

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



The Door to Heaven is Narrow, but Open to All!



"I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."" Psalm 122:1



Lord of Love Lutheran Church

August 21, 2022

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 283)

Speak, O Savior, I am Listening



STAND

- **M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.



CONFESSION OF SINS

- **M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



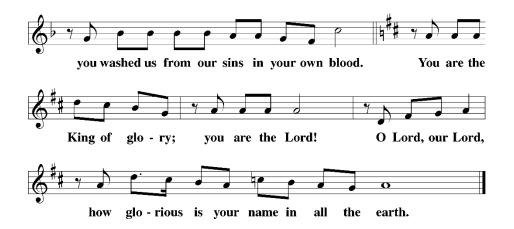
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



Kyrie

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.





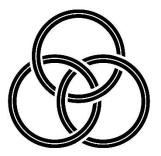
PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED





THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 66:18-24

¹⁸ As for me, because of their works and their thoughts, the time is coming for me to gather people from all nations and all languages.
They will come, and they will see my glory.
¹⁹ Then I will set up a sign among them, and I will send out survivors from among them to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, to those who are archers, to Tubal and Javan, to the distant coastlands, who have not heard my message and have not seen my glory. Then they will declare my glory among the nations.

²⁰ Then they will bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD. They will bring them on horses and chariots and wagons and mules and dromedaries^[C] to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, in the same way that the people of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel to the LORD's house. ²¹ Even from among these people I will take priests and Levites, says the LORD.

²² For just as the new heavens and the new earth that I am making will remain standing before me, declares the LORD, in the same way your offspring and your name will stand. ²³ As often as one new moon follows another and one Sabbath follows another, all flesh will come to worship before me, says the LORD.

²⁴ They will go out, and they will see the corpses of the ones who were rebelling against me, for their worm will not die, and their fire will not be quenched, and all flesh will be horrified by them.

SECOND LESSON

¹⁸ You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and to burning fire, to darkness, to gloom, to a raging storm, ¹⁹ to the sound of a trumpet, and to a voice that spoke. Those who heard the voice asked that not one more word be added, ²⁰ because they could not endure what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned." ²¹ The sight was so terrifying that even Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

²² Instead, you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God; to the heavenly Jerusalem; to tens of thousands of angels in joyful assembly; ²³ to the church of the firstborn whose names are written in heaven; to God, who is the judge of all; to the spirits of righteous people who have been made perfect; ²⁴ to Jesus, the mediator of a new testament; and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better message than the blood of Abel.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 13:22-30

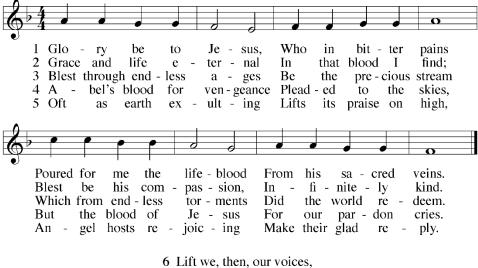
²² He went on his way from one town and village to another, teaching, and making his way to Jerusalem. ²³ Someone said to him, "Lord, are only a few going to be saved?"

He said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ Once the master of the house gets up and shuts the door, you will begin to stand outside and knock on the door, saying, 'Lord, open for us!' He will tell you in reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ And he will say, 'I don't know where you come from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.' ²⁸ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown outside. ²⁹ People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will recline at the table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And note this: Some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED



Swell the mighty flood; Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

Text: Italian hymn, 18th century, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.

Tune: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN (65 65) Friedrich Filitz, 1804–76.

SERMON

Hebrews 12:18-24

There Are Only Two Ways

Look at the holiness of God
 Believe in the salvation of God

OFFERING PLATES BROUGHT FORWARD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For strong faith to enter ever more deeply into the blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to gather many with us who would repent of their sins and enter God's kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the everlasting Church of God to draw boldness and confidence from the proclamation of his Word, that she would declare God's glory among all nations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all fathers, called to bring up their children in the fear and love of God, that they would lovingly discipline their children and so show forth the fatherly love of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president, the Congress of the United States, our governor and all those in authority, that God would grant them wisdom, integrity and skill in the exercise of their lawful duties, so that justice would be maintained, the innocent defended, wickedness restrained, liberty upheld and consciences respected, let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.

For [______ and] all who suffer, that they would trust the fatherly love of God who disciplines those he loves and who promises to never leave them nor forsake them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the blood of Christ, which speaks a better word than the blood of Abel, let us give thanks to the Lord; and for this precious blood to bless and sanctify our bodies to be a temple for his eternal dwelling, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the right worship of the Lord on earth as it is in heaven, that with thanksgiving for *[______ and]* all the saints who have gone before us, we would die to ourselves and enter with Christ into the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to join with all the angels in festal gathering and to be numbered with the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, perfected in the righteousness of Christ and abiding forever in his new creation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

To you, O Lord, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all glory, honor, worship and praise, now and even to the end of all the ages. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

> Today's 8:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.



THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus Lord C: Ho - ly, ho - lv. ho - ly is the of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo ry. You God, and I will ex - alt are my you. Ι will give you thanks, for you have be-come my salva - tion. is the Lord of hosts. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Θ The whole earth is full of your glo ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

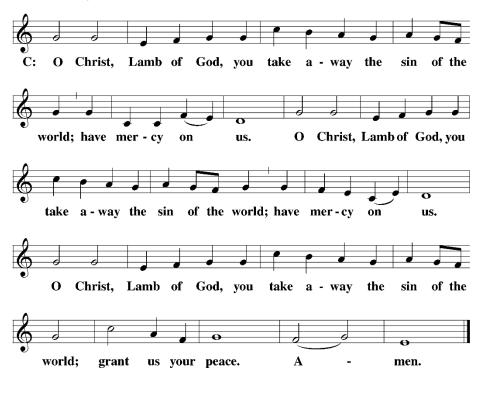
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

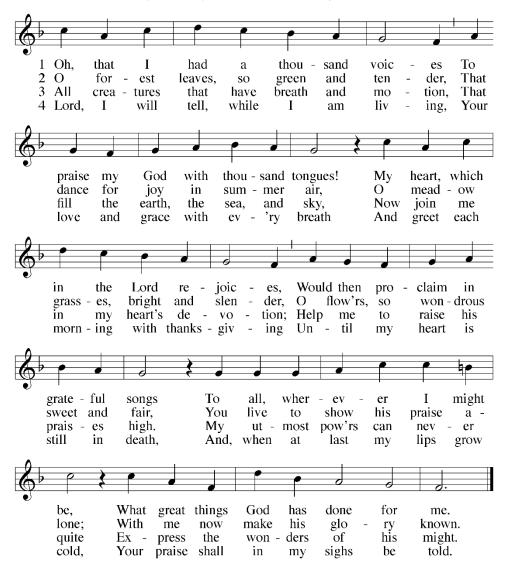
Agnus Dei





DISTRIBUTION

In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future. **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** (CW 242)



Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658-1734, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG) (98 98 88) Johann B. König, 1691–1758.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 354)



He that answers is the same.

Text: Joseph Hart, 1712-68, alt.

Tune: RINGE RECHT (87 87) Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745, alt.



THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD



M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

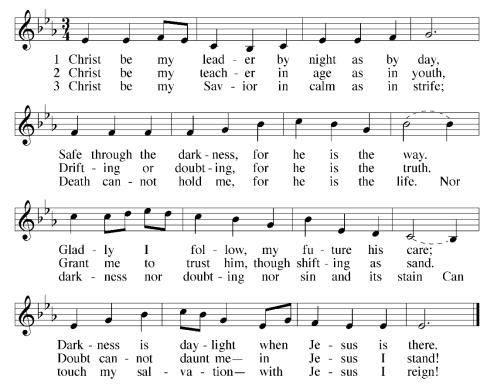
The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN (CW 367)

Christ Be My Leader



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Tune: SLANE (Irregular) Irish folk tune.

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Personal Prayers for Worship

Before Communion:

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communion:

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

Communion at Lord of Love: At July's open forum/voters' meeting, the matter of frequency of celebrating the Lord's Supper was discussed. Specifically, it was discussed whether we at Lord of Love wanted to continue our practice of offering Holy Communion every week (a practice we began due to COVID-19 and our desire to make sure people would have plenty of opportunity to commune during a time of uncertainty and potential shut-downs) or return to our pre-COVID practice of offering Holy Communion twice a month. After much very good discussion it was decided to continue offering Holy Communion every week. We can feel very blessed at Lord of Love to be able to receive this Sacrament and the forgiveness, new life, and salvation it offers weekly!

Sunday August 21: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, *sanctuary*

- Pastor Jerry Ewings
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/elder: Ryan Jaeger (8:00) and Jim Miller (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Ryan Jaeger and Aaron Oughton
- Ushers 10:30 am: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Mike Wilson
- Altar Guild: Ruth Kovaciny

• A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

Sunday August 28: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Services at 8:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion 9:15 am: Adult Bible study

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: Dave Olson (8:00) and Aaron Oughton (10:30)
- Ushers 8:00 am: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30 am: Joshua Hodkiewicz and Greg Zeman
- Counters: Donna Cotter and volunteer
- Altar Guild: Ruth Kovaciny A/V & Recording: TBA

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Kelly Oughton (8/21), Daniel Turnbull (8/21), Matthew Saidler (8/22), Katie Schulz (8/23), Justin Johnson (8/26) and David Schroeder (8/26) who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Linda & Rob Jordan (8/21) who celebrate their anniversary today.

In Our Prayers: Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Marilyn Richardson and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am 10 Lies About God, Sanctuary

Tuesday 9:00 am The Ways of Wisdom and Folly, *Downstairs*

Wednesday 6:30 pm 2 Corinthians, *Downstairs*

Friday 6:00 am (Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45) **Romans,** *DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)*