



**LORD of LOVE**  
*Lutheran Church*

## **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Ministry Sunday**



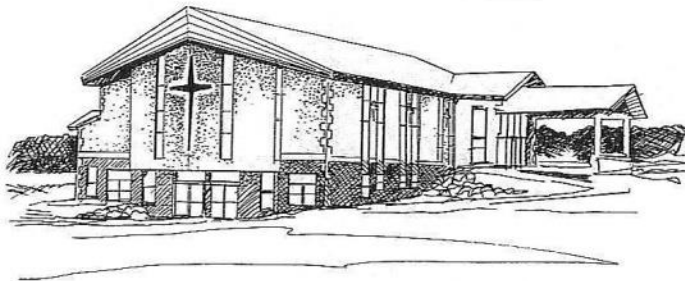
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”  
Psalm 122:1**



*Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament.  
Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.*

# Lord of Love Lutheran Church

September 10, 2023

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

### OPENING HYMN (CW 532)

### God is Here! We Are His People



1 God is here! As we his peo - ple Meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of Church and King - dom, In an age of



praise and prayer, May we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace. Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; Here, as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



What it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -  
Here the cross has cen - tral place. Here, in hon - es - ty of  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the  
Help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -



round us, All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the  
preach - ing, Here, in si - lence as in speech, Here, in  
Ser - vant Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it  
ca - tion, All we have to give, re - ceive; We who



com - ing of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
means in dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.  
can - not live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

*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

*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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**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.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

**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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C: A - men.

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



**C:** O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood.      You are the

King of glo - ry;    you are the Lord!      O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your 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

Joel 2:28-29

*<sup>28</sup> After this, I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh.  
Your sons and your daughters will prophesy.  
Your old men will dream dreams.  
Your young men will see visions.  
<sup>29</sup> Even on the servants, both male and female,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.*

### SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were deceived and somehow led away to mute idols. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I am informing you that no one speaking by God's Spirit says, "A curse be upon Jesus," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.*

*<sup>4</sup> There are various kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of ministries, and yet the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are various kinds of activity, but the same God, who produces all of them in everyone.*

*<sup>7</sup> Each person is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one person a message of wisdom is given by the Spirit; to another, a message of knowledge, as the same Spirit provides it; <sup>9</sup> by the same Spirit, faith is given to someone else; and to another, the same Spirit gives healing gifts. <sup>10</sup> Another is given powers to do miracles; another, the gift of prophecy; another, the evaluating of spirits; someone else, different kinds of tongues; and another, the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> One and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them to each one individually as he desires.*



## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia! His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant!” Alleluia!

STAND

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30

<sup>14</sup> “You see, the kingdom of heaven is like a man going on a journey. He called his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to still another one talent, each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The servant who had received the five talents immediately put them to work and gained five more talents. <sup>17</sup> In the same way, the servant who had received the two talents gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the servant who had received one talent went away, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup> “After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The servant who received the five talents came and brought five more talents. He said, ‘Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.’

<sup>22</sup> “The servant who received the two talents came and said, ‘Master, you entrusted me with two talents. See, I have gained two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.’

<sup>24</sup> “Then the servant who received one talent came and said, ‘Master, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter seed. <sup>25</sup> Since I was afraid, I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’

<sup>26</sup> “His master answered him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! You knew that I reap where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers so that when I came I would get my money back with interest. <sup>28</sup> Take the talent away from him and give it to the servant who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> Because everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. But the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. <sup>30</sup> Throw that worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’



1 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in  
 2 We all are called to ser - vice, To wit - ness in God's  
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, And let our song be



call, Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the  
 name. Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; Our pur - pose  
 heard; Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re -



Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion  
 is the same: To touch the lives of oth - ers  
 deem - ing Word. We all are one in mis - sion;



Com - pels us from a - bove To plan and work  
 With God's sur - pris - ing grace, So ev - 'ry folk  
 We all are one in call, Our var - ied gifts



to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.  
 and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.  
 u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

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Tune: WEBB (76 76 D) George J. Webb, 1803-87.

**Our Varied Gifts United**

**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.**

**GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING**

*While the offering is gathered, please sign and pass  
the Friendship Register. Thank you!*

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL (8:00 a.m.)**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Risen and ascended Jesus, Lord of Love, you are the one for whom this congregation exists and from whom this congregation derives her name. You have redeemed us by your blood and called us to be a different people in this world, a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God.

**C: Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. (CW 469:1)**

**M:** You have blessed this congregation with a beautiful building and grounds. You have equipped us with technology our fathers could never have imagined for reaching out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For these blessings, we give you thanks, and we consecrate ourselves to using these good gifts to your glory.

**C: Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of your love.  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee. (CW 469:2)**

**M:** You have given us Good News to share, and the means to do so, the Word and the Sacraments. Bless all our efforts to teach and proclaim Christ crucified and risen and coming again – whether that be in our Bible classes, our Sunday School, our evangelism efforts, our worship services, our youth programs, or our fellowship opportunities.

**C: Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee. (CW 469:3)**

**M:** Dear Savior, this ministry given by you, shared by us at Lord of Love, costs money. It is reality. Oh, how our flesh bristles when talk of money comes up! Forgive us for offerings that frequently fail to rise to the level of the honor you deserve. Forgive us for practicing “safe stewardship” that is too “sensible” to be lavish, too timid to really trust.

**C: Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose. (CW 469:4)**

**M:** On this Ministry Sunday, we hold up to you our newly revised Strategic Ministry Plan. It is flawed in many ways, because our hands have touched it. But we know that it can be good if only you touch it. Touch and bless the ministry at Lord of Love. And all 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.**



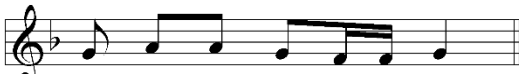
## THE SACRAMENT

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

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



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**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*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - 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.



C: A - - - men.

# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

*BE SEATED*

## 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 557)

On Galilee's High Mountain



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun - tain Christ  
 2 The Lord, who, born of Mar - y, Came  
 3 His strength with - in my weak - ness Will  
 4 And not a - lone to na - tions In  
 5 Lord, gath - er all your chil - dren, Wher -



gave the great com - mand In words of strength and  
 down as man and died, Who preached to all who  
 make me bold to say, How his re - deem - ing  
 far - a - way re - treats, But ev - 'ry - where I  
 ev - er they may be, And lead them on to



prom - ise Which all can un - der - stand: "All  
 lis - tened, For us was cru - ci - fied. This  
 pow - er Trans - forms my stub - born clay. His  
 broad - cast His love through crowd - ed streets. The  
 heav - en To live e - ter - nal - ly With



pow'r to me is giv - en To do what  
 Lord, our liv - ing broth - er, In pow'r at  
 touch of fire ig - nites me; With cour - age  
 lives that my life touch - es, How - ev - er  
 you, our lov - ing Fa - ther, And Christ, our



I shall choose. There - fore I send my  
 God's right hand Has cho - sen us to  
 I am sent, My tongue - tied si - lence  
 great or small— Let them through me see  
 broth - er dear, Whose Spir - it guards and



chil - dren; Their wit - ness I will use."  
 car - ry His truth to ev - 'ry land.  
 bro - ken, With grace made el - o - quent.  
 Je - sus, Who served and saved us all.  
 gives us The joy to per - se - vere.



1 Hark! The Church pro - claims her hon - or, And her  
 2 He his Church has firm - ly found - ed; He will  
 3 Frail and fleet - ing are our pow - ers, Short our  
 4 Though we here must strive in weak - ness, Though in  
 5 On - ward, then, with - out de - spair - ing! Calm we



strength is on - ly this: God has laid his choice up -  
 guard what he be - gan. We, by sin and foes sur -  
 days, our fore - sight dim. We con - fess a choice not  
 tears we of - ten bend, What his might be - gan in  
 fol - low at his Word, Thus through joy and sor - row



on her, And the work she does is his.  
 round - ed, Build her walls as best we can.  
 ours: We were cho - sen first by him.  
 meek - ness Shall a - chieve a glo - rious end.  
 bear - ing Faith - ful wit - ness to our Lord.

Text: Samuel Preiswerk, 1799–1871; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: STUTT GART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716, alt.



## THANKSGIVING

STAND

### THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

**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.



C: A - men.

**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 469:5-6)**

**Take My Life and Let It Be**

**Take my will and make it thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart – it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne.**

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



## 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.

## **Church Council 2023-2024**

- Mitch Myhre, Chairman
- Jim Miller, Treasurer
- Ryan Jaeger, Secretary
- Steve Kalscheuer, Financial Secretary
- Ken Krey, Trustee

## **Sunday September 10: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion**

### **9:15 am: Adult Bible study, teen class, and Sunday school**

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00 Jim Miller, 10:30 Dave Olson
- Ushers 8:00: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Lia Miller, Mandi Miller and Vie Miller
- Refreshments: *Volunteers needed*
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson

## **Sunday September 17: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion**

### **9:15 am: Adult Bible study, teen class, and Sunday school**

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: 8:00 Ryan Jaeger, 10:30 Mitch Myhre
- Ushers 8:00: Sef Fox, Jack Holzman, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30: Joshua Hodkiewicz and *volunteer*
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Refreshments: Jen Olson
- Altar Guild: Lia Miller, Mandi Miller and Vie Miller
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to Jacob Kilian (9/12), Dave Plumb (9/12), Bob Nasett (9/14), Sam Vomhof (9/14) and Brooklynn Meadowcroft (9/15) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

**Anniversary:** We wish God's blessings to Dave & Kelly Plumb (9/11), Kristen & Tim Sullivan (9/14) & Dan & Kerri Mallien (9/15) 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 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).

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### **Bible Studies this week:**

**Sunday 9:15 am: Philippians, sanctuary**

**Tuesday 9:00 am: Gospel of John, downstairs**

**Wednesday 6:30 pm: Malachi, downstairs**

**Friday 6:00 am** (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45): **Matthew**

*DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)*

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#### **Offerings August 20 - 26:**

- General Fund: \$4,818
- Mortgage Reduction: \$525

#### **Offerings August 27 - 31:**

- General Fund: \$5,825
- Mortgage Reduction: \$10
- AV Projectors (Wish List): \$100



Weekly amount to meet budgeted General Fund expenses: \$8,200

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*(August 20 - 31: In the totals listed above, \$4,436 was given to the general fund and \$100 to the AV Projectors through Vanco electronic giving.)*

## Looking ahead:

- **September 14:** Usher training, 6:30 pm. Current ushers and anyone interested in being an usher are invited.
- **September 16:** Euchre Card Party, 6:00 pm
- **September 21:** Ladies Friendship Circle, 6:30 pm - *upstairs*.
- **September 21:** Elder and Deaconess meeting, 6:30 pm – *downstairs*.
- **September 26:** Ladies Bunco evening, 6:30 pm
- **October 1:** Food Drive begins for the DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry
- **October 1: Teen campfire and Bible study at Peace Lutheran, Sun Prairie. 6:30 – 8:00 pm.**
- **October 7:** Outdoor workday. Help clear brush on church property. Loppers, chainsaws, and work gloves are helpful. 8:00 am – 12:00 noon.
- **October 22: Teen campfire and Bible study at Peace Lutheran, Sun Prairie. 6:30 – 8:00 pm.**
- **November 10 – 12: WELS/ELS Singles Retreat for 2023, Camp Phillip.**  
*Registration ends October 1.*