



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



From the Tiniest Seed, the Largest Kingdom



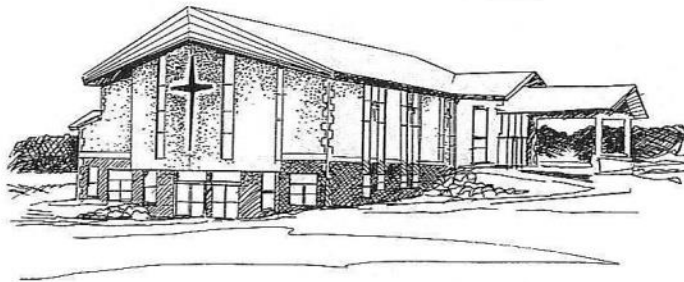
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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



*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

June 16, 2024

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 255:1-3)

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty;
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee;



Zi - on, let me en - ter there, Where my
Come thou al - so un - to me. Where we
Here thy seed is du - ly sown. Let my
Let me keep thy gift di - vine. How - so -
Let thy will be done in - deed. May I



soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for him who
find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on
soul, where it is plant - ed, Bring forth pre - cious
e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en; May thy Word still
un - dis - turbed draw near thee While thou dost thy



an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed is this
earth must be. To my heart, oh, en - ter
sheaves a - lone, So that all I hear may
o'er me shine As my guid - ing star through
peo - ple feed. Here of life the foun - tain



place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
thou; Let it be thy tem - ple now!
be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
life, As my com - fort in all strife.
flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolek, 1672–1737, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: UNSER HERRSCHLER (87 87 77) Joachim Neander, 1650–80, alt.

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



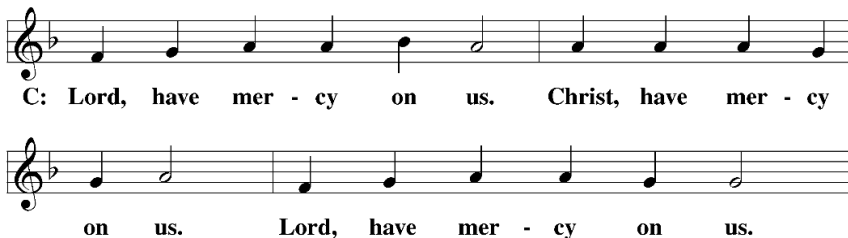
CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

C: (sing) **Blest Redeemer, virgin's Son,
Over death his victory claiming,
Now ascended to his throne,
Judge and king his grace proclaiming,
Opens heav'n to all his own.
Praise and thanks to God alone!**

**Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim you,
Then, adoring, bend the knee
And confess the mystery. (CW 278:3-4)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and 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.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²² This is what the LORD God says. I myself will take part of the tip of the cedar and plant it. From the topmost of its shoots I will pluck off a tender sprig, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³ On the high mountain of Israel I will plant it. It will produce branches, bear fruit, and become a magnificent cedar. Flying birds of every kind will live under it. In the shelter of its branches they will nest. ²⁴ Then all the trees in the countryside will know that I, the LORD, bring down the high tree and raise up the low tree, that I make the green tree dry up, and I make the dried-up tree blossom. I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will carry it out.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 92 (p. 7)

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:3-8

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the saints ⁵ because of the hope that is stored up for you in heaven. You have already heard about this in the word of truth, the gospel ⁶ that is present with you now. The gospel is bearing fruit and growing in the entire world, just as it also has been doing among you from the day you heard it and came to know the grace of God in truth. ⁷ You learned this from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf. ⁸ He is the one who told us about your love in the Spirit.

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



How great are your works, O LORD,*
how profound your thoughts!

The senseless man does not know,*
fools do not understand,

that though the wicked spring up like grass*
and all evildoers flourish,

they will be forever destroyed.*
But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.

REFRAIN

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,*
they will flourish in the courts of our God.

They will still bear fruit in old age,*
they will stay fresh and green,

proclaiming, “The LORD is upright;*
he is my rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

REFRAIN

STAND

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED



1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast Like
 2 Let not the foe of Christ and man This
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The
 4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of
 ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in
 ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a
 giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And right - eous fruits a - bound.
 ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.
 hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.
 truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, abr., alt.

Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.



²⁶ He said, “The kingdom of God is like this: A man scatters seed on the ground, ²⁷ and while he sleeps and rises, night and day, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ The ground produces fruit on its own: first the blade, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ When the crop is ready, he swings the sickle without delay, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ Then he said, “To what should we compare the kingdom of God? Or with what parable may we picture it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which when sown on the ground is one of the smallest of all the seeds planted in the ground. ³² Yet when it is planted, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches so that the birds of the sky can nest under its shade.”

³³ With many similar parables he continued to speak the word to them, as much as they were able to hear. ³⁴ He did not speak to them without a parable. But when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them.

The Kingdom Grows

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

GATHERING OF THE THANK-OFFERING

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Most High, we give thanks to you that you have planted your holy Word among us. Give healthy growth to your Church, that she may weather the storm-winds of this world steadfast in Christ, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, your Holy Spirit plants your Word and causes it to sprout and grow as it pleases you. Send faithful laborers into your fields to scatter your seed here and abroad, that a harvest may be reaped for your glory. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all mercy, give all who commune this day faith in your promises, that they would receive Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, we groan under many burdens in this earthly tent. Give good courage to your suffering servants to walk by faith and not sight, made strong by your gracious promises, until at last we are at home with Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give you thanks for earthly fathers. Give them zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of your forgiveness for all their shortcomings; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - 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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
 4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;
 5 Too soon we rise; the ves - sels dis - ap - pear.



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 Here is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread a - new.
 An - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.
 Mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



Here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:
 The bread and wine re - move, but you are here,



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with you.
 My strength is in your might, your might a - lone.
 Your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.
 Near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, abr., alt.

Tune: FARLEY CASTLE (10 10 10 10) Henry Lawes, 1595–1662.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 546)

Lord Jesus, You Have Come



1 Lord Je - sus, you have come A teach - er sent from
 2 O bless - ed min - is - try Of rec - on - cil - i -
 3 Pre - serve this min - is - try While har - vest days are
 4 The ser - vants you have called And to your Church are
 5 Bring those in - to your fold Who still to you are



heav - en And by both word and deed God's
 a - tion, That shows the way to God And
 keep - ing; And since the fields are ripe And
 giv - ing Pre - serve in doc - trine pure And
 stran - gers; Guard those who are with - in A -



truth to us have giv - en. You wise - ly have or -
 brings to us sal - va - tion! Lord, by your gos - pel
 hands are few for reap - ing, Send work - ers forth, O
 ho - li - ness of liv - ing. Your Spir - it fill their
 against of - fense and dan - gers. Press on - ward with your



dained The ho - ly min - is - try That we, your
 pure, You bless and keep your fold; You call, en -
 Lord, The sheaves to gath - er in That not a
 hearts And charge their words with pow'r; What they should
 Word Till pas - tor and his fold Through faith in



flock, may know The truth that sets us free.
 light - en, keep; You com - fort and up - hold.
 soul be lost Which you have come to win.
 bold - ly speak, Oh, give them in that hour!
 you, O Christ, Your glo - ry shall be - hold.

Text: Eberhard L. Fischer, 1695–1773, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (11) (67 67 66 66) *Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen,
 1693, alt.

THANKSGIVING

STAND

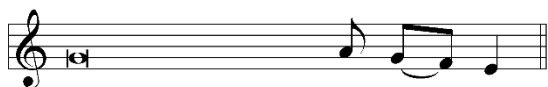
SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love
for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

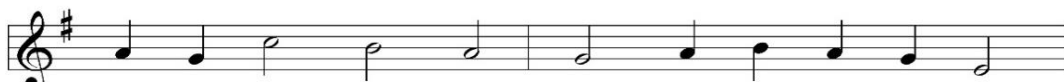
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CLOSING HYMN (CW 323)

Almighty Father, Bless the Word



1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, bless the Word Which through your
2 We praise you for the means of grace As home - ward



grace we now have heard. Oh, may the pre - cious seed
now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who wor -



take root, Spring up, and bear a - bun - dant fruit.
shipped here May all at last in heav'n ap - pear.

Text: Scandinavian hymn; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnary*, Decorah, 1913, alt.
Tune: OLD HUNDREDETH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

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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.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available 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.

Summer Worship Schedule

June 16 – September 1, 2024

Sunday Worship 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study 8:00 am

Summer Sunday School / VBS

June 16, 23 & 30

8:00 am – Lower Level

We are having a joint Sunday School /VBS for children PreK-5th grade, with preteens and teens helping with crafts and games.

Each Sunday morning there will be a Bible Story, snacks, crafts and games, as time allows. It should be a lot of fun for the children, so we hope your children can join us. There is no signup sheet, just come when you can and feel free to bring friends.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 8:00 am: 2 Thessalonians, *sanctuary*

Tuesday 9:00 am: The Gospel of John, *lower level*

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Revelation, *lower level*

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

DeForest Family Restaurant: 505 W. North Street, DeForest

Sunday June 16th: Forth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service: 9:00 am with Holy Communion
8:00 am: Adult Bible study

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Mitch Myhre and Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers: Sef Fox, Steven Fox, Ben Olson and Dave Olson
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Sharon Freund
- Altar Guild: Sally Kaalberg and Sandy Heath
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Refreshments: Sue Jenswold

Sunday June 23: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service: 9:00 am with Holy Communion
8:00 am: Adult Bible study

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Ava Wilson
- Councilman: Jim Miller and Mitch Myhre
- Ushers: The Holzman Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange, Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Sally Kaalberg and Sandy Heath
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: TBA

Work Week: July 13 - July 20 (grounds maintenance) * Volunteers Needed*

We are looking for volunteers to assist with grounds work including landscaping, brush clean up, back trail work and tree work.

The work schedule is a full day both Saturday July 13th and Saturday July 20th beginning at 8:00 am, work throughout the week as weather permits and volunteer schedules allow.

Any time you have to offer is greatly appreciated, and your willingness to assist in maintaining the beauty of our grounds is a blessing for our congregation.

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Daniel Doyle (6/16), Stacy Hodkiewicz (6/19), Deborah Nassett (6/19), Mark Heath (6/20), and Julia Hodkiewicz (6/20) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary's: We wish God's blessings to Phil and Jennifer Boll (6/16), Steve and Karen Tobison (6/16), Aaron and Kelly Oughton (6/18) who celebrate their anniversary this week.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman 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 Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), Shannon & Matthew Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Looking ahead:

- **June 23 & 30:** Summer Sunday School 8:00 am (lower level)
- **June 23:** Summer Worship 9:00 am, thru Sept 1, 2024
- **July 1:** Food Drive Begins
- **July 13 - July 20:** Work Week (grounds maintenance) ~ Volunteers needed
- **July 18:** Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00 – 5:00 pm ~ Volunteers needed
- **July 20:** Breath New Life Into Your Sunday School Ministry! Conference in Wonewoc, WI 8:30 – 2:00 pm (Refreshments at 8:00 am)
- **July 21:** Outdoor Worship Service and church picnic, *Worship 10:30, picnic 12:00 noon*

The Kingdom Grows

EXPLANATION OF THE THEME OF THE DAY: June 16, 2024

Usually, a kingdom advances and is secured through things like military might or political force or worldly wealth. It can be tempting to believe the same holds true in the kingdom of God.

Perhaps we think churches would flourish if we had the right rulers passing and enforcing the right laws. Or we believe that for a church to do good requires a robust budget. Political force. Worldly wealth. This way of thinking is breathtakingly wrong.

We need God to give us the top-down faith that grasps the fact that kingdom of God advances in ways that are imperceptible. Through something that seems insignificant to most—the gospel—the King of kings establishes his reign in human hearts. Even Jesus himself taught that the gospel seems unimpressive, for he often compared the gospel to a tiny seed. Yet within a seed is hidden life.

As the seed of the gospel is planted, the largest of all kingdoms grows.