



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Lord Patiently Seeks Fruit



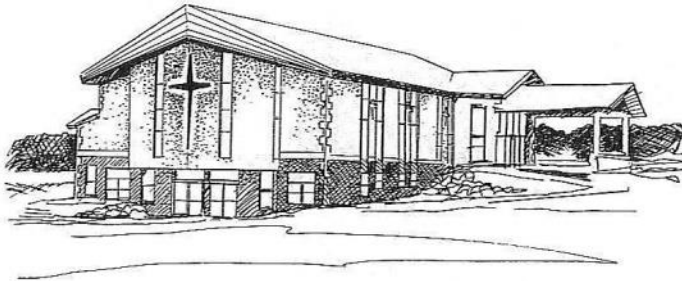
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



*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

October 8, 2023

DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN (CW 229)

This Day at Your Creating Word



1 This day at your cre - a - ting word First o'er the
2 This day the Lord for sin - ners slain In might vic -
3 This day the Ho - ly Spir - it came With fi - ery
4 This day of light and life and grace We gath - er
5 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, To Christ, who



earth the light was poured: O Lord, this day up -
to - rious rose a - gain: O Je - sus, raise your
tongues of clo - ven flame: O Spir - it, fill our
in our wor - ship - place: This ho - ly hour, blest
set his peo - ple free, Whom with the Spir - it



on us shine, And fill our souls with light di - vine.
peo - ple, too, From death of sin to life in you.
hearts this day With grace to hear and grace to pray.
gift of love, Give we a - gain to God a - bove.
we a - dore For - ev - er and for - ev - er - more.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97, alt.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW (LM) *Musicalish Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien*, Hamburg, 1690, alt.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.**

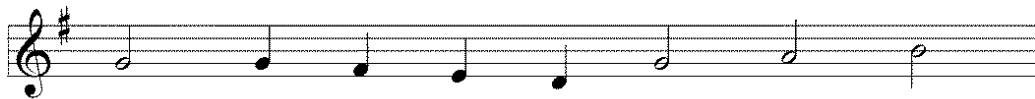
M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

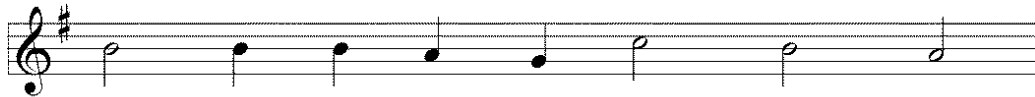
GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

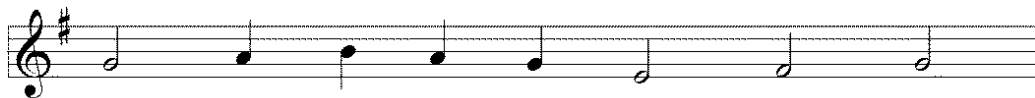
Gloria in Excelsis



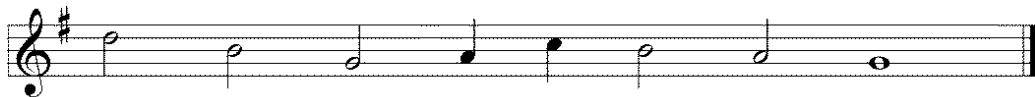
1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
You take all hu - man sin a - way.
The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
"All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.



THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my loved one a song about my loved one's vineyard.

My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile ridge.

² He dug it up and gathered the stones out of it.

He planted it with the best vines.

He built a tower in the middle of it.

He also cut a winepress into it.

*He expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes,
but it produced only sour grapes.*

*³ So now, you residents of Jerusalem and you men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.*

*⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard
that I have not already done for it?*

*When I expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes,
why did it produce sour grapes?*

⁵ Now, let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will take away its hedge, and it will become a pasture.

I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down.

⁶ I will make it a wasteland.

It will not be pruned or hoed.

So briars and thorns will shoot up.

I will also command the clouds not to pour rain on it.

*⁷ Yes, the vineyard of the LORD of Armies is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah are the planting that was pleasing to him.*

He expected justice, but instead there was oppression.

He expected righteousness, but there was an outcry.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118

This morning the Sunday School children will sing an anthem
entitled *Festival Alleluia* based on Psalm 118.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:33-43

³³ *"Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. He leased it out to some tenant farmers and went away on a journey. ³⁴ When the time approached to harvest the fruit, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ The tenant farmers seized his servants. They beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then the landowner sent even more servants than the first time. The tenant farmers treated them the same way. ³⁷ Finally, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. ³⁸ But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance!' ³⁹ They took him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ So when the landowner comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?"*

⁴¹ They told him, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end. Then he will lease out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his fruit when it is due.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

⁴³ “That is why I tell you the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Rejoice and Sing Praise

SERMON

Philippians 3:12-21

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Therefore, let all of us who are mature continue to think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this to you too. ¹⁶ Only let us think the same thing and walk in line with what we already have attained.

¹⁷ Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸ To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

Onward and Upward!

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 the Church, the vineyard of the Lord's planting, that by the sacrifice of Christ and the comfort of his Spirit, she may yield much fruit for his kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For confidence to share in the sufferings of Jesus Christ, who died to make us his own, that we may also know the power of his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all orphans, that they would be given a safe place in which to grow and thrive; and for generous couples, who will give them permanent homes through adoption, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president, our governor, and all elected and appointed leaders, that the light of the Lord may shine upon our nation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For strong hearts to heed the pruning Law of the Lord, that we may never presume to sin nor trust in our own deeds but look to the rainfall of his grace for our source of life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For zeal directed by the Gospel of Christ and hands strengthened to accomplish the fruitful work of God in this barren world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who commune, that faith may be strengthened and love renewed until at last we feast with all the saints in his everlasting presence, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Merciful Lord, you sing the song of your love over the vineyard of your Church. Lift her united voice through your Spirit, that she in turn would freely praise your lavish grace and proclaim your salvation beyond her walls; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same 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

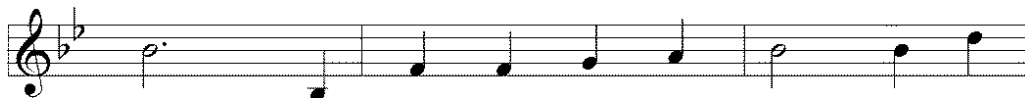
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Sanctus

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBER



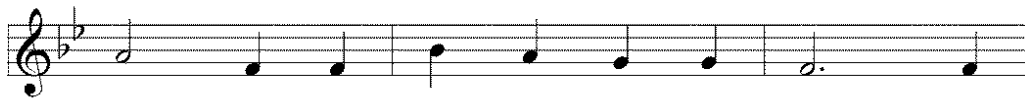
1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is



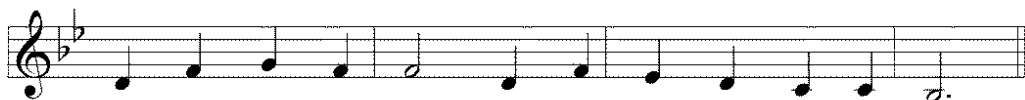
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To



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.



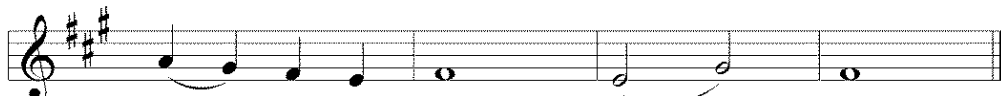
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



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 (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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 528)

Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone; On him a - lone we
 2 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lored courts shall
 3 Here, gra - cious God, do now And ev - er - more draw
 4 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im -



build. With his true saints a - lone The courts of
 ring! Our voic - es we will raise The Three in
 near; Ac - cept each faith - ful vow And all your
 plore, And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us



heav'n are filled. On his great love Our hopes we
 One to sing And thus pro - claim In joy - ful
 chil - dren hear, And more and more On those who
 ev - er - more Un - til that day When all the



place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
 song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.
 pray Each ho - ly day Your bless - ing pour.
 blest To end - less rest Are called a - way!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th century, abr.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-76, alt.

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

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 458)

May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill



1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
2 So may we join your name to bless, Your grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, U - nite our



earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove,
dore, your pow'r con - fess, To flee from sin and strife.
hearts, our joy in - crease, Your gra - cious help sup - ply.



Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all your
One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian



chil - dren, and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same: A glo - rious crown of life.
fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

Text: Edward Osler, 1798–1863, alt.
Tune: MERIBAH (886 886) Lowell Mason, 1792–1872.



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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.

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.

Bible Studies this week:

Sunday 9:15 am: Philippians, *sanctuary*

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

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Ruth, *downstairs*

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

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

Sunday October 8: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Mission church in Madison presentation

9:15 am: Teen class and Sunday school

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Choir Director: Elaine Wilson
- Children's Choir Director: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: 8:00 Ryan Jaeger, 10:30 Jim Miller
- Ushers 8:00: Lynn Biwer and Roger LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Refreshments: The LaGrange Family

Sunday October 15: Twentieth 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 Dave Olson, 10:30 Mitch Myhre
- Ushers 8:00: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Ushers 10:30: Andy Holzman, Ella Holzman and Jack Holzman
- Counters: Donna Cotter and Sharon Kalscheuer
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold

- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: *Volunteers needed*

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Lia Miller (10/8), Mandi Miller (10/8), Marilyn Wolfrum (10/8), Sophia Strong (10/9), Janet Dey (10/10), Ella Holzman (10/11), Ian Hurth (10/11), Jeff Kirsch (10/11), Rachel Anderson (10/13), Caden Eckelberg (10/13) and Mark Braatz (10/14) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Chris & Heather Cotter (10/8), Jeff & Noelle Kirsch (10/11) and Joleen & Rene LaReau (10/14) 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:

- **October 1:** Food Drive begins for the DeForest/Windsor Food Pantry
- **October 9: Pastor's Conference at Lord of Love, 7:30 am**
- **October 9:** Church council meeting, 6:30 pm
- **October 12:** Sunday school staff meeting, 6:30 pm
- **October 14: LWMS Fall Rally, Zion Lutheran – Leeds. 8:30 am**
- **October 21:** Ladies Coffee/breakfast at M-N-M's Coffee House in Waunakee, 8am
- **October 21 – 22: Teen Retreat with Abiding Shepherd. Retreat in Westby, WI**
- **October 22:** Open forum meeting, 9:15 am sanctuary
- **October 22: Teen campfire/Bible study at Peace Lutheran. 6:30 – 8:00 pm.**
- **November 4:** Turn clocks back 1 hour before bed. (Daylight savings time ends 11/5)
- **November 10 – 12: WELS/ELS Singles Retreat for 2023, Camp Phillip**
- **November 22: Thanksgiving Worship, 6:30 pm**
- **November 23: Thanksgiving Worship, 9:00 am**
- **December 20: Children's Christmas Service, 6:30 pm**

October Food Drive: The DeForest/Windsor area food pantry contacted church this last week to say that there has been an increased need for food and personal care items. This month's food drive at Lord of Love is especially beneficial to those in our community. If you can contribute, items needed are any kind of non-perishable foods. Items they mentioned include canned food, spaghetti sauce, noodles, Progresso soups, shampoo and conditioner.



LWMS Fall Rally: All ladies are invited to the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society fall rally at Zion Lutheran – Leeds on **October 14**. Registration begins at **8:30 am** and goes through lunch.

Quarterly Open Forum
Sunday October 22
9:15 am
All members are invited.



