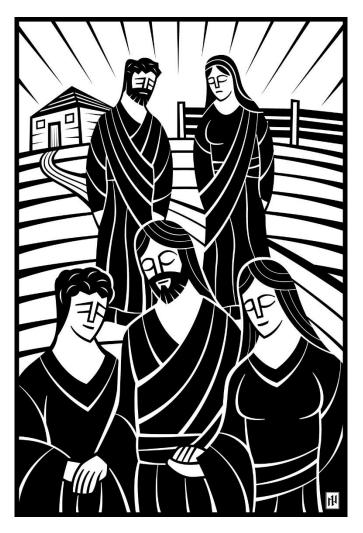


Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Loving the Lord Above All



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



Today's 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

July 2, 2023

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 243)

Oh, Worship the King

The opening hymn is sung by the quartet this morning. The words are printed below for you to follow as they sing.

Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above; Oh, gratefully sing his pow'r and his love, Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy, space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In you do we trust nor find you to fail. Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Text: Robert Grant, 1779-1838, abr., alt.

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.
- 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

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.



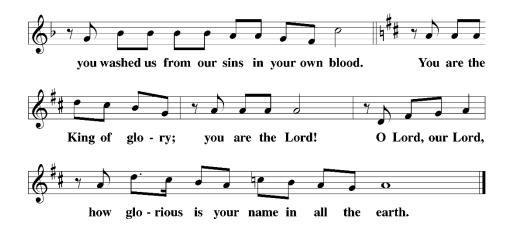
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



Kyrie

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

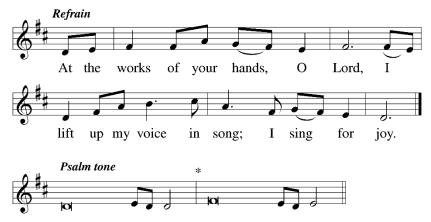
FIRST LESSON

1 Timothy 6:11-16

¹¹ But you, O man of God, flee from these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of eternal life, to which you were called and about which you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who made a good confession as a witness before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴ that you keep this command without spot and without fault, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will make known at the proper time—the blessed and only ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or is able to see. To him be honor and power forever! Amen.



PSALM OF THE DAY



I will sing of the LORD's great love for<u>ev</u>er;* I will make your faithfulness known through all gener<u>a</u>tions.

I will declare that your love stands firm for<u>ev</u>er,* that you established your faithfulness in heav<u>en</u> itself.

The heavens praise your won<u>ders</u>, O LORD,* your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the <u>ho</u>ly ones.

Refrain

O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?* You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness sur<u>rounds</u> you.

Blessed are those who have learned to ac<u>claim</u> you,* who walk in the light of your pres<u>ence</u>, O LORD.

They rejoice in your name <u>all</u> day long;* they exult in your <u>right</u>eousness.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

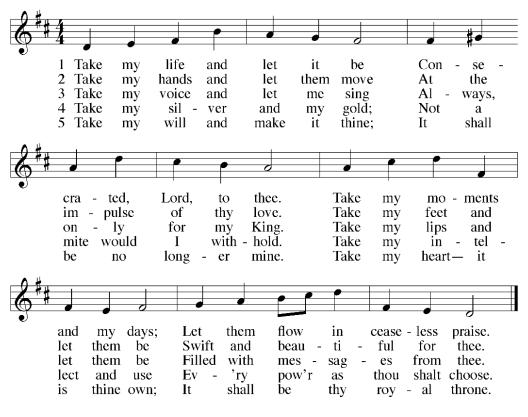
Matthew 10:34-42

³⁴ "Do not think that I came to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I came to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶ A man's enemies will be the members of his own household.

³⁷ "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰ "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴² Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink because he is my disciple—Amen I tell you—he will never lose his reward."





6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79.

Tune: PATMOS (77 77) William H. Havergal, 1793–1870.

SERMON

¹⁵ Moses turned and went down the mountain, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand—tablets that were written on both sides, written on one side and on the other. ¹⁶ The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.¹⁷ When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is the noise of war in the camp." ¹⁸ Moses said, "It is not the sound of people who shout for victory; neither is it the sound of people who cry because of defeat. But I do hear the sound of people who are celebrating."

¹⁹ As soon as Moses came near the camp, he saw the calf and the dancing, and Moses' anger burned. So he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ He took the calf that they had made, burned it with fire, ground it to powder, and scattered it on the water. Then he made the people of Israel drink it.

²¹ Moses said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you have brought such a great sin on them?" ²² Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of my lord burn. You know these people. They are set on evil, ²³ so they said to me, 'Make a god for us, who will go ahead of us, because this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.'²⁴ So I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, pull it off.' So they gave it to me. I threw it into the fire and out came this calf."

²⁵ When Moses saw that the people were out of control (for Aaron had let them get so out of control that they were disgraced among their enemies), ²⁶ Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, "Whoever is on the LORD's side, come to me!"

All the descendants of Levi gathered themselves together to Moses. ²⁷ He said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'Every man is to strap his sword on his thigh and go back and forth throughout the camp, from one gate of the camp to the other, and every man is to kill his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor.'" ²⁸ The Levites did what Moses said, and that day about three thousand men from among the people fell. ²⁹ Moses said, "Begin your service of the LORD today. Yes, because every man among you took a stand against his son and against his brother, the LORD is bestowing a blessing on you today."

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee

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

- **M:** Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.
- C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.
- **M:** You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

M: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C: Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

M: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

M: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

- M: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.
- C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. 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 sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

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 Lord C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the of hosts. whole earth The is full of your glo ry. You God, and I will ex - alt are my you. Ι will give you thanks, for you have be-come my salthe Lord of hosts. va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is Θ The whole earth is full of glo your ry.

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."

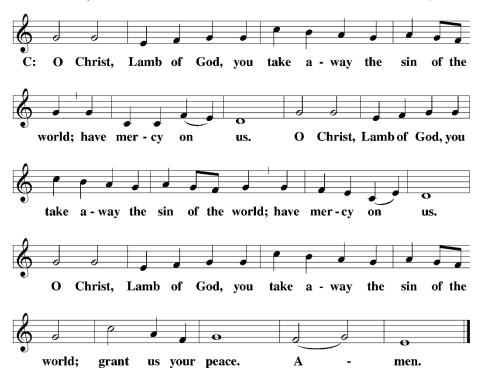
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



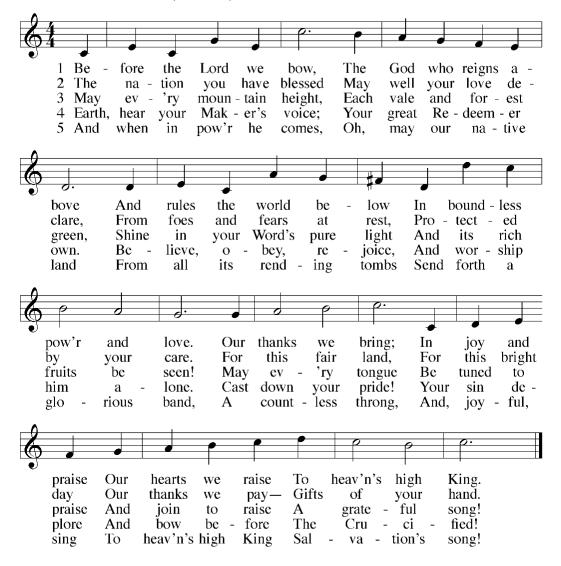




DISTRIBUTION

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 618)

Before the Lord We Bow



Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.

Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH (66 66 4444) John Darwall, 1731-89.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 617)



Text: Henry Harbaugh, 1817–67, abr., alt. Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.



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.

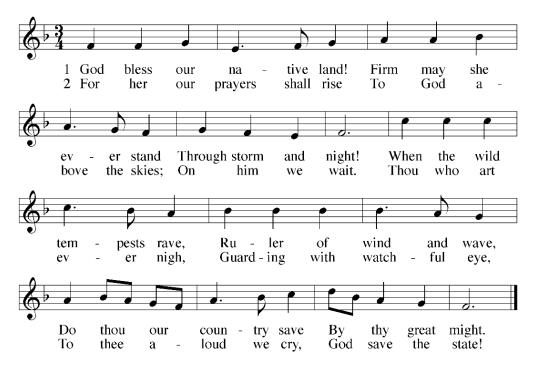
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 619)

God Bless Our Native Land



Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1813–83, st. 1, alt.; John S. Dwight, 1813–93, st. 2. Tune: AMERICA (664 6664) *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, c. 1740.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Sunday July 2: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service at 9:00 am with Holy Communion 8:00 – 8:45 am: Bible Study

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Quartet Director: Ruth Kovaciny
- Councilman: Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Refreshments 10:00 am: The LaGrange Family
- Altar Guild: Karie Ehlenbach
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- 6:00 pm: 4th of July Float Assembly, downstairs

Sunday July 9: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Outdoor Worship Service at <u>10:30 am</u>

9:00 am: Volunteers arrive to set up for worship 12:00 pm: Picnic at noon

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Musicians: WELS Wind Ensemble, Director Mary Kluetzman
- Councilman: Jim Miller
- Ushers: Greg Zeman and additional volunteers needed
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Picnic Coordinators: Kristin Huebner, Sue Jenswold, Elaine Wilson
- Altar Guild: Karie Ehlenbach
- A/V: Devin Anderson and Joe Hornbeck

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Evan Ehlenbach (7/2), Hudson Myhre (7/4), Weston Myhre (7/4), Roxanne Andler (7/5), Kellan Krueger (7/7) and Reneé Olson (7/7) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Becki & Darrin Woolsey (7/5) and Kim & Rich Bauer (7/6) who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Donald Bauer (father of Rich Bauer), Joyce Hamburg (sisterin-law of Karen Tobison), Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder and Steve Tobison 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).

4th of July Parade and Float

• Join us this evening July 2 from 6—7:30 pm as we assemble the float for the parade. Meet downstairs by the garage.



• Join us Tuesday July 4 to walk in the parade and pass out candy. Wear your red, white and blue. Bring water, sunglasses, and wear sunscreen. The lineup begins at 9:00 am with the parade starting at 10:00 am. **Our float will arrive after 9:00 am.** Line up is at the High School parking lot. Our placement in the parade is **#24**.

Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic *Next Sunday* July 9 Service at 10:30 am, Picnic at noon

Join us for our annual outdoor worship service on July 9. The WELS Wind Ensemble will be playing for worship. Wear comfortable clothes. You can bring your own chair or blanket if you prefer. (Folding chairs will be available.)

Following the service, we will have a picnic with plenty of grilled items. Church provides the entrée and beverages. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. There are signup sheets near the entry at church for areas to help as well as suggested food items to bring.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the tent and basement on Saturday July 8 at 9 am.

• We could still use a few more pop-up canopies for the WELS Wind Ensemble to sit under during the service. Also, we would like to borrow 3 corn hole games for the picnic. If you can loan any of these items, please contact the church office.

Looking ahead:

- July 1: Food Drive begins for the area Food Pantry
- July 2: 4th of July Float Assembly, downstairs, 6:00 pm
- July 4: Parade line up begins at 9:00 am (Lord of Love is #24 in the lineup.)
- July 4: No Tuesday morning adult Bible study.
- July 8: Set up outdoor tent and basement, 9:00 am
- July 9: Outdoor Worship, 10:30 am. Picnic at noon.
- July 18: Red Cross Blood Drive at Lord of Love. 12 5 pm
- July 23: Annual Congregational Open Forum and Voter's Meeting, 10:30 am
- July 26, August 9 & 16: Family Bible Nights, 6 7:30 pm
- August 3: Ladies Friendship Circle outing—Tour of Epicenter and lunch following. Leave church at 9:00 am, tour at 10:00 am.
- August 9: Family Bible Night, 6:00 7:30 pm
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