



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



We Pray because God Promises



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.

Explanation of the theme of the day: Disciples of Jesus need to learn how to pray. And learning to pray is not like many of the other things we learn to do in our lives. Once we know how to write our name, tie our shoes, or ride a bike, the learning is done. There is virtually no danger we will forget how to do those things. Not so with prayer. Learning to pray consists of a lifetime of persistence. So, what is the cause of persistent prayer? The precious promises of God. “God is not human, that he should lie. . . . Does he promise and not fulfill?” (Numbers 23:19). God cannot lie. So, we know every promise he makes us—to forgive, to provide, to help, to be with us—he must keep. When we persistently go to God in prayer and press him to keep his promises, God does not view that as nagging. He loves it! Because it demonstrates that our faith grasps not only that he can do what we ask, but that he will . . . because he promised.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

October 19, 2025

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 478)

With the Lord Begin Your Task



1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di -
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise and ad - o -
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a -
4 If your task is thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's



rect it. For his aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus
ra - tion, On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is
larm you; In his prom - is - es con - fide And no
bless - ing, Safe - ly then your course will run, Naught your



will per - fect it. Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise,
your sal - va - tion. Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night
ill can harm you. All your trust and hope re - pose
soul dis - tress - ing. Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where



And, when day is end - ed, In his name then
Je - sus will be near you, Save you from the
In the might - y Mas - ter, Who in wis - dom
While you here must wan - der; You at last the



close your eyes; Be to him com - mend - ed.
temp - ter's might, With his pres - ence cheer you.
tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.

Text: *Morgen- und Abend-segen*, Wäldenburg, 1734, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890-1950, alt.
Tune: FANG DEIN WERK (76 76 D Trochaic) Peter Frank, 1616-75, alt.

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.

The musical score is written on ten staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy; you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men."

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the
sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your church as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins but in peace and forgiveness; 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

Genesis 32:22-30

²² He got up that night and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and he also sent his possessions across. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and he wrestled with a man there until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he touched the socket of his thigh, and the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated as he wrestled. ²⁶ The man said, "Let me go. It's daybreak." Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷ Then he said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then he said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have fought with God and with men, and you have won." ²⁹ Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." He said, "Why do you ask what my name is?" Then he blessed him there. ³⁰ Jacob named the place Peniel, because he said, "I have seen God face-to-face, and my life has been spared."

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:13-15

¹³ I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ This is the confidence that we have before him: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we also know that we receive the things we have asked from him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told them a parable about the need to always pray and not lose heart: ² “There was a judge in a certain town who did not fear God and did not care about people. ³ There was a widow in that town, and she kept going to him, saying, ‘Give me justice from my adversary!’ ⁴ For some time he refused, but after a while he said to himself, ‘Even though I do not fear God or care about people, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice so that she will not wear me out with her endless pleading.’” ⁶ The Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ Will not God give justice to his chosen ones, who are crying out to him day and night? Will he put off helping them? ⁸ I tell you that he will give them justice quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

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

HYMN (CW 413)

When in the Hour of Utmost Need



1 When in the hour of ut - most need We know not
2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's
4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our
5 So that with all our hearts we may To you our



where to look for aid, When days and nights of
meet be - fore your throne; To you, O faith - ful
cries in time of need Through him whose name a -
woes be - fore you lay. Be with us in our
glad thanks - giv - ing pay, Then walk o - be - dient



anx - ious thought Nor help nor coun - sel yet have brought,
God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y,
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
an - guish still; Free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
to your Word And now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

Text: Paul Eber, 1511–69, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NOTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–c. 1561.

⁷ Therefore, to keep me from becoming arrogant due to the extraordinary nature of these revelations, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me, so that I would not become arrogant. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that he would take it away from me. ⁹ And he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, because my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will be glad to boast all the more in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may shelter me. ¹⁰ That is why I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties, for the sake of Christ. For whenever I am weak, then am I strong.

When Your Faith is Challenged

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.

BE SEATED

OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

At his time, please sign and pass the Friendship Register. Thank you.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: 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.



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a

griefs to hear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
 an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—
 load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—

Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -

for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -
 faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
 sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his

cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.
 Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

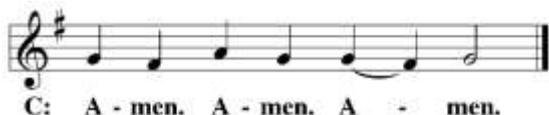
STAND

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through 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 408)

Christians, While on Earth Abiding

1 Chris-tians, while on earth a - bid - ing, Let us
 2 Bless us, Fa - ther, and pro - tect us From all
 nev - er cease to pray, Firm - ly in the Lord con -
 harm in all our ways; Pa - tient - ly, O Lord, di -
 fid - ing As our par - ents in their day.
 rect us Safe - ly through these fleet - ing days.
 Be the chil - dren's voic - es raised To the
 Let your face up - on us shine; Fill us
 God their par - ents praised. May his bless - ing, fail - ing
 with your peace di - vine. Praise the Fa - ther, Son, and
 nev - er, Rest up - on his peo - ple ev - er.
 Spir - it! Praise him, all who life in - her - it!

Text: Johann Olof Wallin, 1779-1839, st. 1, abr.; Jesper Svedberg, 1653-1735, st. 2; tr. *Hymnal and Order of Service*, Rock Island, 1901, alt.
 Tune: WERDE MÜNSTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590-1667.

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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.

Gluten Free communion wafers: Gluten free communion wafers are available each Sunday 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.

In Our Prayers: Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Mary Mundt, 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.

Weekly Bible Studies

Sunday 9:15 am: The Lords Plan for Salvation, *sanctuary*

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

Wednesday 6:30 pm: A Christian View of Death, *lower level*

Thursday 6:30pm: Bible Information Class, *lower level*

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

Sunday October 19: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, and Teen Class

- Pastor: Pastor Emeritus Eugene Kock
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Henry Nitz 10:30: Dave Olson
- Ushers 8:00: Mike Wilson and Ken Krey
- Ushers 10:30: Dave and Ben Olson
- Counters: Sharon Kalscheuer and Donna Cotter
- Altar Guild: Donna Cotter
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: The Stachowiak Family

Sunday October 26: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service: 8:00 & 10:30 am with Holy Communion

9:15 am: Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, and Teen Class

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Mike Wilson 10:30: Paul Crary
- Ushers 8:00: Roger and Lucas LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Donna Cotter
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: The Weinheimer Family

Happy Birthday We wish God's blessings to Bonnie Schueman (10/20), Roger Raether (10/23), and Walt Schwark (10/25) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

Happy Anniversary We wish God's blessings to Bill and Mary Grulke (10/23), and Kevin and Anka Kopplin as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

October 26: Quarterly Congregational Meeting & Open Forum | 9:15 a.m. – Sanctuary

October 26: Fall Nature Hike / Chili & Hot Dogs | 11:30 a.m. – Meet in the lower level

October 30: Elders and Deaconess Meeting | 6:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Thank you!

We extend our thanks and deep gratitude to Pastor Eugene Kock for leading our worship service and adult Bible study today!

Reminder: This Week:

Please note there will be No Evening Adult Bible Study or Catechism Classes this week while Pastor and Sue are on vacation.

Quarterly Congregational Meeting & Open Forum – October 26, 9:15 a.m.

We will be having our quarterly congregational meeting and open forum between services in the sanctuary on October 26, 2025. (No Bible Study) At this meeting, three proposed By-Law changes will be presented and voted on.

Fall Nature Hike / Chili, Hot Dogs & S'mores: - October 26 | 11:30 a.m.

The Fellowship Committee is hosting a Fall nature hike along the Yahara River Trail on Sunday, October 26th. Please join us for a hike enjoying God's beautiful creation followed by a lunch of chili, hot dogs, and s'mores. We will leave from the church property after the second service around 11:30 a.m. and return by 12:30 to enjoy some food and fellowship time. Please sign up so we know how much food to plan for.

Fall Food Drive Continues through October 31

Throughout the Month of October, we will be collecting food and nonperishable items for our local DANN (DeForest Area Needs Network), serving our local families in need. Bins are located at both entrances for your much appreciated donations.

Pre-K – 6th Grade Sunday School Children Singing

Parents: You may have heard your children randomly singing a fun song that they are working on during Sunday School music time. Just a note to let you know the Sunday School children in grades Pre-K to 6th grade will be singing on November 2nd toward the beginning of both 1st and 2nd services. Please note your calendars. Thank you!

Teen Night – Bible Jeopardy Game Night

All youth (7th grade through 12th grade) are invited to the 2nd Annual Bible Jeopardy game night on November 9th (Sunday)! We will gather downstairs in the teen area for some snacks and a night of team Bible trivia. Time will be 6:00-7:00. Come, and bring a friend!