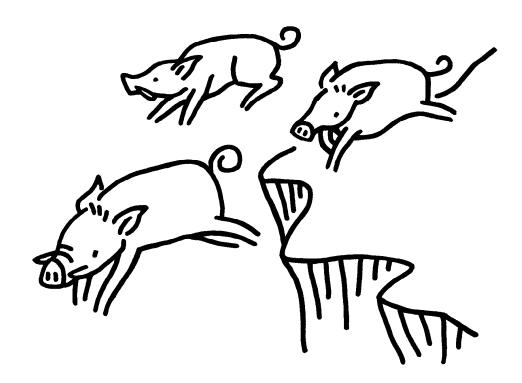


## **Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost June 22, 2025 9:00 a.m.

## Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church

#### Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word in worship in-person and online. We encourage you to follow along in this document.

If you are joining us online, please email the office at LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org, so we can welcome you within our midst.

May the Lord bless our worship this day.

#### As We Gather

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."

## As We Offer

We offer our contributions in-person or online at <u>Tithe.ly</u> through this link <a href="https://tithe.ly/give\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924">https://tithe.ly/give\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924</a> or with your phone by taking a picture of this QR Code.

# + Gathering +

**PRELUDE** ~ Will You Come and Follow Me

Sylvia Oines

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

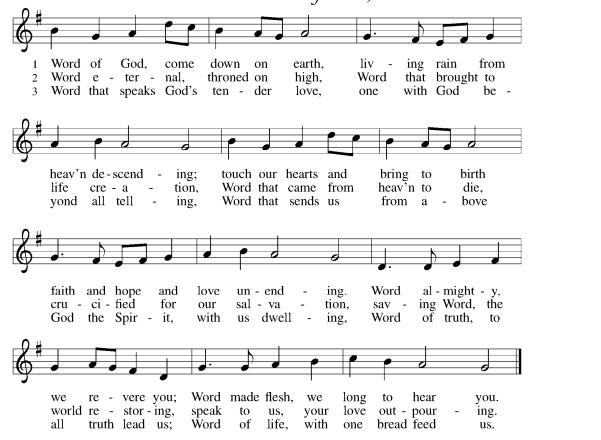
#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Merciful God,
- you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.
- You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
- C Amen.

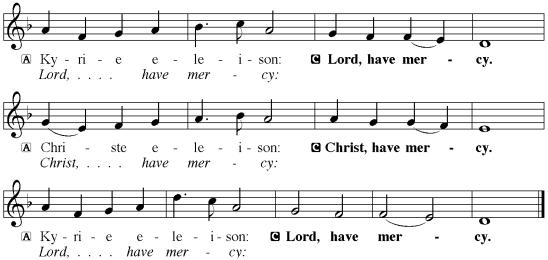
## GATHERING HYMN ~ Word of God, Come Down on Earth ELW 510



#### **GREETING**

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





### HYMN OF PRAISE





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen.

## + Word +

We sit.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 65:1-9

**A** reading from Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. <sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; <sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; <sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. <sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps 7 their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. <sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. 9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 22:19-28



- But you, O LORD, be not | far away; O my help, hasten | to my aid.
- Deliver me | from the sword, my life from the power | of the dog.
- A 21 Save me from the | lion's mouth!

  From the horns of wild bulls you have | rescued me.
- <sup>22</sup> I will declare your name | to my people; in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.
- You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.
  Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.
- For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them; but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.
- I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- <sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat | and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever!
- All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
- <sup>28</sup> For dominion belongs | to the LORD, who rules o- | ver the nations.

- A reading from Galatians.
- <sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.
- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### We stand.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39

- **P** The holy gospel according to Luke.
- Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The

man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ~ Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness **ELW 843** 



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib er at-ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in car nate: Christ, who suf fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight. praise the One who drove out de-mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn-ing sand; Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace. from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land. Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

We stand.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

- Apostles' 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 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.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

## Each petition ends:

- A God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

### The prayers conclude:

- P Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

#### **PEACE**

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

## + Meal +

We sit.

OFFERING MUSIC ~ Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love John Carter

We stand.

#### OFFERING SONG ~



#### OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

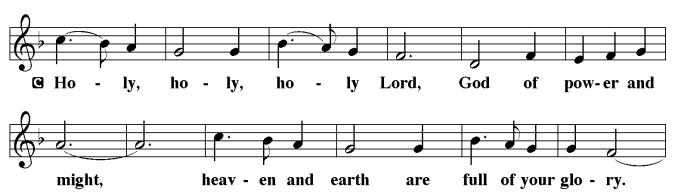
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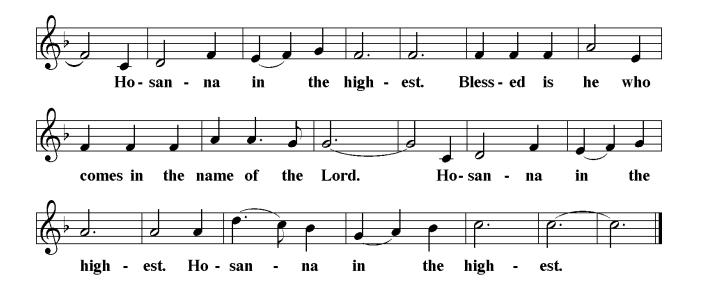
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **Q** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

P It is indeed right and salutary...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

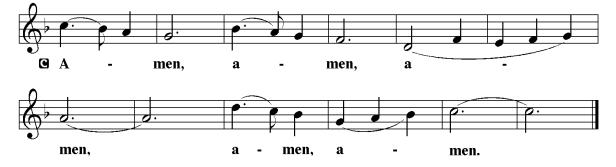
#### **SANCTUS**





#### **THANKSGIVING**

- We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end...
  - ...Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.



#### LORD'S PRAYER

- P Let us pray the words our Lord 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.

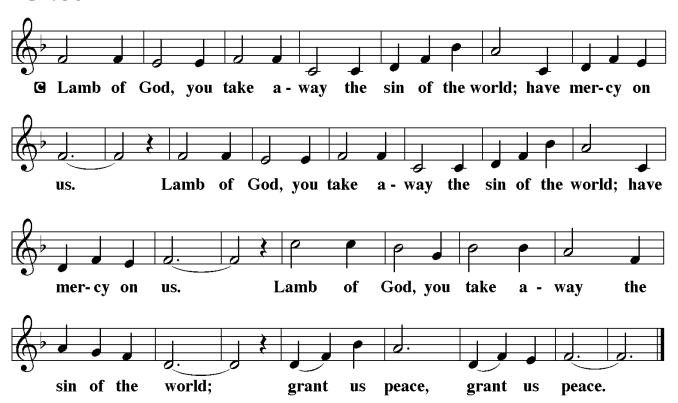
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

- P The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.
- C Amen.

We sit.

#### **AGNUS DEI**



#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All are welcome to the table of the Lord, who is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine. We gather at the communion rail and consume the elements, by intinction, taking the wafer and dipping it into the chalice, half of which is red wine, and the other half of which, is light apple juice. Gluten free wafers are available during distribution. Children who have yet to commune are welcome to receive a blessing. Please inform the ushers if you would like communion brought to you at your place in the pew.

## **COMMUNION HYMN** ~ One Bread, One Body

**ELW 496** 



We stand.

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

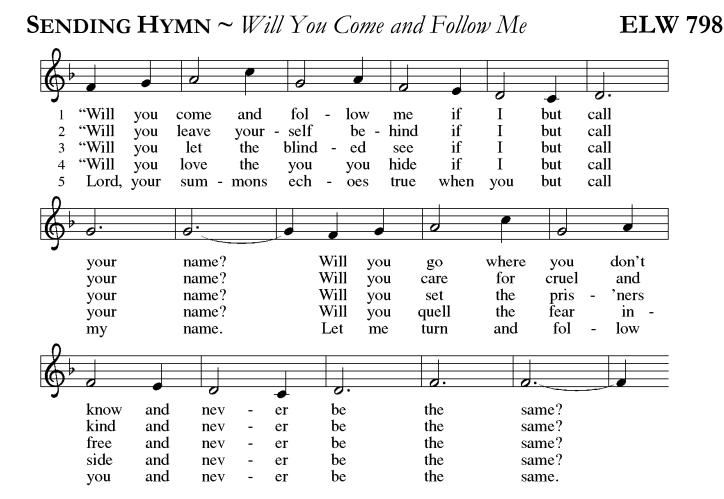
#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

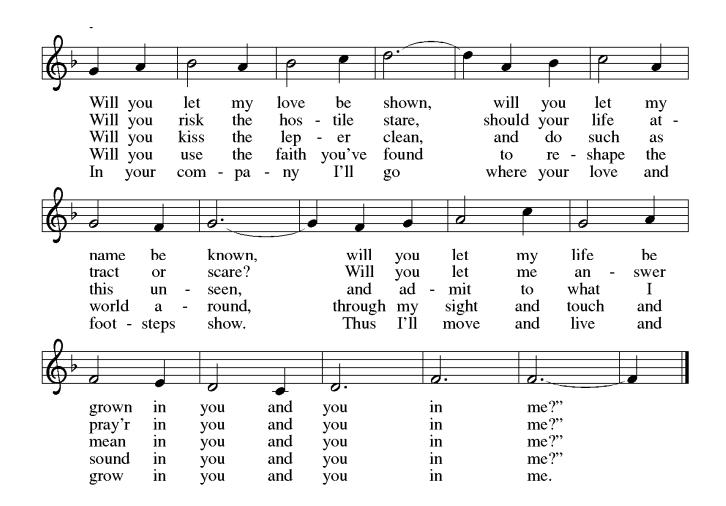
- Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

# + Sending +

#### **BLESSING**

- Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.





#### **DISMISSAL**

- **A** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** ~ Festal Song

Darwin Wolford

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#### + WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS +

WORSHIP REGISTRATION SHEETS ~ All visitors & members please sign-in each Sunday on the worship attendance sheets located in the blue folder at the end of your pew. Please update any new contact information. We encourage visitors to provide contact information - - this helps us to get to know you!

\*\*Please continue to sign-in each week. This helps gauge church growth, plan events, maintain how many bulletins should be printed, and assist in setting up the communion meal for each week. Trying a new seat will also help you say hello to those who you do not know each week. Thank you for your assistance with this.\*\*

<u>WELCOME</u> ~ IF YOU WATCH ON-LINE, PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE DIRECTLY AT <u>LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org</u> or call the office and let us know you attended. Thank you!

<u>TITHELY RECURING GIVING:</u> If you need help or instructions on how to update your Tithely recurring giving, please go to the following link.

https://help.tithe.ly/hc/en-us/articles/16202571806999-Updating-Your-Recurring-Gift-With-Tithely

Or pick up at the usher's table in the narthex a copy of the instructions.