



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Because He Lives We Have Unity



Welcome! We are so happy you have come to worship today! Someone has described worship as “a joyful dialogue with God.” God speaks to us in his Word, and we speak to him in praise and prayer. May God richly bless you through this “joyful dialogue” today!

Restrooms – The restrooms are located straight ahead as you enter the building. You will also find restrooms in the lower level gathering space at the end of the classrooms on the right side before the exit doors.

Parent’s Room – The sound of children in the house of the Lord is music to our ears! However, there is also a parent room to the right just before you enter the sanctuary if your little one needs a moment. It is accessed as you exit the sanctuary, on the left, next to the seats reserved for families with small children.

Assistance Getting Around – There is a walker and a wheelchair available in the fellowship hall. Anyone who needs them is welcome to use them. Please speak to an usher if you need help accessing them.

Offering Message – The offerings gathered this morning supports the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give but certainly may if you wish.

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or other congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.

Explanation of the theme of the day: When Jesus ascended into heaven, his followers comprised a group that was not very diverse. They all belonged to the same ethnic group, spoke the same language, and followed the same customs. That would change on Pentecost, when the gospel would be proclaimed to people from “every nation under heaven” (Acts 1:5).

Christ brings unity out of diversity. The Church’s unity is built on truths that transcend ethnic differences. And when the world sees the unity in diversity that characterizes Christ’s Church, it will recognize something unique and special about Christians.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

June 1, 2025

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (sung by quartet)

Beautiful Savior

*The words are printed below for you to follow along
as the quartet sings.*

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be thine!

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Text: *Münsterisch Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677, abr.; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904.

STAND

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



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.



PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
Oh, hear What cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

Text: Birgitte K. Boye, 1742–1824; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860–1942, alt.

Tune: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET (887 887 22 44 48) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 16:6-10

⁶ They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, because they were prevented by the Holy Spirit from speaking the word in the province of Asia. ⁷ When they went as far as Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. ⁸ So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. ⁹ A vision appeared to Paul during the night. A Macedonian man was standing there, urging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" ¹⁰ As soon as he had seen the vision, we immediately made plans to proceed to Macedonia, because we concluded that God had called us to preach the good news to them.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 133-134

Refrain



Psalm tone



How good and pleasant it is*
when brothers live together in unity!

For there the LORD bestows his blessing,*
even life forevermore.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD*
who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*
and praise the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,*
bless you from Zion.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

²⁰ “I am praying not only for them, but also for those who believe in me through their message. ²¹ May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. ²² I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one: ²³ I in them, and you in me. May they become completely one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

²⁴ “Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am so that they may see my glory—the glory you gave me because you loved me before the world’s foundation. ²⁵ Righteous Father, the world did not know you, but I knew you, and these men knew that you sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them and will continue to make it known, so that the love you have for me may be in them and that I may be in them.”

STAND

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED



1 Spread, oh, spread the might - y Word; Spread the
 2 Tell them how the Fa - ther's will Made the
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's love, Who for -
 4 Tell them of the Spir - it giv'n Now to
 5 Up! The rip - 'ning fields you see. Might - y



king - dom of the Lord Ev - 'ry - where his
 world and keeps it still, How his on - ly
 ev - er does re - move By his ho - ly
 guide us on to heav'n, Strong and ho - ly,
 shall the har - vest be, But the reap - ers



breath has giv'n Life to be - ings meant for heav'n.
 Son he gave All from sin and death to save.
 sac - ri - fice All the guilt that on us lies.
 just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.
 still are few; Great the work they have to do.

6 Lord of harvest, grant anew,
 Joy and strength to work for you,
 Till the gath'ring nations all
 See your light and heed your call.

Text: Jonathan F. Bahnmaier, 1774–1841, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: HÖCHSTER PRIESTER (77 77) *Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz*, Basel, 1745, alt.

¹² Look, I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to repay each one according to what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and so that they may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs, that is, the sorcerers, the adulterers, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star. ¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears this say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who wants the water of life take it as a gift. ²⁰ The one who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The Waiting Bride Says, "Come!"

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -

tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

While the offering is being collected, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

That the Church on earth may be one, united in doctrine, in witness and at the table of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may grow in grace and be faithful teachers of the Word to our children and those not yet of the kingdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the nations of the world, that they would be healed by the ministry of the Church and their ragings would be stilled by the proclamation of the Gospel of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may joyfully bring the fruits of our labors and the tithes and offerings of a grateful faith to the Lord; and that the Church may not lack for resources to accomplish God's purpose, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the sick may be healed, the suffering relieved, the grieving comforted and the dying granted peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For pure hearts that worthily receive the body and blood of Christ for our forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on six staves in C major (one sharp, F#) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

C: A - men.

The musical score is written on a single staff in C major (one sharp, F#) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the word 'Amen' written below the staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion is celebrated today. Mindful of the Scriptural teaching concerning church fellowship, we practice close (or closed) communion. Communicant members of this congregation, or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod), are encouraged to commune this morning. Guests are asked to speak with our pastor, before the service, if they wish to commune.



1 Draw us to thee, For then shall we Walk in
 2 Draw us to thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us
 3 Draw us to thee; Oh, grant that we May walk
 4 Draw us to thee That al - so we Thy heav'n -
 5 Draw us to thee Un - ceas - ing - ly; In - to



thy steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where
 de - part with glad - ness That we may be For -
 the road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest
 ly bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where
 thy king - dom take us. Let us for - 'er Thy



thou art gone To be with thee, dear Sav - ior.
 ev - er free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.
 we should stray And from thy paths be driv - en.
 sin and hell No more can vex our spir - it.
 glo - ry share; Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

Text: Friedrich Funcke, 1642–99; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

Tune: ACH GOTT UND HERR (447 447) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness! See what to -
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens— What peace it
 4 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my
 5 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to



day is done; Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes
 in the tomb. But lo, he now is rout - ed; His
 does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The
 Sav - ior true; My Lord will leave me nev - er, What -
 bliss un - told, Where-on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was
 boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is
 joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er
 c'er he pass - es through. He rends death's i - ron
 found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid Where our bed must be made When to the
 free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry He who is
 shake, No foe shall ev - er take The hope which
 chain; He breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters
 shared Finds here a crown pre - pared; Who there with



realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 God's own Son In love for me has won.
 hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.
 me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. John Kelly, 1833–90, alt.
 Tune: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ (76 76 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

THANKSGIVING

STAND

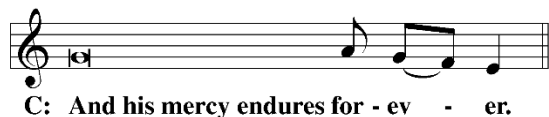
SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
Gen - tles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love
for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: 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 153)

Alleluia! Jesus Lives

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; Praise him, ran - somed
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours e -

liv - ing one; From the gloom - y house of death
ones of earth. Praise him in a no - bler song,
fre - quent sigh? He who died our broth - er here
ter - nal - ly; Joined to him, your liv - ing head,

Forth the con - quer - or has gone, Bright fore - run - ner
Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth. Praise the Vic - tor -
Lives our broth - er still on high, Lives for - ev - er
Where he is, you too shall be; You with him at

to the skies Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
King, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.
to be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.
his right hand Vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

Text: Karl B. Garve, 1763–1841, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
Tune: FRED TIL BOD (77 77 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.



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.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available during the Lord's Supper. They are placed on the baptismal font at the start of communion. If you would prefer this wafer, please pick it up as you approach the altar.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 8:00 am: Exodus, *sanctuary*

Tuesday 9:00 am: Kings and Prophets of Israel, *lower level*

Wednesday 6:30 pm: The Book of James, *lower level*

Friday 6:00 am: Breakfast 6:00, Bible study 6:45 | **The Book of Hebrews**
DeForest Family Restaurant (505 W. North Street, DeForest)

Sunday June 1: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship Service: 9:00 am with Holy Communion

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman: Shane Strong
- Ushers: Steven and Sef Fox
- Counters: Sharon Kalscheuer and Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer
- A/V & Recording: Raelyn Parker
- Refreshments: TBD

Sunday June 8: Day of Pentecost

Worship Service: 9:00 am with Holy Communion

- Pastor Joel Jenswold
- Pianist: Kristin Huebner
- Councilman: Mike Wilson
- Ushers: Steve and Kira Rehberg
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Colleen Biwer
- A/V & Recording: Raelyn Parker
- Refreshments: Kristin Vomhof

Happy Birthday We wish God's blessings to Roz Craney (6/2), Tami Essmann (6/2), Sue Jenswold (6/2), Mary Mundt (6/2), Ashton Olson (6/2), Dale Essmann (6/6) and Jennifer Manthe (6/6) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

Happy Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Paul and Cindy Crary (6/2), Jerry and Cheryl Midthun (6/2), and Jerry and Bonnie Punzel (6/5) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

In Our Prayers: Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Peg Schroeder, John Schueman, and Bonnie Gotzion who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Carter Chavez (grandson of John & Sherry Hill), and Shannon Garrett.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

May 30: Madison Mallards Congregation Outing with Drone Show | 6:35 pm

June 12: Elders and Deaconess Meeting | 6:30 pm – Fellowship Hall

June 23: Council Meeting | 6:30 pm – Fellowship Hall

June 25: Ladies Friendship Circle Outing to EPIC & Lunch | Meet at Church at 9:00 am

July 13: Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic

Ladies Friendship Circle Outing to EPIC & Lunch | June 25, 2025 – 10:00 am:

On Wednesday June 25 at 10:00 am, our Ladies Friendship Circle has scheduled a tour of EPIC in Verona with lunch following at Sugar River Pizza. They would like to meet at church at 9:00 am and Carpool. Please see Bonnie Punzel with any questions.

Save the Date: Church Picnic | July 13, 2025 – 10:30 am.

Please mark your calendars for our Summer Outdoor Worship Service & Church Picnic Sunday July 13, 2025. Once again the WELS Wind Ensemble will grace our service with their beautiful music. Watch for the sign up sheets in the upcoming weeks for dishes to pass along with set-up and clean up duties.

Cleaning Staff Position:

We are seeking for members who might be interested in assisting with cleaning our Church. This is a 1 year contracted paid position that works on a bi-weekly rotating basis, with some additional as needed for special events. For more information and specific details, please contact the Church Office at lolchurchoffice@gmail.com or call (608) 846-9036.



LORD of LOVE

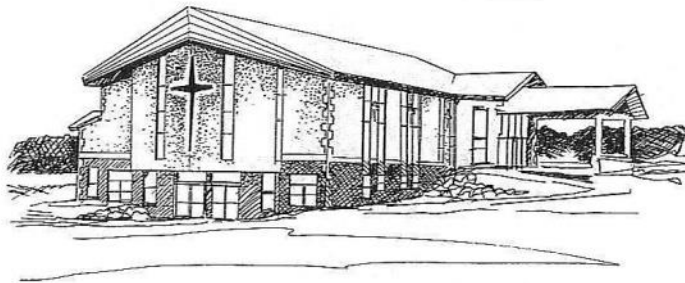
Lutheran Church

105 Paradise Circle, DeForest, WI 53532
608-846-9036 | lolchurchoffice@gmail.com | www.lordoflovelutheran.org

Pastor Joel Jenswold pr.jenswold@gmail.com
Cell phone: 608-572-1654

Chairman: Mitch Myhre, mitchmyhre@hotmail.com
Office Assistant: Kristin Vomhof, Office hours Tuesday – Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod - ***Christ's Love, Our Calling.***

**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”
Psalm 122:1**



*Today's 9:00 service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament.
Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.*