



**LORD of LOVE**  
*Lutheran Church*

## **Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Forgiven and Forgiving**



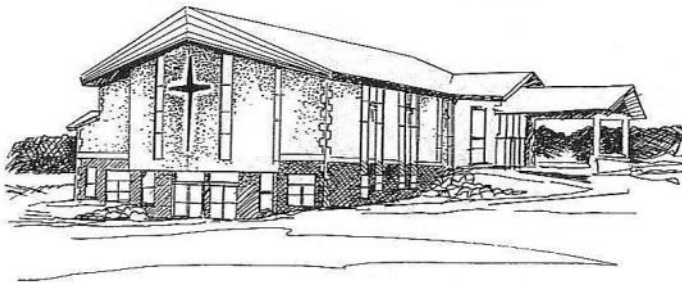
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”  
Psalm 122:1**



*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 17, 2023

## DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN (CW 294)

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



1 Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To  
3 My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your  
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re -



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a  
be hence - forth your child and heir. My faith - ful  
prom - ise sure - ly will en - dure. Oh, cast me  
ceive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me con -



place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your saints, your  
Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of all your  
not a - way for - ev - er If words and deeds be -  
fess my faith sin - cere - ly And help me your own



cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to  
sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort  
come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -  
child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.  
filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.  
own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

Text: Johann J. Rambach, 1693–1735, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.



## HOLY BAPTISM (10:30 a.m.)

*REMAIN SEATED*

**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:** Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

**C:** **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

**M:** As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

**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.

*The Rite of Baptism continues at the font.*

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*For the baptism of children*

**M:** In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought these children to be baptized. Jesus told us: “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God’s Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

*For the baptism of adults*

**M:** Charles, by the power of the Word, the Holy Spirit has led you to believe that this new life in Christ is yours. Now in Holy Baptism the Lord Jesus assures you of your salvation. That you may give public testimony of your faith, I therefore ask you: Do you believe that you were born in sin and therefore eternally lost?

**A:** Yes, I believe.

**M:** Do you believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**A:** Yes, I believe.

**M:** Do you believe that this Triune God planned and carried out your salvation?

**A:** Yes, I believe.

**M:** Do you believe that God grants you the forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism?

**A:** Yes, I believe.

**M:** Do you desire to be baptized?

**A:** Yes, I do.

**M:** Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (+) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

*The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:*

\_\_\_\_, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

*STAND*

### **EXHORTATION**

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that Charles, Alexander, and Eli may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

**C:** **Yes, as God gives me strength.**

**M:** Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on Charles, Alexander, and Eli and grant them a rich measure of your Spirit that they may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (8:00 a.m.)

*STAND*

## INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

## CONFESSION

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C:** **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## ABSOLUTION

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Mark 10:47*

*Kyrie*

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

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

**M:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**





## THE WORD

### SALUTATION

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

**C:** And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, you graciously forgive us all our sins and abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul. Give us confidence in your mercy, and teach us also to be merciful to our neighbor, that we willingly forgive all people, and judging only ourselves, lead blessed lives to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### FIRST LESSON

Ephesians 4:29-5:2

*<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come from your mouths. Say only what is beneficial when there is a need to build up others, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. <sup>32</sup> Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven us. <sup>1</sup> Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

## CHOIR ANTHEM

Rejoice and Sing Praise

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**M:** Alleluia. Bear with each other and forgive one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

**Pastor:** <sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, “Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. <sup>25</sup> Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt.

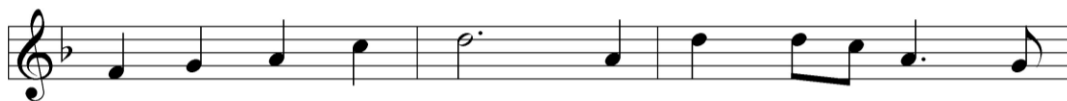
**Women:** <sup>26</sup> “Then the servant fell down on his knees in front of him, saying, ‘Master, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!’ <sup>27</sup> The master of that servant had pity on him, released him, and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began choking him, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’

**Men:** <sup>29</sup> “So his fellow servant fell down and begged him, saying, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!’ <sup>30</sup> But he refused. Instead he went off and threw the man into prison until he could pay back what he owed. <sup>31</sup> “When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were very distressed. They went and reported to their master everything that had taken place.

**All:** <sup>32</sup> “Then his master called him in and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt when you begged me to. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup> His master was angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay back everything he owed. <sup>35</sup> This is what my heavenly Father will also do to you unless each one of you forgives his brother from his heart.”



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," You  
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless The  
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals The  
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And



taught us, Lord, to pray, But you a - lone can  
 un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and  
 truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are  
 bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.  
 will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
 owed to us; How great our debt to you!  
 bonds of love Our lives will spread your peace.

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 Tune: DETROIT (CM) A Supplement to the Kentucky Harmony, Harrisonburg, 1820.

## SERMON

Genesis 50:15-21

*<sup>15</sup> When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and will pay us back in full for all of the evil that we did to him."*

*<sup>16</sup> They sent the following message to Joseph: "Before he died your father commanded us, <sup>17</sup> 'You are to tell Joseph, "Please forgive the offense of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" Now, please forgive the offense of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.*

*<sup>18</sup> His brothers also came and fell down in front of him, and they said, "See now, we are your servants."*

*19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring this to pass and to keep many people alive, as it is this day. 21 Now therefore, do not be afraid. I will nourish you and your little ones." He comforted them and spoke to them in a kind way.*

## **Payback Time!**

*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*

### **GATHERING OF THE THANK-OFFERING**

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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For freedom from grudges and an unforgiving spirit, that we may not be kept from God's forgiveness through our lack of mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For patience in trials, that like Joseph in Egypt, we, too, might learn to be slow to judge, quick to forgive, and steadfast in love for God and one another, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

In thanksgiving for the Holy Word and Sacraments, that they would be preserved among us; for faithful stewards of God's mysteries, that repentance and the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in Christ's name; and for all the baptized, that they would be faithful confessors of the hope that is in them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the homes of God's people, that he would keep them from all harm and danger; and that we may dwell together in peace under the protection of his holy angels, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all nations and leaders, that life and liberty might be defended; and that rulers and nations might strive toward all that is honorable, true and just, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and infirm, [*especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that they may have patience to endure their time of suffering and that their days be crowned with God's mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For gratitude as we receive Christ's body and blood, that having been forgiven a debt that only Christ could pay, we in turn may go out to serve others in the same spirit of forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

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

**C:** **And also 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 good and right so to do.**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

## Sanctus

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBER



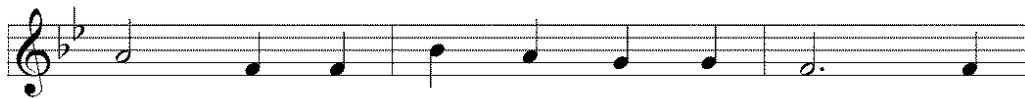
1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



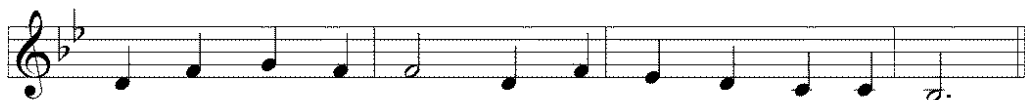
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In  
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and  
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -



save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -



in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**M:** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C:** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28*  
*1 Corinthians 11:24,25*

**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:** Amen.



# LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

*John 1:29*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



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



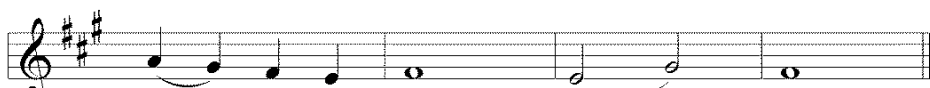
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. 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 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 (CWS 737)    God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (next page)**



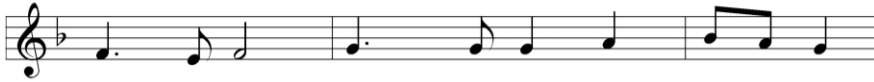
1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it:  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er:  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion:  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness:  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing



I am bap - tized in - to Christ! He, be -  
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! I have  
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! Drop your  
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! When I  
 To this life - long com - fort sure! O - pen -



cause I could not pay it, Gave my full re -  
 com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus' cleans - ing  
 ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion; I am not so  
 die, I leave all sad - ness To in - her - it  
 eyed my grave is star - ing: E - ven there I'll



demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures  
 sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science  
 soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've  
 par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and  
 sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its



man - y? I have one worth more than an - y  
 seize me Since my bap - tism did re - lease me  
 trav - eled, All your might has come un - rav - eled,  
 ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es:  
 rais - ing, Still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing:



That brought me sal - va - tion free,  
 In a dear for - giv - ing flood,  
 And, a - gainst your tyr - an - ny,  
 Bap - tism has the strength di - vine  
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ;



Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 Sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 I'm a child of par - a - dise!



1 This is the three - fold truth on which our  
 2 Made sa - cred by long use, new - mint - ed  
 3 On this we fix our minds as, kneel - ing  
 4 By this we are up - held when doubt or  
 5 This is the three - fold truth which, if we



faith de - pends; And with this joy - ful  
 for our time, Our lit - ur - gies sum  
 side by side, We take the bread and  
 grief as - sails Our Chris - tian faith and  
 hold it fast, Chang - es the world and



cry wor - ship be - gins and ends:  
 up the hope we have in him:  
 wine, take him, the Cru - ci - fied:  
 love, and on - ly grace a - vails:  
 us and brings us home at last:

*Refrain*



Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

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STAND

# SONG OF SIMEON

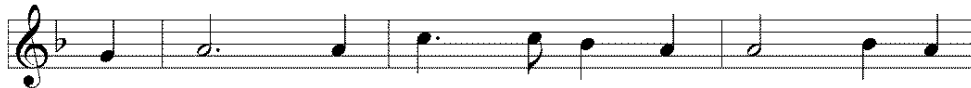
Luke 2:29-32

Nunc Dimittis

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to



as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -  
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -  
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -



light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,  
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!  
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

# BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

**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:** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

## CLOSING HYMN (CW 491)

## O Master of the Loving Heart



1 O Mas - ter of the lov - ing heart, The  
2 Your days were full of kind - ly acts; Your  
3 Your face was warm with sym - pa - thy; Your  
4 Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, So



friend of all in need, We pray that we may  
speech was true and plain; Of those who ev - er  
hand God's strength re - vealed; Who saw your face or  
joy - ous, free, and true, That all your chil - dren,



be like you In thought and word and deed.  
sought you, Lord, None came to you in vain.  
felt your touch Were com - fort - ed and healed.  
ev - 'ry - where, Be drawn by us to you.

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**LORD of LOVE**  
*Lutheran Church*

**Personal Prayer 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.

**Personal Prayer 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.

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**Gluten Free communion wafers:** Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

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**Bible Studies this week**

**Sunday 8:00 am: Philippians, sanctuary**

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

**Wednesday 6:30 pm: New topic starting, downstairs**

**Friday 6:00 am: Matthew**

Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45. *DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)*

**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
- Altar Guild: Lia Miller, Mandi Miller and Vie Miller
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments 9:00 am: Jen Olson

**Sunday September 24: Seventeenth 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 Brian Ehlenbach, 10:30 *Councilman needed*
- Ushers 8:00: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Lia Miller, Mandi Miller and Vie Miller
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments 9:00 am: *Volunteers needed*

**Would you enjoy a guided tour of our nature trails?**  
**Are you physically challenged?**

**If you answered “yes” to both of these questions, then there is good news for you!**

The ACCESS ABILITY WISCONSIN – OUTDOORS ACCESS 4 ALL organization makes an all-terrain, outdoor wheelchair available to individuals with mobility challenges at no charge. And our own trail guide, **JOE HORNBECK**, has offered to take all who are interested on a tour of our trails. Initial plans are to hold this event in mid-October, at various times throughout the day. If you are interested, contact Rob Jordan at 715-326-3452 / [rwjinwwi@icloud.com](mailto:rwjinwwi@icloud.com) or the church office. Transportation to and from church that day will be available. There is no charge – so come and explore our beautiful grounds!

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to Sharon Kalscheuer (9/19), Kailey Steinbrink (9/19), Wyn Miller (9/21), Eileen Betzer (9/22), Craig Kalscheuer (9/22), Rose Lund (9/22) and Kyle Kopplin (9/23) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

**Anniversary:** We wish God's blessings to Keith & Shari Minnameier (9/17), Heather & Steven Hurth (9/19) and Allie & Fermin Valencia (9/22) who celebrate their anniversaries this week.

**In Our Prayers:** Fred Bakken, 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).

## Looking Ahead:

- **September 21:** Ladies Friendship Circle meets, 6:30 pm - *upstairs*.
- **September 21:** Elder and Deaconess meeting, 6:30 pm – *downstairs*.
- **September 25 (Monday):** Ladies Bunco evening, 6:30 pm
- **October 1:** Food Drive begins for the DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry
- **October 1: Teen campfire/Bible study, Peace Lutheran, Sun Prairie. 6:30 – 8 pm**
- **October 7:** Outdoor workday. Help clear brush on church property. Loppers, chainsaws, and work gloves are helpful. There will be a woodchipper on site to help dispose of the brush cleared. 8:00 – 12:00 noon.
- **October 21 & 22: Teen retreat with Abiding Shepherd Lutheran in Westby, WI**
- **October 22: Teen campfire/Bible study, Peace Lutheran, Sun Prairie. 6:30–8 pm**
- **November 10 – 12: WELS/ELS Singles Retreat for 2023, Camp Phillip.**  
*Registration ends October 1.*
- **December 20: Children's Christmas Service, 6:30 pm**