

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Followers of Christ Know How to Love

Welcome! We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as "a joyful dialogue with God." God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this "joyful dialogue" today!

Restrooms – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

Parent's Room – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

Assistance Getting Around – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

Offering Message – An offering will be gathered in the service today. These offerings support the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and also the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give, but certainly may if you wish.

Explanation of the theme of the day:

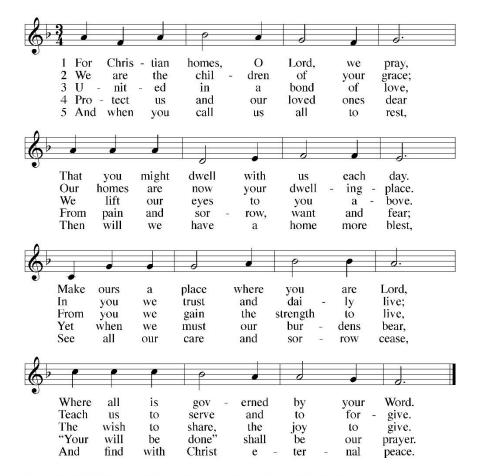
Love can cause harm. Consider the wife whose husband wants little to do with church. She loves him and does not want to upset him. So, when her husband wants her and the children to stay home Sunday morning, she complies without protest. That wife's love for her husband hurts him, her children, and herself. Or consider the father who loves his child so much that he gives the child everything that child asks for. That father's love is toxic. It is shaping that child to be a selfish, entitled adult.

In our families, it is not enough that there is love. We need to rightly love, to love in a way that leads to blessings for those we claim to love. This illustrates the need for followership. In Jesus we see perfect, self-sacrificial love. Jesus loves us as we are. He also loved us too much to leave us as we are. So, in love he gave his life up so that we might be holy and blameless. His love for us shapes the way we love our spouse, our children, our parents. Today we see that followers of Christ know how to love their family.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church October 6, 2024 THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 500)

For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray



Text: Richard S. Armstrong, b. 1924, st. 1, 3-5, abr., alt. Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 2, alt.

St. 1, 3-5 from Book of Worship for U.S. Forces, published by U.S. Government Printing Office. St. 2 © 1993 Mark A. Jeske. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Tune: GOTTLOB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE (LM) Wagner, Sammlung alter und neuer ... Melodien, 1742, 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

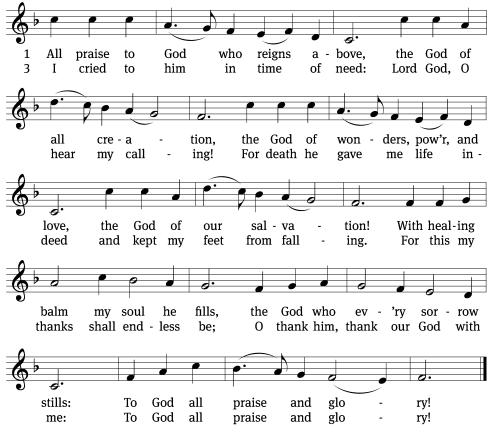


M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



Text and tune: Public domain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Loving God and Father, the blessings of marriage and family come from your gracious pleasure and careful design. Lead all who value these gifts to follow your path of wisdom so that they may enjoy the fullness of your love; 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

Ephesians 5:22-6:4

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he himself is the Savior. ²⁴ Moreover, as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, in the same way as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, by cleansing her with the washing of water in connection with the Word. ²⁷ He did this so that he could present her to himself as a glorious church, having no stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but so that she would be holy and blameless. ²⁸ In the same way, husbands have an obligation to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ To be sure, no one has ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body, of his flesh and of his bones.³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will be one flesh."³² This is a great mystery, but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ In any case, each one of you also is to love his wife as himself, and each wife is to respect her husband.

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with a promise: ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live a long life on the earth."⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

CHOIR ANTHEM

Sing Them Over Again to Me

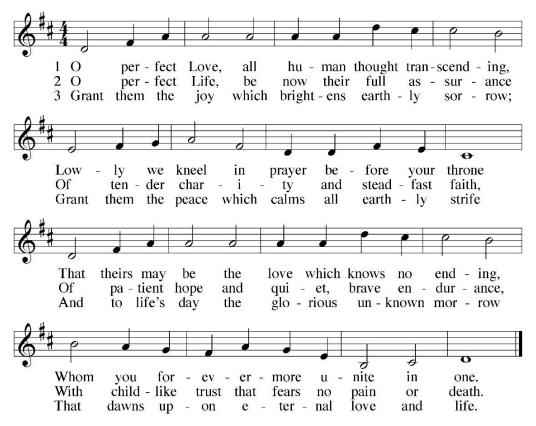
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia. Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON

² Some Pharisees came to test him and asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"³ He replied, "What did Moses command you?"⁴ They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away."⁵ But Jesus told them, "He wrote this command for you because of your hard hearts. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female.⁷ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh.⁹ Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate." ¹⁰ In the house his disciples asked him about this again. ¹¹ He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her. ¹² If she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³ Some people began bringing little children to Jesus so that he would touch them. But the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said, "Let the little children come to me! Do not hinder them, because the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Amen I tell you: Whoever will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."¹⁶ And he took the little children in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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.



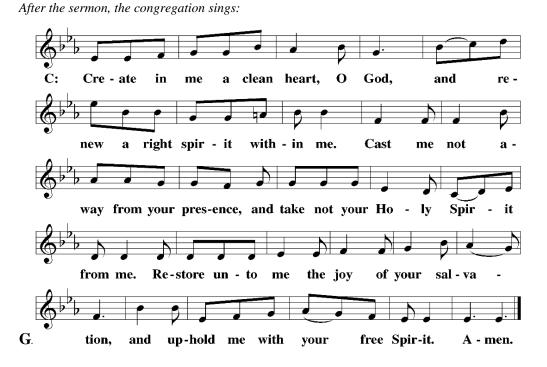
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Tune: O PERFECT LOVE (11 10 11 10) Joseph Barnby, 1838-96, adapt.

SERMON

¹⁸ The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is a suitable partner for him." ¹⁹ Out of the soil the LORD God had formed every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them. Whatever the man called every living creature, that became its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every wild animal, but for Adam no helper was found who was a suitable partner for him. ²¹ The LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep.

As the man slept, the LORD God took a rib and closed up the flesh where it had been. ²² The LORD God built a woman from the rib that he had taken from the man and brought her to the man. ²³ The man said, Now this one is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She will be called "woman," because she was taken out of man.²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and his mother and will remain united with his wife, and they will become one flesh.²⁵ They were both naked, the man and his wife, and they were not ashamed.



The World is a Better Place...because of Marriage

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For the saints of God, that they may always welcome little ones with joy and in no way hinder their entrance into the kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all couples struggling in their marriages, that the Lord would guard them from hardness of heart that would separate what God has joined together, and that he would reconcile them to one another to live in Christ's forgiveness and love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For families torn apart by adultery and divorce, that the Lord would sustain and heal the wounded with his love, and that he would give repentance to the guilty and hope in his forgiveness in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and suffering, *[especially ______,]* that the Lord would strengthen their faith in the midst of their trials, and that He would grant them health and healing in accord with His good and gracious will, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to partake faithfully of the body and blood of Christ with repentant hearts and a firm resolution to amend our sinful lives by His Spirit's aid, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord God, help us by your Spirit to fear you and walk in your ways in Christ, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same 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.



M: Lift up your hearts.



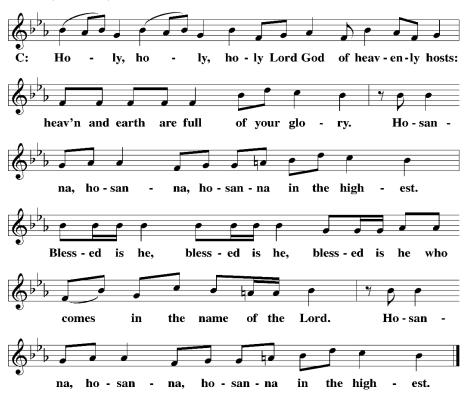
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



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



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.



Sanctus

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



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 538)



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900, abr., alt.

Tune: AURELIA (76 76 D) Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-76.

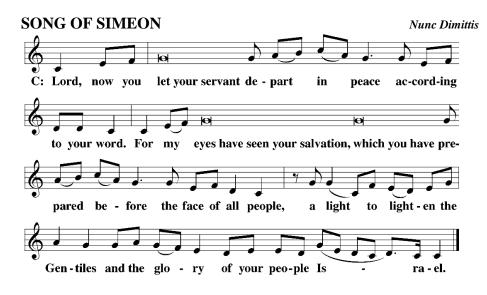
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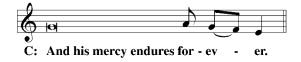
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, adapt., alt. Tune: HYFRYDOL (87 87 D) Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–87.

THANKSGIVING

STAND



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



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.



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.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 506)

Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

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Text: Christoph C. L. von Pfeil, 1715-84, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, st. 1-2, 4-5, alt; Evangelical Lutheran Hymral, Columbus, OH, 1880, st. 3, alt. Tune: Wo GOTT ZUM HAUS (LM) Klug, Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1535.

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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.

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

Sunday October 6: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: 8:00: Jim Miller, 10:30: Phil Boll
- Ushers 8:00: Steven and Sef Fox
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Sharon Kalscheuer and Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: The Hodkiewicz Family

Sunday October 13: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School and Teen Class

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman: 8:00: Mike Wilson, 10:30: Mitch Mhyre
- Ushers 8:00: Gene Freund, Bob Degnan, Kourtney and Kayden Zech
- Ushers 10:30: Josh Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Jen Olson
- Refreshments: Doughnuts Provided

Happy Birthday We wish God's blessings to Carol Rowe (10/6), Pastor Joel Jenswold (10/7), Lia Miller (10/8), Mandi Miller (10/8), Marilyn Wolfrum (10/8), Sophia Strong (10/9), Janey Dey (10/10), Ella Holzman (10/11), Ian Hurth (10/11), and Jeffrey Kirsch (10/11) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversaries No anniversaries to celebrate this week

<u>In Our Prayers</u> 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), and Shannon Garrett.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

October 6-31: Food Pantry Donations being accepted
October 7-12: Outdoor Workweek | 8 – 12:00 noon – details to follow in upcoming weeks
October 13: Nature Hike / Campfire & Cookout
October 17: Council Meeting | 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall
October 17: Ladies Friendship Circle Meeting | 6:30 pm in the lower level
October 19: Ladies Coffee/Breakfast at M-N-M's Coffee House in Waunakee | 8:00 am
October 20: Peace Lutheran Choir – 8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship Services
October 20: Pastor Appreciation | 9:15 – 10:15 am in the fellowship hall
October 27: Open Forum | 9:15 – 10:15 am in the sanctuary
October 27: Youth Group Outing to the Creek Bed Farmacy, Corn Maze & More Open to all who would like to attend.

Food Pantry Collection until October 31

We have bins located at both entrances for donations for the food pantry. You may stop in anytime Tuesday – Friday from 8:30 - 3:30 if you would like to donate. All donations go to the DeForest Area Needs Network. (DANN)

Outdoor Work Week October 7 – 12

The next outdoor work week is planned for the week of October 7 from 8 - 12:00 daily to clear brush and overgrowth. Volunteers are needed, and should bring work gloves and loppers if they have them. Weather permitting, from 8 - 12:00 noon. There is a map and list of items to work on in the lower level on the entrance table. Please see Joe Hornbeck with any questions.

Nature Hike/ Campfire & Cookout | October 13 - 3:30 pm

We are planning a Lord of Love hike for the afternoon of Sunday, October 13th at 3:30 p.m. We will meet at the lower level of the church parking lot at 3:30 and hike along the Yahara River Trail and then return to church for a campfire where we will roast some hotdogs and make s'mores. This activity is open to all ages and participants are welcome to invite others as well. There is a sign-up in the back of the church so we know how much food to plan.

Pastor Appreciation Celebration | October 20 - 9:15 - 10:15 am

Join us between worship services for to share in our appreciation of Pastor Jenswold. There will be coffee and refreshments served and a short program of appreciation. No Adult Bible Study.

Fall Open Forum | October 27 9:15 – 10:15 am

The fall Open Forum will be held between services October 27th. No Adult Bible Study.

Youth Group Outing to the Creek Bed Farmacy | Meet at Church at 2:00 pm

There is a sign up for the Youth Group Fall Outing that is also being offered to the congregation to join for an afternoon of Corn Mazes & Family Fun at the Creek Bed Farmacy. We are looking for some volunteer drivers to be sure all who want to attend can make it. There are more details available by the Sign-Up Sheet for additional details including costs and additional activities. Please see Sue Jenswold for any questions.

Eastside Lutheran Art & Craft Fair | November 2

This year's Eastside Art & Craft Fair is being held November 2 from 9:00 - 3:00 pm. This is a huge fundraiser for our school! We have many craft vendors, gift basket raffle, cookies sold by the pound, a bake sale and yummy concessions. This is a great way to get a jump start on your holiday shopping! Admission is Free!

Christmas in the Dells Dinner Show | December 12 - 12:00 - 4:30 pm

The Fellowship Committee has booked a group space Christmas in the Dells Dinner Show on Thursday December 12th.The show runs from 2:30 - 4:30 pm with lunch served at 1 PM. This is an all you can eat meal and consists of turkey and ham with side of mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, green bean casserole, cranberry salad and bread. We will meet at church at 12PM and carpool from there. The group rate is \$81.95 per person and includes the tip. We need a minimum of 20 people for the group rate and have 24 spots reserved. Full payment is due in the church office by Nov. 24. Please make checks payable to Lord of Love. Contact Sharon Freund if you have any questions.

OCTOBER YOUTH GROUP / CONGREGATIONAL OUTING



Youth Group Outing to the Creek Bed Farmacy (Open for all age groups to attend)

October 27 – Meet at Church at 2:00 PM Group Pricing: Adults \$14, Children 3 – 12 years \$12

Admission Includes: 18 Acre Corn Maze, 2 Acre Corn Maze, and Back 40 & Greener Pastures Playgrounds offering many additional fun family options for all to enjoy.

(Concessions for food & beverage available at an additional cost)



"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.