

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

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**Fear Not, Little Flock**  
Luke 12:32



**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 10, 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](mailto:LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org), so we can welcome you within our midst.

May the Lord bless our worship this day.

## As We Gather

Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

## As We Offer

We offer our contributions in-person or online at [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) through this link [https://tithe.ly/give\\_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924](https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924) or with your phone by taking a picture of this QR Code.



# + Gathering +

PRELUDE ~ *Morning Blessing*

Lani Smith

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

**P** Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Merciful God,

**G** 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.

**P** 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.

**G** Amen.



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 The God of A - br'ham praise! At your su - preme com - mand  
 3 The God of A - br'ham praise! Your all - suf - fi - cient grace  
 4 Your prom - ise you have sworn; I on your oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love—  
 from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand.  
 shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.  
 I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



"I Am the One I Am"—by earth and heav'n con - fessed;  
 I all on earth for - sake—its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r—  
 You deign to call me friend; you call your - self my God!  
 I shall be - hold your face; I shall your pow'r a - dore,



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.  
 and you my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
 And you will save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.  
 and sing the won - ders of your grace for - ev - er - more.

## GREETING

**P** 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.

## KYRIE



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## HYMN OF PRAISE



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**1** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



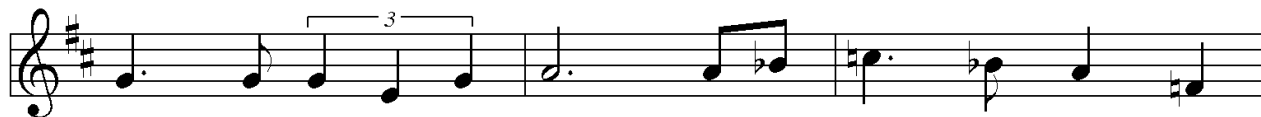
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**II** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



**III** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



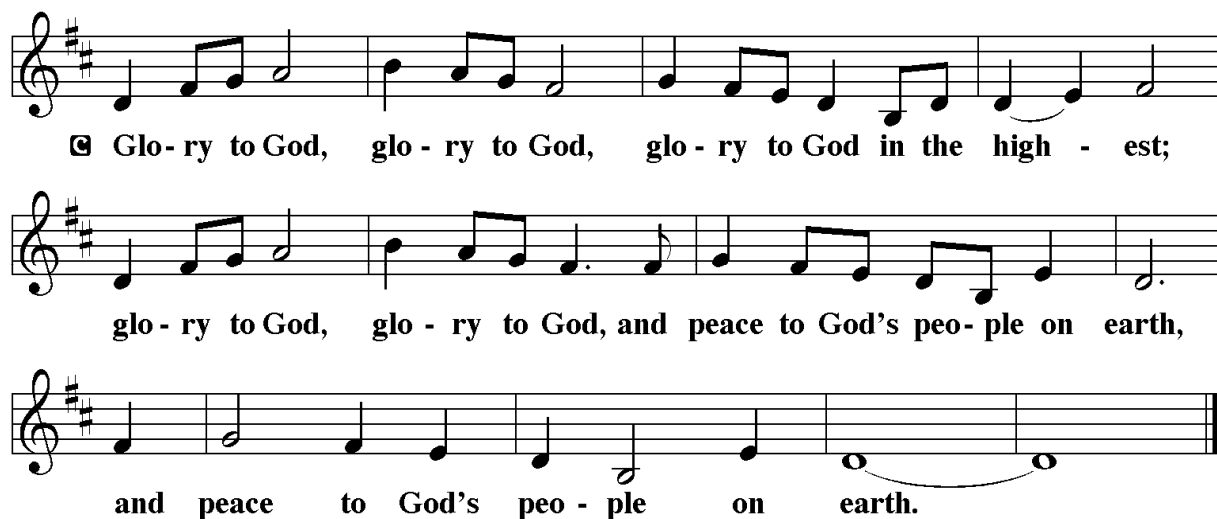
**I**  
**II** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

+ Word +

*We sit.*

## FIRST READING

**Genesis 15:1-6**

**A** A reading from Genesis.

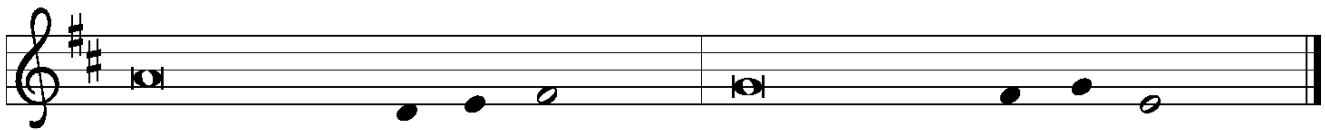
<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> But the word of the

LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**© Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 33:12-22



**A** <sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God <sup>1</sup> is the LORD!  
Happy the people chosen to <sup>1</sup> be God's heritage!

**13 The LORD looks | down from heaven,  
and sees all | humankind.**

**A** <sup>14</sup> God sits firmly en- | throned and watches  
all who dwell | on the earth.

**15** God fashions | all their hearts  
and observes | all their deeds.

**A** <sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by the size <sup>1</sup> of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by <sup>1</sup> their great strength.

**17** The horse gives vain | hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it | cannot save.

**A** 18 Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,

**19** to deliver their | lives from death,  
and to keep them alive in | time of famine.

**A** <sup>20</sup> Our innermost being waits for | you, O LORD,  
our helper | and our shield.

**G** <sup>21</sup> Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,  
for in your holy name we | put our trust.

**A** <sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, | be upon us,  
even as we place our | hope in you.

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**A** A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." <sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a


homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

**P** The holy gospel according to Luke.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: <sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ~ *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

**ELW 802**



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
 3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
 4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
 Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
 he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
 that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
we are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid-ding.  
all dis - com-forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav-en.  
in your pres-ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

*We stand.*

## APOSTLES' CREED

- A** Let us confess the faith of the church with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C** 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** In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*Each petition ends:*

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

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**C** Amen.

## PEACE

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

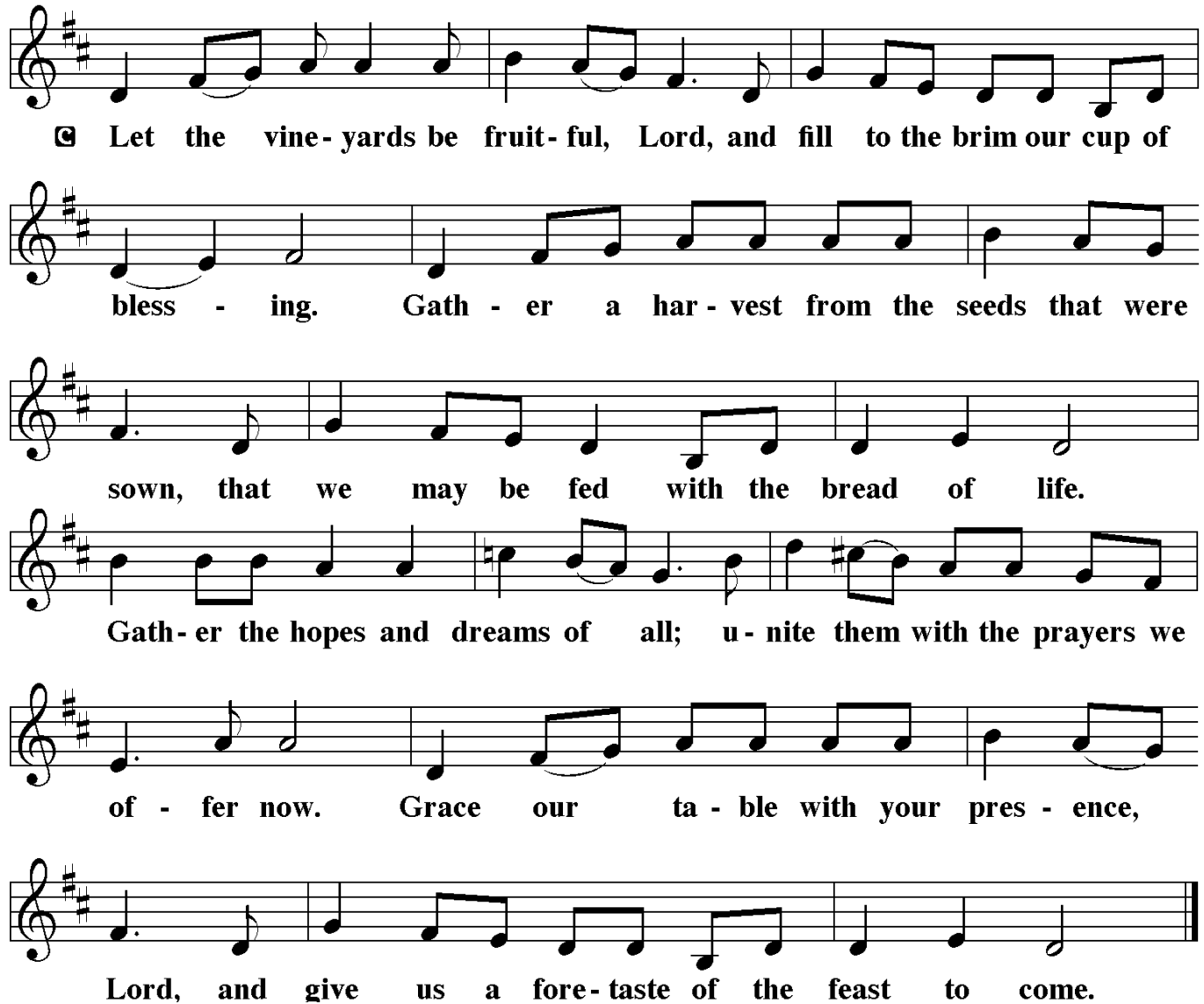
+ *Meal* +

*We sit.*

**OFFERING MUSIC ~** *Have No Fear, Little Flock* Heinz Zimmermann  
Soloist – Diane Bele

*We stand.*

## OFFERING SONG ~



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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## 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.

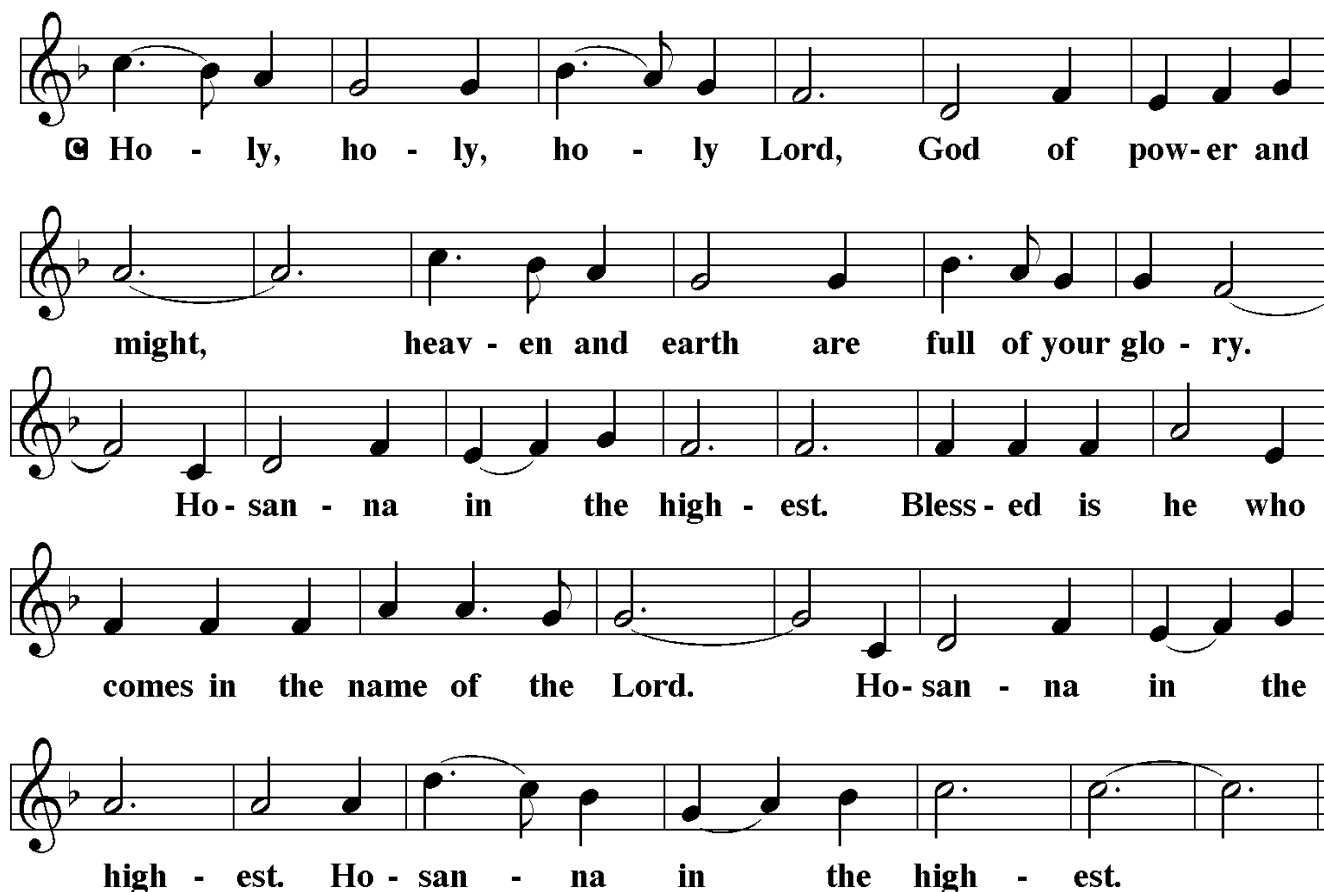
## DIALOGUE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** 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



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING

**P** 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.

**C** 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.

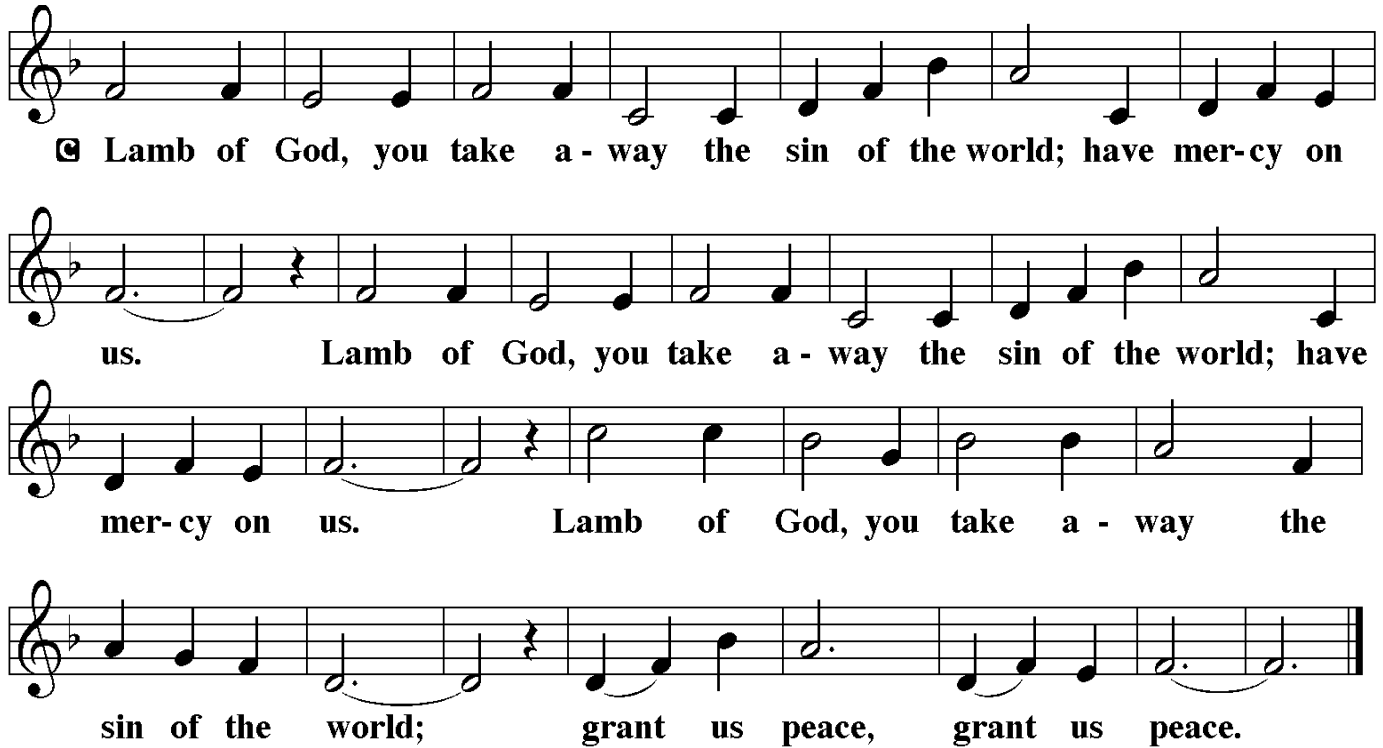
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**P** The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

**C** Amen.

*We sit.*

## AGNUS DEI



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## 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 ~ *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ELW 502



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

*We stand.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**C** Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** 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

**P** Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN ~ *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

ELW 618



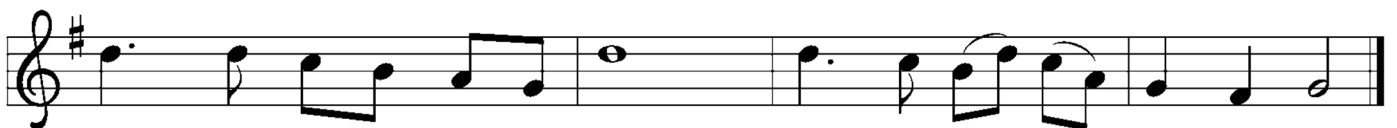
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE ~ *Hornpipe (Finale) from 'Water Music'*

G.F. Handel, setting by John Carter

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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.\*\*

**WELCOME** ~ IF YOU WATCH ON-LINE, PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE DIRECTLY AT [LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org](mailto:LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org) or call the office and let us know you attended. Thank you!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEED:** Looking for Rotating/Part-time Sunday School Teacher Volunteers for the coming 2025-26 Sunday School year. We have a new pre-school/Kindergarten and 1st/2nd grade class (the class sizes are very small). We would like to have a rotating roster or a monthly commitment. Frequency of rotation would depend on the number of people that are signed up.  
Please contact the office if you are interested 847-895-8877

**YOU'RE INVITED—to Connecting the Dots Luncheon!**  
**SAVE THE DATE— August 17th, following worship**

All committee chairs, are strongly encouraged to attend, along with committee members, and anyone in Lord of Life's faith community eager to connect the dots between Vision Development and Leadership. Enjoy lunch and explore how our mission statement, guiding principles, and mission priorities will shape our organization and leadership at Lord of Life.

All committee chairs are strongly encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to the church office by Aug 14, and inform Julie or Kim of any dietary restrictions you have. We look forward to this time in leadership development.