

Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church

November 20th, 2022

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost



Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.

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: DuPage County community level is **MEDIUM**. Since we are at the medium level, masks are optional in our building.

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 worshiping 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

The assembly stands as they are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \dagger one God,
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

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

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.**

**We have ignored voices
that call for your justice.**

**We have neglected actions
that witness to your righteousness.**

**We have spoken and acted
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**

**We truly repent of things we have done
and left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Restore our troubled spirits,
so that we may live in newness,
follow the way of the Spirit,
and build up the body of Christ.**

Amen.

Rejoice and be glad!

God hears the prayers of all who cry out,
and restores us to life through the death
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,

and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *Crown Him With Many Crowns* Hymn 855

Hymn 855

A musical score for piano, showing two staves. The top staff uses a treble clef and has a key signature of one sharp. It contains measures 11 through 12. Measure 11 consists of eighth notes on the first, third, and fifth strings. Measure 12 begins with a dotted half note on the first string, followed by eighth notes on the second, third, and fourth strings.

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorm;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) with a common time signature. The first measure contains four eighth notes. The second measure contains four eighth notes. The third measure starts with a dotted half note followed by a quarter note, an eighth note, and a sixteenth note. The fourth measure starts with a dotted half note followed by a quarter note, an eighth note, and a sixteenth note.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

A musical staff in G major (one sharp) and common time. It begins on a G note, followed by an eighth note on A, a quarter note on B, an eighth note on C, an eighth note on D, a quarter note on E, an eighth note on F, another eighth note on G, and finally a half note on G.

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

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

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Assembly is seated

YOUNG AT HEART SERMON

Pastor Adam Dowd

Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Today's reading builds on the common, ancient Near Eastern metaphor of the king as shepherd. Judah's unjust rulers have caused their people, their "flock," to be scattered. Nevertheless, God will raise up a new and righteous shepherd who will rule a restored Judah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ²Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven

them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths^l of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields

with fire.

¹⁰“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

An early Christian hymn praises the mystery of the political, personal, and mystical Christ, the one who was present at creation and is eternally reigning with God.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Praise God, Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:33-43

The holy gospel according to Luke, the Twenty Third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴¶ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done

nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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

All are seated.

SERMON

Pastor Adam Dowd

Response to the Word

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 with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people especially Jim, Marilynn, Roberta, Caryl, Gale, Don, Ron, Nancy and Cor. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastor, and council members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those 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

Offering Reflection

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.

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,

now gather our gifts,

nourish us with this sacrament,

and send us to those who hunger and thirst,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

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

Christ spreads a table before you.
Gather here with all the saints.

COMMUNION

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

Verse 1 & 3

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation:

Congregation or Assistant:

A musical score for a hymn. The key signature is one flat, indicating B-flat major. The time signature is common time (indicated by a '4'). The melody consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a B-flat, and a common time signature. The second staff begins with a bass clef and continues in common time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Congregation:

world:

have mercy on us, mercy on us,

peace;

love:

*Congregation
or Assistant:*

A musical score for a hymn. The key signature is one flat, and the time signature changes between 2/4 and 4/4. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "mer - cy on us." and "Lamb of God, you" are written below the staff.

take a - way the sin of the world:

grant us peace.

A musical score for soprano voice. It consists of a single staff with a treble clef, four measures of music, and lyrics below. The first measure has two eighth notes followed by a half note. The second measure has a half note followed by a half note. The third measure has a half note followed by a half note. The fourth measure has a half note followed by a half note. Below the staff, the lyrics are written in a cursive font: "grant us peace, grant us peace." The word "us" is centered under the first two measures, and "peace." is centered under the last two measures.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, most gracious God,
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.

Enliven us to be your body in the world
and to serve those who are in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Sending

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.

SENDING HYMN *Soon and Very Soon* Hymn 439



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there,
3 No more dy - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there,
no more dy - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there,
no more dy - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
soon and ver - y soon

[1, 2, 3]



Hal - lu - jah, hal - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Litanies of Welcome and Farewell-Interim Ministry Network, Baltimore, Maryland

We thank you for your ministry here today:

Presiding Minister	Pastor Adam Dowd
Assisting Minister	Dan Buchman
Organist	Rosita Yao
Guitarist	Christopher Vincent
Reader	Art Kardatzke
Greeters	Paul Ristau
Ushers	Debbie McNichols and Marilynn Sells
Video	Sherry Sejnost

Announcements – 11-20-2022

Gods Work Our Hands For the month of November we will be collecting food for Thanksgiving for the FISH Pantry. They are looking for the following items. Stove Top Stuffing mix, Chicken Broth, No salt canned corn, No salt canned carrots, Cranberry sauce, Instant mashed potatoes, Canned fruit (any kind), Cookies

Santa Lucia There will be a Santa Lucia program and Smorgasbord on Sunday, Dec 11 at 5:00. Tickets will be on sale before and after the service. The cost for the tickets are \$15 per adult, \$7 for children 5 – 11, children under 5 are free, and families will pay a maximum of \$45. All profits will go to the ministry fund.

If you would like to join the committee, just come to our the Santa Lucia planning meeting on Sunday, November 27 at 9 AM. All are welcome.

Please pray for members:

Jim Eckwall
Roberta Sejnost
Don Dibbern

Cor Peterson
Caryl Schaer
Ron Matta

Marilynn Sells
Gale Dyskie
Nancy Swanson

A full list of relatives, friends and military personnel for whom we pray is emailed weekly on Friday. A list will also be printed in the bulletin the first Sunday of the month.

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

Last Week's Giving - \$5865.00

THIS WEEK AT LORD OF LIFE

Sunday	11/20	10:00 AM	Worship (Live Streaming)
		11:00 AM	Christian
		2:00 PM	Loving Word Worship
Tuesday	11/22	4:00 PM	RIC Meeting
		5:15 PM	Overeaters Anonymous
Wednesday	11/23	10:00 AM	Bible Study
		7:00 PM	One Day at a Time (AA)
Thursday	11/24		Happy Thanksgiving
Friday	11/25	9:30 AM	Card Group
Saturday	11/26	9:00 AM	Seventh Day Adventist
		1:15 PM	Cortina's Family Baptism
Sunday	11/27	9:00 AM	Santa Lucia Planning Meeting
		10:00 AM	Worship (Live Streaming)
		11:00 AM	Christian Education
		2:00 PM	Loving Word Worship