

Lord of *Life* Lutheran Church

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Ascension of our Lord  
May 17, 2026  
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 send the office an email at [LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org](mailto:LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org) so we know of your participation.

May the Lord bless our worship this day.

## As We Gather

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

## 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** ~ *3rd Variation of Lasst uns erfeuen Partita* Anne Krentz Organ

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We stand.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P** Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

**P** Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**C** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P** Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**C** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

**P** Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**C** You guide us to springs of the water of life.

**P** Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## GATHERING HYMN ~ *God is Here!*

ELW 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

## GREETING

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

**C** And also with you.

## HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**C** 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.



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.



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, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

*Children continue their worship in Sunday School.*

+ Word +

*We sit.*

### FIRST LESSON

**Acts 1:1-11**

**A** A reading from Acts.

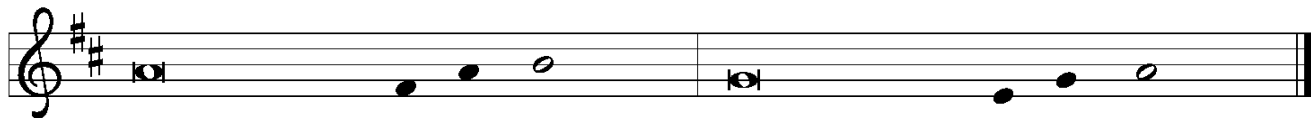
Luke writes: <sup>1</sup> In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when

you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”<sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”<sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.<sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.<sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**A** The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 47



**A** <sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, | all you peoples;  
shout to God with a | joyful sound.

**G** <sup>2</sup>**For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:**  
**a great king over | all the earth,**

**A** <sup>3</sup>who subdues the | peoples under us,  
and the nations un- | der our feet;

**G** <sup>4</sup>**who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,**  
**the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.**

**A** <sup>5</sup>God has gone up | with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.

**G** <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to | God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.

**A** <sup>7</sup> For God is king of | all the earth;  
sing praises | with a song.

**G** <sup>8</sup> God reigns o- | ver the nations;  
God is en- | throned on high.

**A** <sup>9</sup> The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of  
the | God of Abraham.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly  
exalted.

## SECOND LESSON

## Ephesians 1:15-23

**A** A reading from Ephesians.

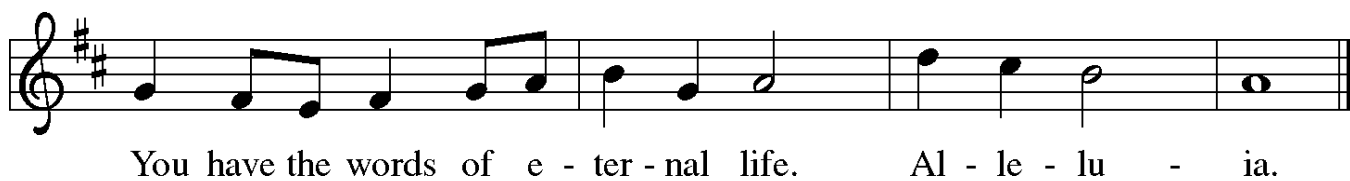
<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**A** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*We stand.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL

**Luke 24:44-53**

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

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

<sup>44</sup> Jesus said to the eleven and those with them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.<sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he with-

drew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

*We sit.*

SERMON ~ Guest Preacher – Pastor Tim Manwell

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!*

ELW 393



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and gaze up - on the  
 4 “You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the  
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l’wers  
 sky?” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior!” thus they  
 sky.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
 cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.  
 say, “this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty.”  
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*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** Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*Each petition ends:*

- A** Merciful God,  
**C** **receive our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

- P** God, of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **C** **Amen.**

## PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** And also with you.

## MISSION MOMENT ~ Kevin Kohn

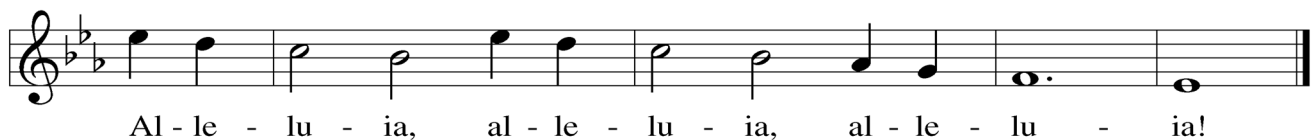
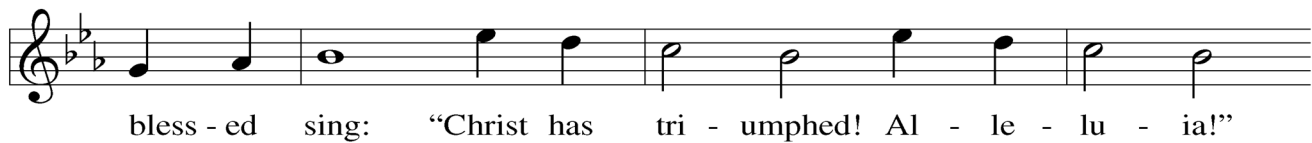
### + Meal +

*We sit.*

## OFFERTORY ~ *Heavenly Splendors Shine*

Randall Hartsell

## OFFERING SONG ~ *Now the Vault of Heaven Resounds* ELW 367, v. 4



## OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor,

gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

**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, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n 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.

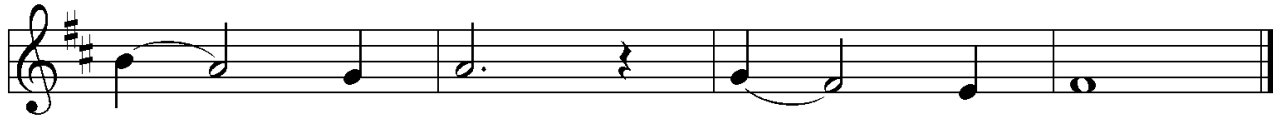




Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 of wine. Half of the chalice is dark wine and the other half is white apple juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request during distribution. Children who have yet to commune are welcome to receive a blessing. Please inform the ushers if you will need to partake of the Lord's supper at your place in the pew.*

## COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Oh, Love, How Deep*

ELW 322



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er  
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of  
fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tion  
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.  
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**G** Amen.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**A** Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**G** Amen.



*+ Sending +*

## BLESSING

**P** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever.

**G** Amen.

# SENDING HYMN ~ *And Have the Bright Immensities*

LBW



1 And have the bright im - men - si - ties re - ceived our ris - en Lord,  
2 The heav'n that hides him from our sight knows nei - ther near nor far;



where light-years frame the Ple - ia - des and point O - ri - on's sword?  
an al - tar can - dle sheds its light as sure - ly as a star.



Do flam - ing suns his foot-steps trace through cor - ri - dors sub - lime,  
And where his lov - ing peo - ple meet to share the gift di - vine,



the Lord of in - ter - stel - lar space and con - quer - or of time?  
there stands he with un - hur - rying feet; there heav'n - ly splen - dors shine.

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE ~ *Lasst uns erfreuen*

John Carter

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## ✝ LEADING WORSHIP TODAY ✝

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Stephanie Olson, Audio Visual  
Jim Heinking, Assisting Minister  
Trisha Steimel, Reader  
Cynthia Berntzen, Greeter  
Jan Petersen & Kathy Keppler, Ushers

**THE FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Marsha & Steve Einhorn in honor of grandson Jack's birthday

**THE BULLETIN** is given to the glory of God by members and friends of Lord of Life

**TODAY WE WELCOME** Rev. Tim Manwell; and thank him for filling in for Pr. Rebekah while she is away

**TODAY –** This is the last class for our Sunday School students. The teachers/nursery will be taking the summer off until Rally Day in September. If you would like nursery services, please let an usher know and we will have a member staff the nursery. A BIG THANKS to Cathy Thoma, Kim Puchalski, Laura Joens, Barb James and others who have volunteered their time to take part in Christian Education. Children's sermons will begin next week and go through the summer.

✝ WELCOME TO WORSHIP GUESTS, VISITORS & MEMBERS ✝

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP REGISTRATION SHEETS**

All guests, visitors & members please **sign-in each Sunday** on the attendance sheets **located in the blue folder** at the end of your pew.

**Members**, please update any new contact information.

**Guests and visitors**, we encourage you to provide contact information - this helps us to get to know you!

**ONLINE WORSHIP**

If you participate in worship 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!