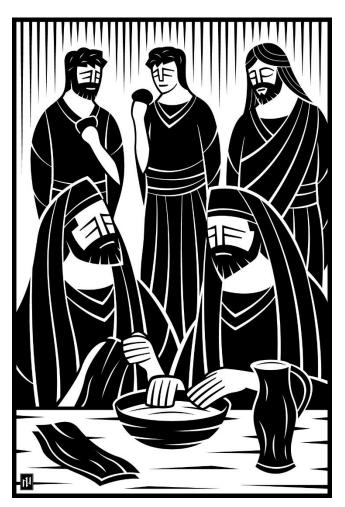


Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Followers of Christ Obey His Law from the Heart



"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.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

September 1, 2024

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 339)

Today Your Mercy Calls Us



Text: Oswald Allen, 1816-78, alt.

Tune: ANTHES (76 76 D) Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857.

STAND

- **M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- **M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



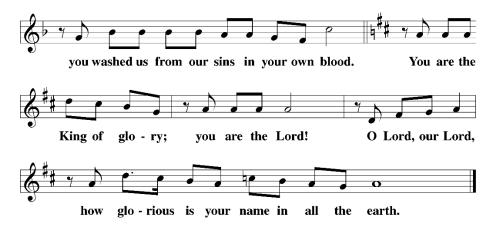
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



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

Kyrie





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

So now, Israel, listen to the statutes and the ordinances that I am teaching you, and carry them out so that you may live and so that you may enter the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving to you and take possession of it.² Do not add to the word that I am commanding you, and do not subtract from it, so that you keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you...⁶ Keep them and put them into practice, because in this way your wisdom and your understanding will be recognized by all the people who hear about all these statutes; and they will say, "This great nation is certainly a wise and understanding people," ⁷ because what other great nation is there that has a god as close to it as the LORD our God is to us whenever we call on

him? ⁸ What other great nation is there that has statutes and ordinances as righteous as this entire law that I am presenting to you today?

⁹ But guard yourselves and guard your whole being diligently, so that you do not forget the things that your eyes have seen and so that those things do not disappear from your heart all the rest of the days of your life. Make them known to your children and to your children's children.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 9:30-10:4

³⁰ What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who were not pursuing righteousness, have obtained righteousness, a righteousness that is by faith. ³¹ But Israel, while pursuing the law as a way of righteousness, did not reach it. ³² Why? Because they kept pursuing it not by faith, but as if it comes by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. ³³ Just as it is written:

Look, I am putting a stone in Zion over which they will stumble and a rock over which they will fall. The one who believes in him will not be put to shame.

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God on behalf of the Israelites is that they may be saved. ² Indeed, I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but it is not consistent with knowledge. ³ Since they were ignorant of the righteousness from God and sought to establish their own righteousness, they did not submit to the righteousness from God. ⁴ For to everyone who believes, Christ is the end of the law, resulting in righteousness.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON

The Pharisees and some of the experts in the law came from Jerusalem and gathered around Jesus. ² They saw some of his disciples eating bread with unclean (that is, unwashed) hands. ³ In fact, the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they scrub their hands with a fist, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions they adhere to, such as the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and dining couches. ⁵ The Pharisees and the experts in the law asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders? Instead they eat bread with unclean hands."

⁶*He answered them, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites. As it is written:*

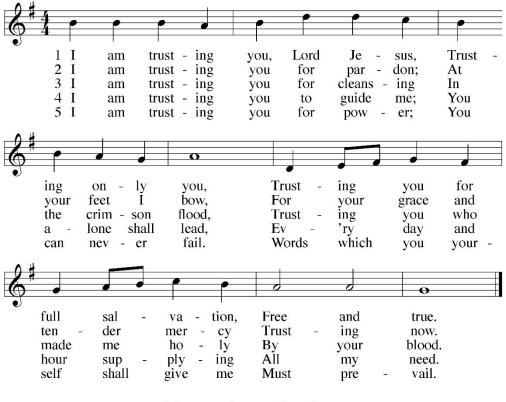
These people honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
⁷ They worship me in vain, teaching human rules as if they were doctrines.

⁸ "You abandon God's commandment but hold to human tradition like the washing of pitchers and cups, and you do many other such things."

¹⁴ He called the crowd to him again and said, "Everyone, listen to me and understand. ¹⁵ There is nothing outside of a man that can make him unclean by going into him. But the things that come out of a man are what make a man unclean.

²¹ In fact, from within, out of people's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual sins, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, slander, arrogance, and foolishness. ²³ All these evil things proceed from within and make a person unclean."





6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall. I am trusting you forever And for all.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79, alt.

Tune: STEPHANOS (85 83) Henry W. Baker, 1821-77.

SERMON

²¹ Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!" ²³ But he did not answer her a word. His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt in front of him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to their little dogs." ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said, "yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

Find Jesus Under the Table!

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.

GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING

During the gathering of the offering, please sign the Friendship Register.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, be near us with your Word and Spirit. Guide and lead us, that we may not stray from the way of your commandments. Direct us always with your Word of truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all knowledge and wisdom, grant us to know you and your love. Bless pastors and teachers, parents and grandparents, and all teachers of the faith, that we may grow up into you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, look with compassion on our nation and all who bear public office. Give them wisdom, courage and integrity. Destroy and hinder in our common life whatever is not pleasing to you, and bless and prosper whatever accords with your will. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of life, bring health and healing to your people. Like the Canaanite woman, we seek your mercy for everyone in need today. Strengthen them with your Word of grace, that they would look to you for comfort in the midst of suffering and pain. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Father, we thank you that Christ has given his body and blood into death for our forgiveness. Bless us as we receive this same body and blood in his Holy Sacrament, remembering and proclaiming with joy the salvation he accomplished for us in his death and resurrection. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



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



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus Lord C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the of hosts. whole earth The is full of your glo ry. God, and I will ex - alt You are my you. Ι will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-Lord of hosts. va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Θ The whole earth is full of glo your ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

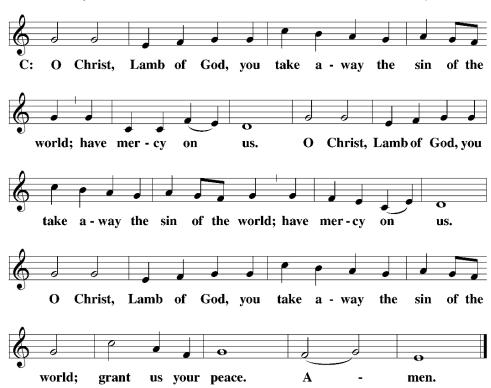
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD





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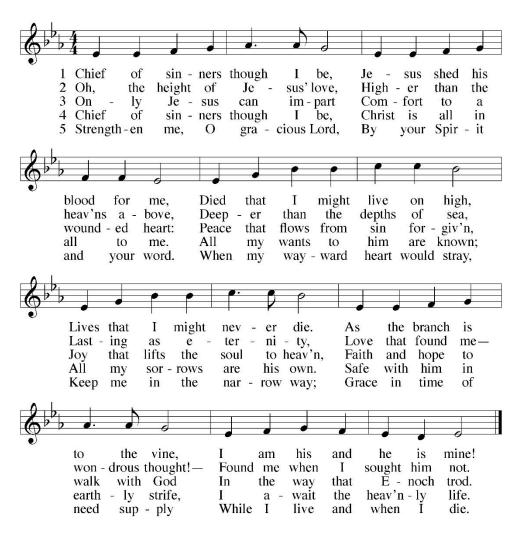
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Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (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.



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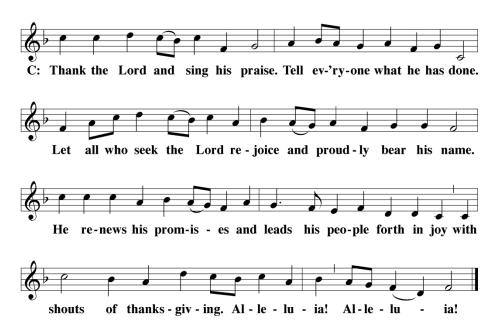
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Tune: GETHSEMANE (77 77 77) Richard Redhead, 1820-1901.

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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



Text: Edward Osler, 1798-1863, alt.

Tune: MERIBAH (886 886) Lowell Mason, 1792-1872.

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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 each Sunday during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you require this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Followers of Christ Obey His Law from the Heart

EXPLANATION OF THE THEME OF THE DAY

A loving father gives his son and daughter a list of rules and regulations. Chores, curfews, civilities, dress code—the father makes his will clearly known. The son strives to follow the rules for two reasons. 1) He wants to get his allowance. 2) He is afraid that if he breaks the rules, his father will punish him. The daughter strives to follow the rules, also for two reasons. 1) She believes her father established those rules not to control her but for her safety and blessing. 2) She wants to demonstrate how much she loves and trusts her father. Those two children's actions might look almost identical. Their hearts are very different!

Likewise, following Christ is not simply a matter of outward observance of laws. It is a matter of the heart. The Law was given so we could see God's heart and demonstrate how his heart has affected our own. The followership Christ seeks flows from hearts that have been radically transformed by God's law and gospel. Christ wants his followers to be less like the son described above, and more like the daughter. This week we see that followers of Christ obey his law from the heart.

Weekly Bible Studies:

Sunday 9:15 am: Exodus, sanctuary

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

Wednesday 6:30 pm: Revelation, lower level **(NO CLASS SEPTEMBER 4)**

Thursday 6:30 pm: Bible Information Class, lower level.

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

Sunday September 1: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: 9:00 am with Holy Communion

- Seminarian Nate West
- Organist: 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: Colleen Biwer and Donna Cotter

<u>Sunday September 8:</u> Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: 8:00 and 10:30 am with Holy Communion

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Steve Kalscheuer 8:00 am, Mitch Myhre 10:30am
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers: 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and
- Counters: Sharon Kalscheuer and Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Mandi, Vie, Lia & Wyn Miller
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Refreshments: TBD

Happy Birthday We wish God's blessings to Vie Miller (9/4), Carmen Nitz (9/4), Rich Bauer (9/5), and Joe Hornbeck (9/5) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

<u>Anniversaries</u> We wish God's blessings to Paul & Tess Weinheimer (9/2), Mark & Sandy Heath (9/3), Tom & Sharon Wightman (9/6), William & Nikki Crary (9/7), and Dale & Tami Essmann (9/7) as they celebrate their anniversaries 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).

<u>September 8, 2024</u>

Return to 2 Worship Services 8:00 am, 10:30 am

- 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 9:15 10:15 sanctuary

Teen Bible Study/Game Night | Sunday September 15, 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Pastor and Sue Jenswold are inviting all teen's $7^{th} - 12^{th}$ grade to join them for another fun filled evening of Bible Study & Games on Sunday September 15, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the lower level teen room.

Monday Evening Quilting Group

During the months of September – May, the quilting group offers evening quilting the 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Mondays from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. We are looking to see if there is enough interest to continue this Monday evening quilting group, or keep only the Monday afternoon group. If you plan on or have interest and would like to continue the evening sessions, please reach out to Colleen Biwer at (608) 469-4093.

The quilters are still in need of donations to continue to provide these wonderful quilts to individuals and families in need. If you would like to contribute, or would like suggestions for donations, please also reach out to Colleen Biwer at (608) 469-4093.

Bible Study: Predestination & Conversion with Dr. Eggert

The very word "predestination" brings to mind the mysteries of God. It raises scary questions like "Am I saved by predestination or by faith?" The word "conversion" likewise leads people to wonder if they have done the right things to be a Christian. The books Predestination and Conversion from the NPH People's Bible Teachings series discuss these closely related doctrines. Dr. Arthur Eggert will lead a class through these two books and supplemental materials in a 13-week course held in two parallel sessions. One will be at 6:30 pm on Tuesday evenings beginning September 3 at Peace Lutheran in Sun Prairie, and the other will be at 1:30 pm Wednesday afternoons beginning September 4 at Lord of Love in DeForest. The sessions will be 60 minutes long. If you cannot attend in person, you can view the video sessions of the course later. All the necessary information to register for and attend this class series is available on the Online Classes page of the In Terra Pax website www.interrapaxlp.com. Information, class notes, and videos will be updated on this website on a weekly basis. The books can be ordered online from the Northwestern Publishing House (NPH).

Ladies Friendship Pie Sale...

Once again, the ladies friendship Circle is hosting an apple pie fundraiser. All pies are 9" with your choice of Double Crust or Streusel Topping and come baked or unbaked for \$18.00 per pie. There is a sign up board in the narthex. Pies are pre pay, by cash or check made payable to The Ladies Friendship Circle, and can be dropped off at the church office. Orders must be received no later than October 4, 2024.

Thank You!

Thank you to Seminarian Nate West for leading our worship service today. We are thankful and Blessed to have you serve our congregation!

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

September 2 Quilting Group | 12:30 – 3 – lower level
September 3 Choir Rehearsal | 6:00 pm - sanctuary
September 4 Bible Study with Dr. Eggert | 1:30 – 2:30 pm – lower level (see page 24)
September 5 Fellowship Meeting | 6:00 pm – fellowship hall
September 15 Teen Bible Study/Game Night | 6:30 – 7:30 pm –lower level- teen room
September 16 Evening Quilting Group Resumes | 6:00 – 8:00 pm – lower level
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