



# Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church

October 31, 2021

Reformation Day

## Today in Worship

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

**A word of welcome to all:** Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church. You are welcome to share in Holy Communion. All who trust that Christ's body and blood are present in the bread and wine are invited to receive Holy Communion.

**Worshipping during the pandemic- Masks:** are required in our building. We need to remain strong and wise to avoid out of control disease. **Less touch:** please pick up a service folder and communion packet at the entrance. Please place your offering in the plate in the entrance of the worship center. During the passing of the peace wave, smile with your eyes, send a greeting by texting to someone who is alone. **You may sing.** Thanks be to God. **Physical Distancing:** It is still important to be aware of distancing. Pews on the outside of the worship area are more widely spaced for the more covid sensitive. Pews in the center are arranged normally. Choose whichever option makes you more comfortable. **Hand washing** is still very important. Feel free to use the bottles of hand sanitizer throughout the building.

**For those worshipping from home:** Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You will need your communion packet, this service folder, and if your phone is convenient you can use it to pass the peace. Lighting a candle hallows your worship place. We distribute packets of pre-consecrated bread and wine (gluten free option is available) for those who call the church office. We are here for you!

*Information, service & liturgy instructions are shown in italic or **bold italic** type on the following pages.*

*Portions of the liturgy spoken by the leaders are shown in plain type.*

*Portions of the liturgy spoken by the assembly are shown in **bold type**.*

## **PRELUDE**

### *Sharing of Joys, Concerns and Announcements*

## **Gathering**

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*The assembly stands as they are able.*

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*The assembly kneels or stands as they are able. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**1**    A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.

**4**    God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!

**2**    No strength of ours can match his  
might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.

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***GREETING***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**KYRIE - Now the Feast and Celebration** (*sung*)

*Refrain*

**Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!**

**1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God.** *Refrain*

**2 Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever.**  
*Refrain*

**3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God;  
to make all things new.** *Refrain*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*All are seated.*

***Word***

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***FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:1-9***

*As the children of Israel enter the promised land, Moses instructs them to love the LORD and to teach God's law to future generations. Verses 4-5 are called the Shema (Hebrew for "hear"), which is still used in Jewish daily prayer and which forms the basis for the "greatest commandment" in today's gospel reading.*

[Moses said to the people,] <sup>1</sup>Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, <sup>2</sup>so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be

long. <sup>3</sup>Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup>Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup>and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

***PSALM: Psalm 119:1-8***

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose way is blameless,  
who follow the teaching of the LORD!

<sup>2</sup>**Happy are they who observe your decrees  
and seek you with all their hearts,**

<sup>3</sup>who never do any wrong,  
but always walk in your ways.

<sup>4</sup>**You laid down your commandments,  
that we should fully keep them.**

<sup>5</sup>Oh, that my ways were made so direct  
that I might keep your statutes!

<sup>6</sup>**Then I should not be put to shame,  
when I regard all your commandments.**

<sup>7</sup>I will thank you with a true heart,  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.

<sup>8</sup>**I will | keep your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.**

*The assembly stands as they are able for the reading of the gospel.*

**THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:28-34**

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>One of the scribes came near and heard [Jesus and the Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup>The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup>and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All are seated.*

**THE SERMON**

***Response to the Word***

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*The assembly stands as they are able.*

**THE APOSTLES CREED**

Trusting in God, we unite in faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## ***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH***

*All are seated.*

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for all who long for a word of truth and for the radical grace that flows from the cross. Inspire congregations to freely and boldly proclaim your love for all people with persistence and hope. Lord, in your mercy.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for your creation, for mountains, rivers, streams, cities, homesteads, and neighborhoods. Write in our hearts a new love and care for creation. Give us the will to curb wasteful habits and to hold accountable those who neglect the vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who aspire to public office and for all who will vote on Tuesday at local polling places. Pour wisdom and understanding upon all who govern so that communities of justice and peace may thrive. Lord, in your mercy.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who long for healing in mind, body, or spirit. Strengthen hospitals, clinics, counseling centers, nursing homes, and recovery centers to be holy spaces of renewal that all might live the abundant life you intend. Lord, in your mercy.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who seek to grow in faith and love of you. Guide teaching and learning in confirmation, small groups, Sunday school, youth groups, schools, seminaries, and universities. Lord, in your mercy.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all the saints and reformers who have gone before us who dwell in your holy habitation. Give us courage through their example to challenge unjust systems and work toward life-giving reformation. Lord, in your mercy.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**Amen.**

## ***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE***

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord with phrases like “Peace be with you.” If you have your phone available text a word of peace to someone who is worshipping alone.*

## ***OFFERING AND PRAYER***

*The offering plate is brought forward as a sign of the good gifts, ourselves included, God has given us.*

God of abundance,  
**you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ***Meal***

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*The assembly stands as they are able.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## ***PREFACE AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER***

*...join their unending hymn*

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*sung*)**  
**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;**  
**Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**  
**Blessed is the One who comes in your name.**  
**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

*The minister continues the eucharistic prayer.*



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*All are seated.*

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

*As we sing Lamb of God, please take time to prepare yourselves and your communion elements.*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you are the bread of life for us all, have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen**

## **BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace.

**Amen**

## **PRAYER**

Let us pray. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# *Sending*

*The assembly stands as they are able.*

May the Lord bless you and keep you,  
the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **HYMN 513 Listen, God is Calling Vs. 1,2**

### *Refrain*

(Listen,)  
listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.  
(Listen,)  
listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,  
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

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| 1 (Jesus gave his mandate:)<br>share the good news<br>(that he came to save us)<br>and set us free. <i>Refrain</i> | 2 (Let none be forgotten)<br>throughout the world.<br>(In the triune name of God)<br>go and baptize. <i>Refrain</i> |
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### ***DISMISSAL***

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### ***POSTLUDE***

We thank you for your ministry here today:  
**Presiding Minister** Pr. Adam Dowd  
**Asst. Ministers** Bob Eggert, Raymond Silhan III  
**Lectors** Jonathon Silkaitis, Art Kardatzke  
**Organist** Rosita Yao  
**Video** Shiela Ruh, Sherry Sejnost

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## Announcements – 10-31-21

**Karen Lind donated the flowers** today in memory of **Jim Lind's** October birthday and their wedding anniversary.

**Lectionary Bible Study and Prayer.** Join Pastor Adam for Bible study and prayer **Wednesday mornings** at Lord of Life from **10:00-1100**. We will look at the upcoming lectionary reading for Sunday and close in prayer.

**Thank you to everyone** who donated socks for the homeless during October.

**The LCW God's Work Our Hands Project for November** is Christmas gifts for mothers and children staying at the Family Shelter. They requested gift cards from the following stores: Target, Walmart, Visa, Amazon, Game Stop, Dollar Tree, Five Below, Aldi, Tony's Fresh Market, Pete's, Trader Joe's, Jewel, or Marianos. They also requested quilts and fleece tied blankets, hats, gloves, and scarves for both adults and children. The LCW will deliver the gifts the first weekend in December. The last day of the collection is November 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your donations.

**All Saints Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>.** This year for All Saints Sunday we are asking you to bring pictures or tokens of your loved ones who have died to be placed on the Altar during service. This will serve as a visual reminder that though they are not physically with us, when we take communion, we are participating with all of God's saints. After service, we will have a bonfire and smore cookout in the parking lot so bring your folding chairs!

**The Lunch Bunch is meeting on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.** This month the group is going to the Chicken Basket, 645 Joliet Rd., in Willowbrook. If you want to attend, please RSVP to Judy Padera (630) 960-4839. Everyone is welcome.

**Leslie Goddard is coming back!** She will be at our next Senior Spirits meeting, which was moved up a week to accommodate her schedule. **The next meeting is on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, at noon.** She will be giving a presentation on Christmas at Marshall Fields. Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring your lunch and beverage. The regular potluck luncheon tradition will resume for the December meeting.

**Santa Lucia** – Lord of Life will hold a COVID friendly version of the Santa Lucia program and smorgasbord on **Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>**. The first meeting for the committee is scheduled for **Sunday, November 7 between services**. Arlene Danielson is the event coordinator. Please let Arlene know if you would like to get involved in the event or are interested in attending. More details will follow after the committee meeting.

**We Love Your Photos!** We need pictures and artwork for our daily Bible reading and prayers. Please share your photos with us at [lordoflifechurchdarien@gmail.com](mailto:lordoflifechurchdarien@gmail.com)

## THIS WEEK AT LORD OF LIFE

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/31</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>In Person Worship (Live Streaming)</b>
		<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Sunday school</b>
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>In Person Worship</b>
		<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Loving Word Worship</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>11/1</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/2</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/3</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>AA</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/4</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>BSA Troop #97</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/5</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Card Group</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/6</b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>SDA</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/7</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>In Person Worship (Live Streaming)</b>
		<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Sunday school</b>
			<b>Santa Lucia Committee</b>
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>In Person Worship</b>
		<b>12:00</b>	<b>Parking Lot Campfire</b>
		<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Loving Word Worship</b>

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### Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14

<sup>11</sup>When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, <sup>14</sup>how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!