



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



All We Really Need



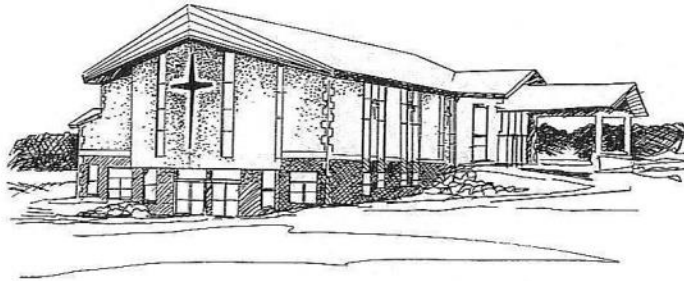
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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod - ***Christ's Love, Our Calling.***

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



*Today's 9:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament.
Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.*

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August 25, 2024

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 169)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us;



His the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace -
Flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, Friend
Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight



ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea Where the
re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."
songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, abr., alt.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY (87 87 D) Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, alt.

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



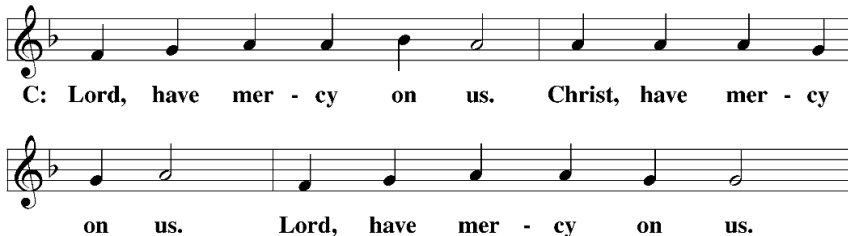
CONFESSION OF SINS

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: (Sung) How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,
And drives away all fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
And calms the heart's unrest;
'Tis manna to the hungry soul
And to the weary, rest.

Dear name! The rock on which I build,
My shield and hiding place,
My never-failing treasury filled
With boundless stores of grace. (CW 358:1-3)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, and he summoned the elders of Israel, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and they presented themselves before God.

² Then Joshua told all the people, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, has said.”

¹⁴ Joshua said, “Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve him wholeheartedly and faithfully. Remove the gods that your fathers served in the region across the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if you see no benefit in serving the LORD, then choose for yourselves today whomever you will serve—whether the gods that your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household—we will serve the LORD!”

¹⁶ The people responded by saying, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD in order to serve other gods! ¹⁷ For the LORD our God, he is the one who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, where we were slaves. He is the one who performed these great signs right before our eyes and protected us on the whole journey that we made and among all the peoples through whom we passed. ¹⁸ The LORD drove out of our presence all the peoples and the Amorites who were living in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God!”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:51-69

⁵¹ I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵² At that, the Jews argued among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life in yourselves. ⁵⁴ The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the Last Day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶ The one who eats my flesh and drinks my

blood remains in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like your fathers ate and died. The one who eats this bread will live forever.”

⁵⁹ He said these things while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When they heard it, many of his disciples said, “This is a hard teaching! Who can listen to it?”

⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, asked them, “Does this cause you to stumble in your faith? ⁶² What if you would see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ The Spirit is the one who gives life. The flesh does not help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning those who would not believe and the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is given to him by my Father.”

⁶⁶ After this, many of his disciples turned back and were not walking with him anymore. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the Twelve, “You do not want to leave too, do you?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”



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 Though thought - less thou - sands choose the road
 2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live,
 3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all.
 4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear;
 5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet,



That leads the soul a - way from God,
 From him my life, my all, re - ceive,
 To him I look; on him I call.
 Soon shall I end my tri - als here,
 Soon walk through ev - 'ry gold - en street



This hap - pi - ness, dear Lord, be mine:
 To him de - vote my fleet - ing hours,
 He will my ev - 'ry want sup - ply
 Leave sin and sor - row, death and pain.
 And sing on ev - 'ry bliss - ful plain,



To live and die en - tire - ly thine.
 Serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.
 In time and through e - ter - ni - ty.
 To live is Christ; to die is gain.
 "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

Text: Joseph Hoskins, 1745–88, alt.

Tune: WAREHAM (LM) William Knapp, 1698–1768, alt.

24 By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter when he grew up. 25 He chose to be mistreated with God's people rather than enjoy sin for a little while. 26 He considered disgrace for the sake of Christ as greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. 27 By faith he left Egypt without fearing the king's wrath, because he persevered as one who sees him who is invisible. 28 By faith he celebrated the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not strike them down.

Christ Meant More

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.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

This morning we install our new Church Council. They are: Mitch Myhre (Chairman), Steve Kalscheuer, Phil Boll, Mike Wilson, Shane Strong, and Ken Krey.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

For a true faith, that we would honor God not just with our lips, but serve him faithfully with all our heart, mind and strength, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the holy estate of marriage, that wives would submit to their husbands as to the Lord, and that husbands would love their wives as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation and its leaders, all civil servants, and those whose work imperils them for the sake of their neighbor, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those taking treatments, the ill or injured, the lonely and the imprisoned, that in meekness each hurting heart would obtain fresh joy in the Lord and exult in the Holy One of Israel, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who partake in the fellowship of this altar and receive Christ's body and blood this day, that God would strengthen their faith and sustain them by this Holy Communion until life everlasting, 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.**

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 312)

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - pared This feast for
 2 Al - though you did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, you are not con - fined To an - y
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious
 5 Though rea - son can - not un - der - stand, Yet faith this



our sal - va - tion; It is your bod - y
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in your pres - ence
 hab - i - ta - tion, But you are pres - ent
 Word be - liev - ing That your true bod - y is
 truth em - brac - es: Your bod - y, Lord, is



and your blood, And at your in - vi - ta - tion
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
 ev - 'ry - where And with your con - gre - ga - tion.
 and your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.
 ev - 'ry - where At once in man - y plac - es.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
 And though your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, And there is
 I leave to you how this can be; Your Word a -



you for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
 and your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
 an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
 naught you can - not do, For you, Lord, are al - might - y.
 lone suf - fic - es me; I trust its truth un - fail - ing.

6 Lord, I believe what you have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.

7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.

8 For your consoling supper, Lord,
 Be praised throughout all ages!
 Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
 The world against it rages.
 Grant that this sacrament may be
 A blessed comfort unto me
 When living and when dying.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 460)

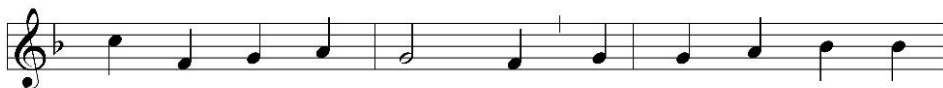
How Can I Thank You, Lord



1 How can I thank you, Lord, For all your lov - ing -
 2 It is your work a - lone That I am now con -
 3 Lord, you have raised me up To joy and ex - ul -
 4 Grant that your Spir - it's help To me be al - ways
 5 O Fa - ther, God of love, Now hear my sup - pli -



kind - ness, That you have pa - tient - ly Borne
 vert - ed; O'er Sa - tan's work in me You
 ta - tion And clear - ly shown the way That
 giv - en Lest I should fall a - gain And
 ca - tion; O Sav - ior, Son of God, Ac -



with me in my blind - ness! When dead in man - y
 have your pow'r as - sert - ed. Your mer - cy and your
 leads me to sal - va - tion. My sins are washed a -
 lose the way to heav - en. Grant that he give me
 cept my ad - o - ra - tion; O Ho - ly Spir - it,



sins And tres - pass - es I lay, I kin - dled,
 grace That rise a - fresh each morn Have turned my
 way; For this I thank you, Lord. Now with my
 strength In my in - fir - mi - ty; May he re -
 be My ev - er faith - ful guide That I may



ho - ly God, Your an - ger ev - 'ry day.
 ston - y heart In - to a heart new - born.
 heart and soul All e - vil I ab - hor.
 new my heart To serve you will - ing - ly.
 serve you here And there with you a - bide.

Text: attr. David Denicke, 1603–80, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (11) (67 67 66 66) *Neu-verbmerhtes . . . Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.

THANKSGIVING

STAND

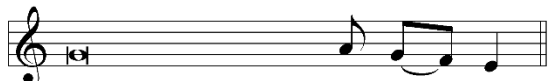
SONG OF SIMEON

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.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 330)

Now, the Hour of Worship O'er



1 Now, the hour of wor - ship o'er, Teach - ing, hear - ing,
 2 Now the bless - ing cheers our heart, By his grace to
 3 Bless our go - ing out, we pray; Bless our en - trance



pray - ing, sing - ing, Let us glad - ly God a - dore,
 us ex - tend - ed. Let us joy - ful - ly de - part;
 in like mea - sure. Bless our bread, O Lord, each day;



For his Word our prais - es bring - ing; For the rich re -
 Be our souls to God com - mend - ed. May his Spir - it
 Bless our toil, our rest, our plea - sure. Bless us when we



past he gave us Praise the Lord, who deigned to save us.
 ev - er guide us And with all good gifts pro - vide us.
 reach death's por - tal; Bless us then with life im - mor - tal.

Text: Hartmann Schenck, 1634-81; tr. composite, st. 1-2; Oscar M. Kaiser, 1865-1960, st. 3.
 Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND IHIER (78 78 88) Johann R. Ahle, 1625-73, alt.



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.

All We Really Need

EXPLANATION OF THE THEME OF THE DAY: August 25, 2024

As Jesus concluded his Bread of Life discourse, many said, “This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?” and walked away. Read carefully. They did not say the teaching was hard to understand. The meaning was clear enough. Jesus was teaching that the only chance to enjoy eternity in heaven is through a close connection to him. He is the only bread that gives eternal life. That isn’t hard to understand, but it is hard to accept. Eating this bread means reordering our lives so that Jesus is by far our highest priority. It means loving the Blesser infinitely more than his earthly blessings. It means realizing that Jesus is the only thing we really need. If we had nothing but him, we would not lack anything that ultimately matters.

Jesus watches the multitudes walking away from him. He turns to the Twelve—he turns to us this week—and he whispers, “You do not want to leave me too, do you?” May the Spirit give us the wisdom to answer, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”

Summer Worship Schedule

September 1, 2024

Sunday Worship 9:00 am

Adult Bible Study 8:00 am

Weekly Bible Studies:

Sunday 8:00 am: Exodus, *sanctuary*

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

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

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

Sunday August 25: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service: 9:00 am with Holy Communion

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Dave Olson
- Ushers: Bob Degnan, Gene Freund, and Kayden & Courtney Zech
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biber
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Refreshments: RaeLyn Parker

Sunday September 1: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service: 9:00 am with Holy Communion

- Pastor Nate West
- Pianist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Mitch Myhre
- Ushers: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Mandi, Vie, Lia & Wyn Miller
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: TBD

Happy Birthday We wish God's blessings to Justin Johnson (8/26), Ella Woolsey (8/28), Nicki Crary (8/29), Melissa Caballero (8/30), Sheri Holzman (8/31), George Killian (8/31), Walter Killian (8/31) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary We wish God's blessings to John and Bonnie Schueman (8/31) as they celebrate their anniversary this week.

In Our Prayers Fred Bakken, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, 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 Garrett and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Choir Rehearsal

The first choir rehearsal of the 2024-2025 season will be on **Tuesday, August 27th, at 6:00 p.m.** The choir meets for rehearsals in the worship area from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday evening. If you have ever thought about singing with the choir and if you are interested in joining the choir and adding your voice, we encourage you to do so. Please talk with the choir director, Elaine Wilson, so that she can have a choir folder ready for you. You can also contact Elaine at 608-692-9830 or ewilson4519@gmail.com.

Usher Opportunities for 10:30 Worship Services:

As we return to 2 worship services, we are in need of usher's volunteers to assist during the 10:30 am services. A Church Usher helps the Pastor by making sure all members and guest are greeted warmly and by doing what is necessary to put guests in the right frame of mind for worship. During the service, the ushers assist with offerings and communion details. Training is provided. If interested, please contact Kristin at 608-846-9036 or lolchurchoffice@gmail.com

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

August 27 First Choir Rehearsal for 2024-250 | 6:00 pm – *sanctuary*

September 8

- ❖ 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service Schedule Resume
- ❖ Installation of Sunday School Teachers – *8:00 am service*
- ❖ First Day of Sunday School – *lower level*
- ❖ First Day of Teen Class – *lower level*
- ❖ Bible Study – 9:45 – *sanctuary*

September 19 Ladies Friendship Circle Meeting | 6:30 pm – *fellowship hall*

September 21 Ladies Coffee/Breakfast | 8:00 am at M-N-M's Coffee House, Waunakee

WELS Summer Events Involved Thousands

For a church body the size of WELS, our synod is blessed to be able to provide a wide variety of spring and summer events. Each of those events presents opportunities for worship, spiritual growth, supporting the synod's mission, training for service in various ways, and Christian fellowship. Some of the events held in 2024 featured all five elements.

- **WELS Women's Ministry Conference**

The WELS Women's Ministry Conference was held at the Ingleside Hotel, Pewaukee, Wis. It is a sold-out conference with 450 attendees.

- **WELS National Conference on Worship, Music, and the Arts**

The National Conference on Worship, Music, and the Arts will take place on the Carthage College campus in Kenosha, Wis.,. More than 800 people registered to attend..

- **Taste of Missions**

Nearly 500 people attended the annual Taste of Missions on June 15 at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, Wis., for a day of food, fellowship, fun, and learning about WELS mission work.

- **WELS International Youth Rally**

From June 25-28, WELS teens had the opportunity to worship together, learn and study God's Word, grow in faith and fellowship with one another, as well as enjoy recreation and entertainment at the 2024 WELS International Youth Rally. Around 2,200 teens and 600 adults convened at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo. This was the second largest rally ever, second only to the 2005 rally in Orlando, Fla.

- **Lutheran Women's Missionary Society convention**

The 61st annual convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) in Sioux Falls, S.D., on June 27-30 drew more than 1,000 people for the opening service. This year's convention theme was "Being Built into a Spiritual House." Convention highlights included the presentation of more than \$100,000 to support WELS Home and World Missions projects and an opportunity to hear about the latest developments from mission administrators. In addition, the LWMS kids c.a.r.e. program received more than \$43,000 in 2023-24 to support annual retreats for children of world missionaries who assimilate back to American culture.

- **WELS Night at the Brewers**

More than 2,000 members from around the Midwest enjoyed an evening of fellowship, fun, and baseball at the annual WELS Night at the Brewers on July 12.

The popularity of these events indicates that we are a synod whose members are willing to give their time to events that support the mission of the synod and provide them with opportunities to grow in their knowledge and be equipped for service.

You can learn more about upcoming events at wels.net/events