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Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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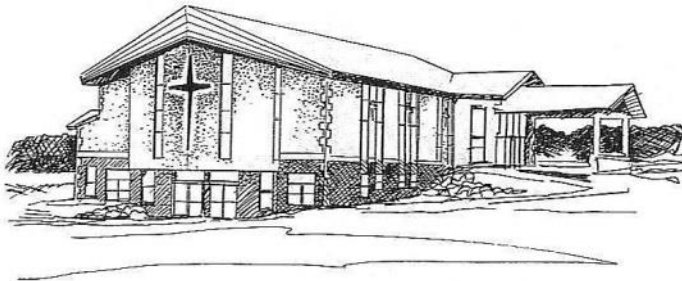
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



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

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June 25, 2023

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 474)

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! The trum - pet call
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! Stand in his strength
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus! The strife will not



the cross! Lift high his roy - al ban - ner; It
o - bey; Forth to the might - y con - flict In
a - lone. The arm of flesh will fail you; Ye
be long; This day the noise of bat - tle, The



must not suf - fer loss. From vic - t'ry un - to vic -
this his glo - rious day! Ye that are brave, now serve
dare not trust your own. Put on the gos - pel ar -
next, the vic - tor's song. To him that o - ver - com -



t'ry His ar - my shall he lead Till ev - 'ry
him A - gainst un - num - bered foes; Let cour - age
mor; Each piece put on with prayer; Where du - ty
eth A crown of life shall be; He with the



foe is van - quished And Christ is Lord in - deed.
rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
King of glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

STAND

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



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



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.

PRAAYER AND PRAISE

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



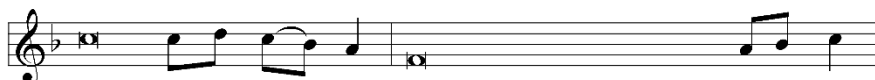
C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 20:7-13

*⁷ You persuaded me, LORD, and I agreed to it.
You are stronger than I am, and you won out.
I have become a laughingstock all day long,
and everyone is mocking me.*

*⁸ Whenever I speak, I cry out.
I cry out, "Violence and destruction!"
But the word of the LORD has brought scorn on me.
I am mocked all day long.*

*⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him
or speak in his name anymore,"
then there is a burning fire in my heart,
shut up in my bones, and I am weary of holding it in.
I cannot!*

*¹⁰ I hear many whispering,
"Terror on every side!"
All my close friends,
those who are watching for my fall, say,
"Denounce him! Let's denounce him.
Perhaps he can be pressured into making a mistake.
Then we will have the upper hand against him,
and we will take our revenge on him."*

*¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior.
So my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not gain the upper hand.
They will be put to shame completely,
because they have not been successful.
Their eternal disgrace will never be forgotten.*

*¹² LORD of Armies, you test the righteous.
You see the heart and the mind.
Let me see your vengeance on them,
for I have laid out my case before you.*

*¹³ Sing to the LORD!
Praise the LORD,
for he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of the wicked.*

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 31

Refrain



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone



*

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;*
deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,*
a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;*
redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth. (*Refrain*)

My times are in your hands;*
save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness,*
which you have stored up for those who fear you.

You heard my cry for mercy*
when I called to you for help.

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

2 Timothy 4:1-8

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom: ² Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage, with all patience and teaching.^[b] ³ For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires. ⁴ They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths. ⁵ As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

⁶ You see, I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸ From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness. The Lord, the righteous Judge, will give it to me on that day, and not only to me but also to everyone who loved his appearing.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

⁵ Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them... ²¹ “Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. ²² You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. ²³ And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴ “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor is a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher and the servant like his master. If the master of the house was called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶ “So do not be afraid of them, because there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear the one who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹ “Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without the knowledge and consent of your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

³² Everyone who confesses me before others, I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. ³³ But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

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.**

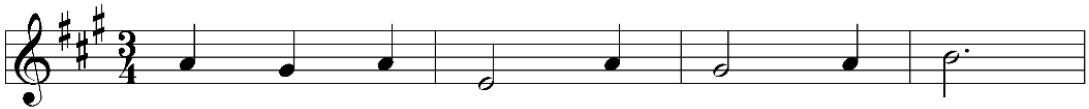
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited to come forward for a brief children's message.

HYMN (CW 457)

Fight the Good Fight



1 Fight the good fight With all your might;
2 Run the straight race Through God's good grace;
3 Cast care a - side, Lean on your guide;
4 Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.



Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.
His bound - less mer - cy will pro - vide.
He chang - es not, and you are dear.



Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Life with its way be - fore us lies;
Lean, and the trust - ing soul shall prove
On - ly be - lieve, and you will see



Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
Christ is its life and Christ its love.
That Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-75, alt.

Tune: MENDON (448 88) *The Methodist Harmonist*, New York, 1821.

A Runner Nears the Finish

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

Father in heaven, you bestow life and salvation by your Holy Word. Though the world treats it with derision, strengthen us to hold fast to your Word and declare your praises. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our salvation, your Son warned that your people would face opposition from the world. Give courage and fortitude to your pastors and people, that they would boldly sing your praises, gladly endure suffering for the name of Jesus, and continue by your grace to the end. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Father in heaven, the curse of sin brings division within families. Grant unity of faith within the households of this congregation. Give wisdom and peace where there is anger and strife. Bless parents with faithfulness to teach their children your ways. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, you appoint authorities to keep order for the good of your people. Bless the authorities in our land with wisdom to seek the common good. Deliver them from temptations to promote evil and oppose your will. Give them penitent hearts, that they might be confident of your grace for them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, look with favor upon those who are persecuted for the name of Jesus. Be their strong warrior against the evil one. Strengthen them to endure and make known your mercy through the witness of their suffering. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, grant that all who partake of the Holy Communion today would present themselves as those brought out of death into life, repenting of their transgressions and gratefully receiving your Son's body and blood for the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be merciful to us, O Lord, and hear our prayers. Grant to us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be led into all truth and be steadfast in the confession of Christ; through Jesus Christ, 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.

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, 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 551:5-6)

For All the Saints

**And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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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 8:00 am: Lord's Supper, *sanctuary*

Tuesday 9:00 am *New Topic: How I Love Thee! Christ and His Bride, 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)***

HOW I LOVE THEE!

— Christ and His Bride —

What book of the Bible received the most attention for nearly 1000 years of church history ... and today is rarely read in our worship services? What book of the Bible was once forbidden to readers under 30 ... and yet portrays 2 of God's greatest gifts to mankind? What book of the Bible is considered one of the most difficult to study ... but whose theme is obvious? Please join us Tuesday as we begin a study of the Song of Songs ... and find out!

Volunteer Needed: We are looking for a person to water shrubs at church. We are using the free water from our sump discharge so the running hose must be moved from shrub to shrub every two minutes or so.

Interested persons can contact Joe Hornbeck. hornbo8410@gmail.com or call 608-669-4652.

Sunday June 25: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service at 9:00 am

8:00 – 8:45 am: Bible Study

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman/Elder: Mike Wilson
- Ushers: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Refreshments: Stachowiak
- Altar Guild: Kristin Huebner
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson

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
- Councilman: Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Refreshments 10:00 am: *Volunteers needed*
- Altar Guild: Karie Ehlenbach
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Travis Ebel (6/25), Nick Anderson (6/26), Jackie Dahms (6/27), Tyler Lecy (6/27), Ethan Bauer (6/29), Cindy Crary (6/29), Marci Stowell (6/30) and Jenelle Smith (7/1) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Bob & Linda Degnan (6/30) 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, 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).



4th of July Float: Lord of Love is planning a float for the DeForest parade on Tuesday July 4. Volunteers are needed to help decorate the float as well as walk with the float and hand out candy. To get involved, see the signup sheets as you enter church. You can also donate candy for the event. (Please avoid chocolate or candy the melts.) Donations should be placed in the bin.

Freedom Run: Pastor Jenswold is looking for anyone in the congregation to join him in running the 5K Freedom Run in DeForest. The run begins at 7:30 am on July 4. If interested, speak with Pr. Jenswold.

Outdoor Worship Service and Church Picnic July 9

Service at 10:30 am, Picnic at noon

Mark your calendars 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 to share. There are signup sheets for areas to help as well as suggested food to bring.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the tent and basement on Saturday July 8 at 9:00 am.

- We could use some pop-up canopies for the WELS Wind Ensemble to sit under. If you can loan us one, contact the church office.
- We would like to borrow 3 corn hole games that could be used the day of the picnic. If you can loan one to the church, please let the church office know. It would need to be to church the morning of July 9th.



Looking Ahead:

- **July 1:** Food Drive begins for the DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry
- **July 4:** Float in DeForest/Windsor Parade. Lineup 9:00 am, parade 10:00 am
- **July 8:** Tent and basement set-up for outdoor worship/picnic. Sat. 9:00 am
- **July 9: Outdoor Worship service 10:30 am**, Church picnic to follow at 12 noon.
- **July 15:** Ladies Coffee/Breakfast at M-N-M's Coffee House in Waunakee, 8 am
- **July 18:** Red Cross Blood Drive at Lord of Love, downstairs. 12 – 5 pm
- **July 23:** Annual Congregational Open Forum and Voter's Meeting. 10:30 am

