26) who celebrate their 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 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).

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: 2 Peter, sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am: Heaven and Hell, downstairs

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Bible Parables and Word Pictures, 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)

Carpet Installation this Week:

Our carpet installation is this week, May 23 & 24. We will have new carpet installed throughout our sanctuary area, offices, family room and fellowship areas. Volunteers are needed to help move items throughout the week.

- Sunday May 21, 12:00 5:00 pm: Volunteers can help anytime during these hours. The upstairs addition needs to have tables and chairs put away to make room for furniture. Items from offices, the sacristy, bookshelves, and cabinets need to be packed into boxes, labeled, and stored in the upstairs addition. Red chairs can be stacked (4 high) and rolled on a cart into the addition.
- Monday May 22, 9:00 1:00 pm: Continue moving altar guild items, office items, etc.
 - **4:00 pm:** Volunteers are needed to assist in moving the larger furniture items such as bookshelves and cabinets. If you can't come at 4 pm, come later. We will work until we are done. We have dollies and carts to assist with this.
- Thursday May 25, 4:00 pm: It's time to move the large furniture back into offices, fellowship area & the sanctuary. If you can't come at 4 pm, come later. After the big items are moved, chairs & boxed items can begin being moved/unpacked.
- Friday May 26, 9:00 1:00 pm: Continue moving and unpacking items.

Many hands make light work. Watch for email updates throughout the week.



New Summer Worship Times June, July & August

One Sunday worship service at 9:00 am Bible study at 8:00 am

Begins June 4, 2023

(8:00 & 10:30 services will resume September 3.)

Offerings April 30 – May 6:

• General Fund: \$6,886.10

Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$110

Offerings May 7 – 13:

• General Fund: \$5,512

• Mortgage Reduction Fund: \$1,160

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 30 – May 13: In the totals listed above, \$5,376 was given to the general fund through Vanco.)



Looking ahead:

- May 21 & 22: Prep for carpet installation.
- May 23 & 24: Carpet installation upstairs of church.
- May 25 & 26: Move furniture and items back.
- **June 11:** Youth Group Cookout/Fellowship Night, 5:00 pm
- **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.