



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



The Christian Finds Rest in Jesus



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



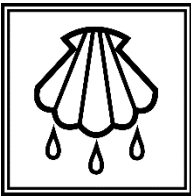
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July 9, 2023 (Church Picnic)

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. *1 John 1:8*

C: **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 John 1:9*

M: Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father, and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

M: Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has visited and redeemed his people.

Luke 1:68

HYMN OF PRAISE (CW 369)

Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
Robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
Bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, Tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er;
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o - ra - tion



Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.
He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
Than all the an - gels in the sky.
Now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677, abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904.

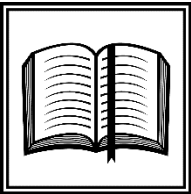
Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU (557 558) Silesian folk tune, 19th century, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end, grant us your promised rest and the full joys of your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the LORD, "Look, you yourself have been telling me, 'Lead this people up,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³ So now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you, so that I may find favor in your sight. Consider that this nation is your people."

¹⁴ The LORD said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵ Moses said to him, "If your Presence is not going to go with me, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶ After all, how would people know that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Isn't it in this way: that you go with us, so that we are distinguished, I and your people, from all the people who are on the face of the earth?"

¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have said, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”

¹⁸ Then Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”

¹⁹ The LORD said, “I will make all my goodness pass in front of you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD in your presence. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy.” ²⁰ He said, “You cannot see my face, for no human may see me and live.”

²¹ The LORD also said, “Look, there is a place next to me, where you shall stand on the rock. ²² It will happen that, while my glory passes by, I will put you in a crevice in the rock. I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³ Then I will take away my hand, and you will see my back. But my face will not be seen.”

SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵ For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not keep doing what I want. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But now it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ Indeed, I know that good does not live in me, that is, in my sinful flesh. The desire to do good is present with me, but I am not able to carry it out. ¹⁹ So I fail to do the good I want to do. Instead, the evil I do not want to do, that is what I keep doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me.

²¹ So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is present with me. ²² I certainly delight in God’s law according to my inner self, ²³ but I see a different law at work in my members, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me captive to the law of sin, which is present in my members. ²⁴ What a miserable wretch I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵ I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵ *At that time, Jesus continued, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. ²⁷ Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.*

²⁸ *"Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*

HYMN OF THE DAY (CWS 752)

In Christ Alone
Pages 8 & 9

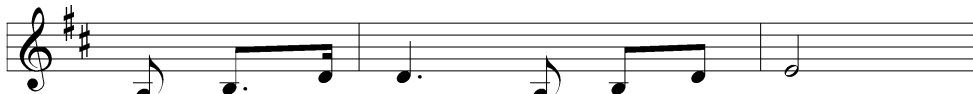
COME TO ME
all you who are
WEARY AND BURDENED
and I will
GIVE YOU REST



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;
Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



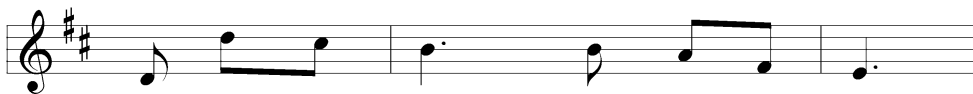
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
 For I am his and he is mine—
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,

(Fine)

Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.

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SERMON

Matthew 11:28-30

Come and Rest!



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



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from anxiety and worry, that we would hold fast to the conviction that, for Jesus' sake, we are of more value than birds and lilies to our Creator, who knows what we need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this congregation, that the Lord would enkindle the gifts of his Holy Spirit and give us mutual encouragement by each other's faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our homes, that our heavenly Father would be the companion of those who are alone, the strength of husbands and wives, and the blessing of parents as they catechize their children; and that he would preserve our families from every plague and evil, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace and protection, that God would bless our nation's leaders with integrity and wisdom to defend against evil, until at last he cuts off the war horse and the chariot forever, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are incarcerated, that God would foster in them repentance and trust in his grace, preserve them from greater evil, and enable them by such forgiveness to bear their sentence as a joyful custody of hope, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For comfort to those weary and heavy-laden with tribulations or illnesses, [*especially _____*], that they would be blessed with the knowledge of his easy yoke and light burden and find rest from their Lord, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the saints who have gone before us, seeking the kingdom of God and his righteousness above all else, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that God would preserve us in repentance and faith until we stand before Him in glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God 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: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (CW 341)

Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his
 2 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -



throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All
 side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In
 grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For
 bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The



mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the
 those he came to save. His glo - ries now we
 won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y



sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him
 sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward
 sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -
 crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye



as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 bends his won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
 kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3.
 Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.



*Thank you to the WELS Wind Ensemble
for playing for our worship today.*

Thank you to the many volunteers that assisted with the
preparations for this service and picnic.

Plan to stay after worship for fellowship
and lunch.

STRATEGIC MINISTRY PLAN



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I will be honest with you. The words "strategic plan" typically strike me as a good remedy for insomnia. "Strategic plans" are typically overly and "fluffy" and overly optimistic. Strategic plans are often a collection of corporate goals and objectives that are not always realistic. It is believed a good strategic plan makes a business "smarter" and "proactive" in the marketplace (you fighting a paper on Twitter like).

But let me hold in your hand another one. It exists because of the addition of one little word: "Ministry." What you are holding is a "Ministry Strategic Plan." It is the result of discussion and prayer and people that have gathered on "Ministry." "Ministry" means, "service." We exist to do "ministry." We exist to serve people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

It is ministry we do together as the body of Christ. Just as a body has many parts that must all work together, so also the body of Christ must work together to do ministry. We are to be Christ's hands and feet and voice in the world. We must use our varied gifts in coordination, effort and movement, as the body moves. Identify and intentionally do you need this document, you might ask yourself, "Where do my gifts fit into this plan? Where are my gifts not being used in the Kingdom? Encourage."

Finally, when you hold in your hands a "plan" it concerns the future. So we can only hold this up to the Lord of the Church, who lives the Church and give himself up for her, and himself say, "If I please you."

With that, we thank all who held a hand in crafting this plan, and we commend to you the newly revised Strategic Ministry Plan of Lord of Love.

To God be the glory!
Pastor Johannes
Pastor Janet

The "Strategic Ministry Plan" is completed and ready for your consideration! Many of your fellow members spent many hours preparing this look into the future of our congregation. They carefully assessed every area of ministry we carry out at Lord of Love, evaluating both our strengths and our weaknesses. They discussed, at great length, how each area might be improved. Most importantly, they made recommendations by which we can build on our strengths and shore up our weaknesses. In this way we can better proclaim the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. The "Strategic Ministry Plan" will be taken up at the July 23 Voters' Meeting. Please pick up your copy today.

Sunday July 9: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Outdoor Worship Service at 10:30 am

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: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- 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

Sunday July 16: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service 9:00 am with Holy Communion

8:00 am: Adult Bible Study, *sanctuary*

- Pastor Jerry Ewings
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilmen: Mitch Myhre
- Ushers 9:00 am: Sef Fox, Jack Holzman, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Refreshments: The Crary Family
- Altar Guild: Karie Ehlenbach
- AV & Recording: Julie Doyle

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Shari Blossom (7/10), Abigail Brown (7/10), Nathan Vomhof (7/12), Keeli Cotter (7/14) and Kathy Belgen (7/15) who celebrate birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Deb & Bob Nasett (7/11) and Ali & Jacob Kilian (7/13) 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, 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).

Bible Studies this week:

- **Tuesday 9:00 am: 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)

Looking ahead:

- **July 15:** Ladies Coffee/Breakfast at M-N-M's Coffee House in Waunakee, 8:00 am
- **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: Family Bible Night, 6:00 - 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**
- **August 16: Family Bible Night, 6:00 – 7:30 pm**