



Welcome to *Lord of Life* Lutheran Church

October 17, 2021 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Today in Worship

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

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

Gathering

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.

GATHERING HYMN 520 Dearest Jesus, at Your Word Vs. 1,4

**1 Dearest Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.**

**4 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most:
all your gospel's consolation
while we here on earth await you,
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.**

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, sts. 1-3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, adapt.

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

Most High,

your Anointed One offered himself freely as witness against our violence, our acts of oppression, and our sin. As you delighted to call him your Son, give us the courage to bring you equal delight by our willingness to drink the cup of sacrifice on behalf of our sisters and brothers, and, with them, offer you praise unceasing, and lives transformed as true heirs of your grace-filled realm.

Amen.

All are seated.

Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

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

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:32-45

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

³²They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; ³⁴they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your

left, in your glory.”³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

All are seated.

THE SERMON

Response to the Word

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

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.

Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Lord in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that waterfowl, reptiles, wild horses, dolphins, and all living things flourish as you intend. Lord in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people Lord in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness, that all may be healed. Lord in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you.

Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Lord in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel.

Through the witness of your saints, continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast. Lord in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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

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

(sung) **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.

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

HYMN 692 We Are an Offering

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.**

**Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours:
we are an offering.**

**All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
we give to you, we give to you.**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering, we are an offering.**

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Sharing of Joys, Concerns and Announcements

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Participating in Worship this Morning

Presiding Minister: Pastor Adam Dowd

Assisting Minister: Toni Blesy, Raymond Silhan III

Lectors: Raymond Silhan III, Bobbie Sejnost
Organist: Rosita Yao
Video: Shiela Ruh, Sherry Sejnost

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Announcements – 10-17-21

Dolores Schramm donated the flowers in the sanctuary today in honor of her 50th year of membership at Lord of Life!

Pet Blessing Event-Today is Lord of Life's famous pet blessing event at 12:30 p.m. We can also introduce Pastor Adam Dowd to our community. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you don't have a pet!

The church office has a new email address: lordlifesecc@gmail.com. Please note if you use the previous address, the office will still receive your email.

Lectionary Bible Study and Prayer. Join Pastor Adam for Bible study and prayer **Tuesday mornings** at Lord of Life from **9:30-10:30**. We will look at the upcoming lectionary reading for Sunday and close in prayer.

The Senior Spirits meet on Thursday, October 21st at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will host the LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs! The LCC K-9 Comfort Dogs serve every day in their community and are dispatched in times of disaster. LCC never charges those they serve, and they depend on donations to support their Ministry. Thank you to everyone who has generously donated during the month of September – your donations will be presented at this time. Bring your own lunch and beverage.

The God's Work Our Hands for October is our annual Sock Collection. LoL has been supporting the Foot Care Clinic of the Church of Our Savior in Chicago for the past 6 years. The purpose of this clinic is to develop a relationship with the disenfranchised people on the streets. Persons attending the clinic receive foot care and general health assessment. Our role is to provide new socks to the clinic participants. We will collect the socks in the wooden box in the narthex during the month of October.

All Saints Sunday November 7th. 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!

Looking to Get Involved? We are looking for people who are interested in being greeters at one or both services on Sundays. The requirements for this job are greeting people and holding the door for them as they come into church. If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the sign-up sheet outside secretary's office.

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

| THIS WEEK AT LORD OF LIFE | | |
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| Sunday | 10/17 9:00 AM | In Person Worship (Live Streaming) |
| | 10:00AM | Sunday school |
| | 11:00 AM | In Person Worship |
| | 12:30 PM | Pet Blessing |
| | 2:00 PM | Loving Word Worship |
| Monday | 10/18 10:00 AM | Worship Committee |
| Tuesday | 10/19 7:00 PM | BSA #56 |
| Wednesday | 10/20 11:00 AM | Audit Committee |
| | 7:00 PM | AA |
| Thursday | 10/21 10:00 AM | SDA |
| | 12:00 PM | Senior Spirits |
| | 7:00 PM | BSA Troop #97 |
| Friday | 10/22 9:30 AM | Card Group |
| Saturday | 10/23 9:45 AM | SDA |
| Sunday | 10/24 9:00 AM | In Person Worship (Live Streaming) |
| | 10:00AM | Sunday school |
| | 11:00 AM | In Person Worship |
| | 2:00 PM | Loving Word Worship |

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For your devotions: Hebrews 5:51-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey.