

**Welcome to Lord of Life  
Lutheran Church  
July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**



*Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.*

**Welcome:** Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church. This is a safe space to bring your whole self. If there are ways we can make participation in worship easier for you, we will do our best to accommodate.

**Worship: Masks:** Masks are required in our building in solidarity with children who are too young to be vaccinated and those who are immunocompromised.

**Communion:** All are welcome to share in Holy Communion. Individual packets available near the entrance to the worship center.

**Passing of the Peace:** It is ok to greet those sitting near you. Please remember people have different levels of personal space which may vary from day to day and situation to situation. You can be respectful by asking, “May I hug you?” or “Would you like a handshake.”

**Physical Distancing:** It is still important to be aware of distancing. Pews along the sides of the church near the stained-glass windows are for people who want space; please space yourselves accordingly.

**Less touch:** The offering plate is located near the entrance of the worship center.

**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!

**Children Welcome:** Kids of all ages are welcome in service, and we celebrate their joyful wiggles and giggles! There are kids bags in the back of the sanctuary.

*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.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,† one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

Merciful God,  
**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.  
Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.  
When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.  
Set us again on the path of life.  
Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.  
Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

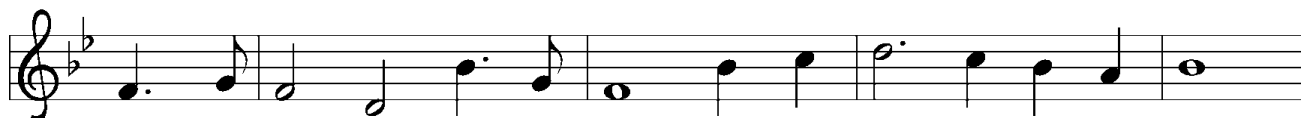
You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

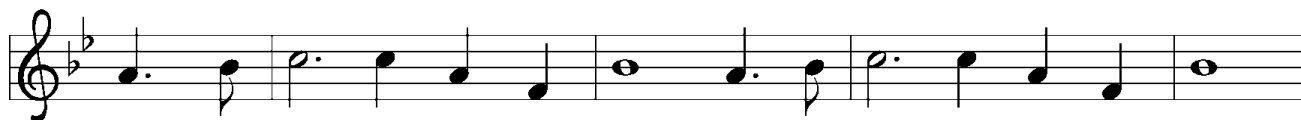
**GATHERING HYMN**

***Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me***

***ELW 623  
Verses 1 & 4***



- 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
- 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
- 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778  
Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

***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.**

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

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Assembly is seated*

### ***Word***

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#### **First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a**

*The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10a</sup>Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ***THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:38-42***

The holy gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

*All are seated.*

## ***SERMON***

***Response to the Word***

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***The assembly stands as they are able.***

## ***THE APOSTLE'S CREED***

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

**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 power of 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**

*All are seated.*

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

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire this worshiping community to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table. Gather us with them in your eternal glory. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**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.*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

God of abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## *Meal*

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*The assembly stands as they are able.*



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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***

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

*The minister continues the eucharistic prayer.*

*....We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### ***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***

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.

### ***COMMUNION***

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

## LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:* *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 \* you break the chains of ha - tred and  
 you are the way of jus - tice and  
 you are the way of mer - cy and

*Congregation:*

world:  
 fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
 peace:  
 love:

*Congregation:* *Congregation or Assistant:*

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*

take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,  
 through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
 and fed us with your mercy.  
 Now send us forth to live for others,  
 both friend and stranger,  
 that all may come to know your love.  
 This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

***Sending***

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***BLESSING***

May 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.**

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;  
 for if you lead me, I can - not stray.  
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r  
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,  
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
 to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.  
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.  
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.  
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.  
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

*Refrain*

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

## ***DISMISSAL***

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ***POSTLUDE***

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We thank you for your ministry here today:

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Adam Dowd
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Roberta Sejnost; Raymond Silhan III
<b>Organist</b>	Rosita Yao
<b>Reader</b>	Judy Padera; Art Kardatzke
<b>Greeters</b>	Carolyn Katt; Connie Allekian
<b>Ushers</b>	Marilynn Sells & Debbie McNicols
	Connie Allekian & Alice Tangorra
<b>Video</b>	Sherry Sejnost

## **Announcements – 7-17-2022**

**Senior Spirits** This month we will meet on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. Guess Who's in these Old Photos, Arlene Danielson will be our guest speaker. Please send Arlene Danielson an old photo of yourself. We will have a game guessing who's in the photos. Prizes will be awarded. See you there

**Bags to Benches** Help reduce plastic pollution! Lord of Life, in conjunction with Trex, a composite decking company, who sponsors a plastic collection challenge where a group that collects five hundred pounds of plastic film receives a free “polylumber” bench from Trex in appreciation for their recycling efforts. Our goal is to collect five hundred pounds of plastic film beginning immediately. The bench will be free to us so let's collect those bags! Collection boxes are at each church entrance and in the breezeway.

Outdoor Worship Each 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month in July and August, we will have outdoor worship on the east side of the building. Services will start at 6:00 PM. Dates: **August 10<sup>th</sup>**.

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)

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## THIS WEEK AT LORD OF LIFE

Sunday	7/17	<b>9:00 AM Worship (Live Streaming)</b> <b>11:00 AM Worship</b> 2:00 PM Loving Word Worship
Tuesday	7/19	5:15 PM OA <b>5:45 PM COVID Committee Meeting</b> <b>7:00 PM Church Council</b>
Wednesday	7/20	<b>10:00 AM Bible Study</b> 7:00 PM AA
Thursday	7/21	<b>12:00 PM Senior Spirits</b> 7:00 PM BSA Troop #97
Friday	7/22	<b>9:30 AM Card Group</b>
Saturday	7/23	9:45 AM SDA
Sunday	7/24	<b>9:00 AM Worship (Live Streaming)</b> <b>11:00 AM Worship</b> 2:00 PM Loving Word Worship

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