



## Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church

November 7, 2021  
All Saints Sunday

*Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.*

**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***

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*The assembly stands as they are able.*

### ***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM***

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as your children,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### ***REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS***

Let us remember all the saints before God.

*The names of the departed saints are read aloud.*

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

**Amen.**

Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
**and you will find rest for your souls.**  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
**And you will find rest for your souls.**

**GATHERING HYMN 422 For All the Saints Vs. 1, 4**

**1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

***KYRIE – Come Now, O Prince of Peace Vs. 1,2,3 (sung)***

**1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

**2 Come now, O God of love, make us one body.  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

**3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.  
Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

Text: Geon-yong Lee, b. 1947; tr. Marion Pope

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### ***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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: Isaiah 25:6-9***

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### ***PSALM: Psalm 24***

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,**

**who do not swear on God's being,  
nor do they pledge b what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing |from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

**<sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O eve lasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory?**

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might y in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever lasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory?**

**Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**

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

**THE GOSPEL READING: John 11:32-44**

The holy gospel according to John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

<sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

<sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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.*

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*A brief silence*

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Lord, in your mercy.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be

celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Lord, in your mercy.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Lord, in your mercy.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way. Lord, in your mercy,

**Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Lord, in your mercy.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Lord, in your mercy.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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 all creation, **all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in 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.*

A feat of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

*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***

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

### ***BLESSING***

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

### ***PRAYER***

God of abundance, **with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### ***Sending***

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*The assembly stands as they are able.*

The Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy  
The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace. **Amen.**

### **HYMN 423 Shall We Gather at the River Vs. 1,2**

**1 Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?**

## ***Refrain***

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

**2 On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. *Refrain***

## ***DISMISSAL***

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

## ***POSTLUDE***

We thank you for your ministry here today:

**Presiding Minister** Pr. Adam Dowd  
**Asst. Ministers** Dan Buchman, Bobbie Sejnost  
**Lectors** Judy Padera, Louis Plzak  
**Organist** Rosita Yao  
**Video** Shiela Ruh, Sherry Sejnost

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## **Announcements – 11-7-21**

**Mary Szyszka donated the flowers** today in memory of her brother, Arnold Ricci Jr.

**Today is All Saints Sunday!** This year for All Saints Sunday we asked 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, please stay for a bonfire and smore cookout in the parking lot!

**Lectionary Bible Study and Prayer.** Join Pastor Adam for Bible study and prayer **Wednesday mornings** at Lord of Life from **9:30-1030**. We will look at the upcoming lectionary reading for Sunday and close in prayer.

**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.

**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>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>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11/9</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Lunch Bunch</b>
		<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>BSA Troop #56</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>11/10</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>
		<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>AA</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>11/11</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Senior Spirits – Leslie Goddard</b>
		<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>BSA Troop #97</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>11/12</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Card Group</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11/13</b>	<b>9:45 AM</b>	<b>SDA Luncheon</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11/14</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>In Person Worship (Live Streaming)</b>
		<b>10:00AM</b>	<b>Sunday school</b>

**11:00 AM     In Person Worship**  
2:00 PM     Loving Word Worship

***SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a***

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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