



**LORD of LOVE**  
*Lutheran Church*

## **Seventh Sunday of Easter**



**He Lives to Bring Me One Day to Glory**



**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** – An offering will be gathered in the service today. These offerings support the Gospel ministry of Lord of Love locally, and also the global mission of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Visitors need not feel obligated to give, but 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 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.

**Explanation of the theme of the day:** Uncertainty can easily lead to anxiety. I am waiting for everything to turn out, and not knowing what will happen is much harder if I think I cannot rely on anyone. It’s been a long time since Jesus ascended into heaven. Sometimes I suffer. Has he forgotten about me?

He hasn’t! He lives and reigns and will one day take you to his glory! While I wait in the time between Christ’s ascension and his return on judgment day, I know that God will work everything out for my good.

# Lord of Love Lutheran Church

May 17, 2026 (Confirmation Sunday)

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 599)

Our Lord and God, Oh, Bless This Day

1 Our Lord and God, oh, bless this day And  
2 Oh, bless your Word to all the young; Let  
3 And when they leave their child-hood home, When

hear us, we im-plore you; None of your chil-dren  
them, your truth pos-ses-sing, Bear wit-ness true with  
Sa-tan comes al-lur-ing, May their hap-tis-mal

turn a-way Who now ap-pear be-fore you. We  
heart and tongue, Their faith and ours con-fess-ing. From  
grace be-come A ref-uge re-as-sur-ing. God's

come be-fore your face And pray: let your rich grace  
moth-er's arms your grace With love did them em-brace.  
cov-e-nant is sure; His prom-is-es en-dure.

De-scend from heav'n a-bove In all your won-drous  
Bap-tized in-to your name, As yours you did them  
They ne'er shall be un-done Who trust in God a-

love, And keep us by your Spir-it,  
claim; O Lord, as yours now own them!  
lone— God is their might-y Fa-ther!

Text: Johan N. Bran, 1745-1816, abc; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860-1942, st. 1, 3, alt.;  
Carl Doving, 1867-1937, st. 2, alt.

Tune: REUTER (87 87 66 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863-1924.

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

*Kyrie*

**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:



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

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in

all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;

you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;


  
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood.      You are the

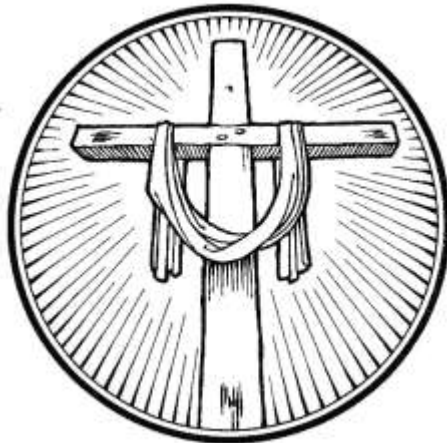

  
 King of glo - ry;      you are the Lord!      O Lord, our Lord,


  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** 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.



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:12-26

**PASTOR:** <sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called the Mount of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they entered the city, they went to the upstairs room where they were staying. Peter and John were there, also James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup> All of them kept praying together with one mind, along with the women, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

**ALL:** <sup>15</sup> In those days, when the group there numbered about 120 people, Peter stood up among the brothers and said, <sup>16</sup> "Gentlemen, brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David about Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus. <sup>17</sup> Judas was counted as one of us and was given a share in this ministry.

**MEN:** <sup>18</sup> "Now this man acquired a field with what he was paid for his wicked act. When he fell headfirst, his middle burst open, and all his intestines spilled out. <sup>19</sup> This became known to all the residents of Jerusalem, and so in their own language that field was called Akeldema, which means Field of Blood. <sup>20</sup> Indeed, it is written:

*'May his residence be deserted. Let there be no one dwelling in it.'*

*And, 'let someone else take his position.'*

**WOMEN:** <sup>21</sup> "Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us during the entire time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from his baptism by John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, become a witness with us of his resurrection."

**ALL:** <sup>23</sup> They proposed two: Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus) and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup> Then they assigned lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias. So he was counted with the eleven apostles.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**M:** Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:1-11a

*After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup> For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup> This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. <sup>4</sup> I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed.*

*<sup>6</sup> “I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup> For I gave them the words you gave me, and they received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me.*

*<sup>9</sup> “I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.*

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex -  
 2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, To his im - age  
 3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus; His death from the  
 4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; Since he's ris - en

am - ple pure, Flee the world which would de - ceive us  
 e'er con - form; Heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us,  
 sec - ond death, From our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us,  
 from the dead, Death and grave must soon re - lease us.

And to sin our souls al - lure, Ev - er in his  
 Sun - shine fol - low on the storm, Though we sow in  
 Quick - ens us with life's glad breath, Let us mor - ti -  
 Je - sus, thou art now our head, We are tru - ly

foot - steps tread - ing, Bod - y here, yet soul a - bove,  
 tears of sor - row, We shall reap in heav'n - ly joy,  
 fy, while liv - ing, Flesh and blood and die to sin,  
 thine own mem - bers; Where thou liv - est, there live we.

Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the  
 And the fears that now an - noy Shall be laugh - ter  
 And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the  
 Take and own us con - stant - ly, Faith - ful Friend, as

Fa - ther's bid - ding, Faith - ful Lord, a - bide with me,  
 on the mor - row, Christ, I suf - fer here with thee;  
 gate to heav - en, Je - sus, here I die to thee,  
 thy dear breth - ren, Je - sus, here I live to thee,

Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.  
 There, oh, share thy joy with me,  
 There to live e - ter - nal - ly,  
 Al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: Sigmund von Birken, 1626-81; tr. J. Adam Rimbach, 1871-1941, alt.  
 Tune: LASSER UNS MIT JESU ZÄHMEN (87 87 877 877) Georg G. Reitze, 18th century, alt.

*<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift you up at the appointed time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Have sound judgment. Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him by being firm in the faith. You know that the same kinds of sufferings are being laid on your brotherhood all over the world.*

*<sup>10</sup> After you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who called you into his eternal glory in Christ Jesus, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.*

### **Waiting for the Glory**

### **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.**

### **GATHERING OF THANK OFFERING**

*During the gathering of the offering, please sign the Friendship Register.*

**RITE OF CONFIRMATION (10:30 a.m.)**

**CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)**

Step by Step

*After the choir anthem, the service continues with the service of the Sacrament, p. 13.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

For true humility after the likeness of Christ, that we would never be arrogant or prideful and thus provoke God's wrath, but in all lowliness be made partakers of his grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For pastors, that they may faithfully lead their flocks, proclaim the Law and Gospel for the good of God's people, and be shielded from the assaults of the devil, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents, that they may bring up their children to resist temptation and endure all for the sake of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our confirmands today, that they may be sanctified and kept in the one true faith by the Holy Spirit unto life everlasting, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the sick and those in any need, that the dawning light of the new creation in Christ would sustain them in faith; and that, according to God's will, they would be granted renewed health as a foretaste of their eternal healing in him, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith to recognize the body and blood of our Lord Jesus and to receive this blessed food in the Holy Communion; and for guidance to live faithfully here on earth until we live with him eternally, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the 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

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al - so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

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



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.

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*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



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.



C: A - - - men.

# O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



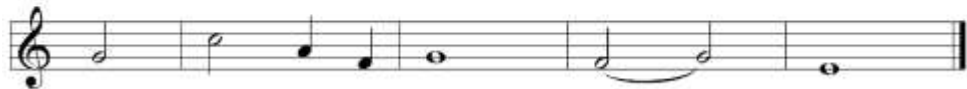
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



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*





1 Gra - cious Sav - ior, gen - tle Shep - herd, Chil - dren all are  
 2 Ten - der Shep-herd, nev - er leave them, Nev - er let them  
 3 By your ho - ly Word in - struct them; Fill their minds with  
 4 Taught to love the ho - ly prais - es Which on earth your



dear to you; May your lov - ing arms en - fold them  
 go a - stray; By your warn - ing love di - rect - ed,  
 heav'n - ly light. By your pow'r - ful grace con - vince them  
 chil - dren sing, With their lips and hearts, sin - cere - ly,



In your care their whole life through. Gent - ly tend and  
 May they walk the nar - row way. Thus di - rect them,  
 Al - ways to ap - prove what's right. Let them feel your  
 Glad thank - of - f'rings may they bring, Then with all the



safe - ly keep them In your mer - cy strong and true.  
 thus de - fend them Lest they fall an eas - y prey.  
 yoke is eas - y; Let them find your bur - den light.  
 saints in glo - ry Join to praise their Lord and King.

Text: Jane E. Leeson, 1809-81, abr., adapt., alt.

Tune: SIEH, HIER BIN ICH, EHRENKÖNIG (87 87 87) *Geistreiches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt, 1698.



1 Lord, help us ev - er to re - tain The Cat - e -  
 2 Help us your ho - ly law to learn, To mourn our  
 3 Hear us, dear Fa - ther, when we pray For need - ed  
 4 Lord, when we fall or go a - stray, Ab - solve and



chism's doc - trine plain As Lu - ther taught the  
 sin and from it turn In faith to you and  
 help from day to day That as your chil - dren  
 lift us up, we pray; And through the sac - ra -



Word of truth In sim - ple style to ten - der youth.  
 to your Son And Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One.  
 we may live, Whom you in bap - tism did re - ceive.  
 ment in - crease Our faith till we de - part in peace.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532-98; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828-1915, alt.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) As *hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.



1 Yours for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us  
 2 Yours for - ev - er, oh, how blest They who  
 3 Yours for - ev - er, Lord of life! Shield us  
 4 Yours for - ev - er! Shep - herd, keep All your  
 5 Yours for - ev - er! You our guide, All our



from your throne a - bove; Yours for - ev - er  
 find in you their rest! Sav - ior, Guard - ian,  
 through our earth - ly strife, You, the life, the  
 weak and trem - bling sheep Safe - ly in your  
 needs by you sup - plied, All our sins by



may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!  
 heav'n - ly Friend, Oh, de - fend us to the end.  
 truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.  
 ten - der care; Let us all your good - ness share,  
 you for - giv'n, Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

Text: Mary F. Maude, 1819-1913, abr., alt.

Tune: VIENNA (77 77) Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817.

# THANKSGIVING

## THANK THE LORD

*STAND*



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**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.



C: A - men.

**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.



**CLOSING CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)**

Go Now in Peace

**CLOSING HYMN (8:00 a.m.) (CW 173)**

**On Christ's Ascension I Now Build**

1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of  
 2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, Great gifts for  
 3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing

my as - cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled  
 me ob - tain - ing. My heart shall rest in him a - lone,  
 your as - cen - sion, That I may serve you faith - ful - ly,

All doubt and ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the  
 No oth - er rest re - main - ing. For where my  
 A - dorn - ing your re - demp - tion; And then, when

head is, there as well I know his mem - bers  
 trea - sure went be - fore, There all my thoughts shall  
 all my days will cease, Let me de - part in

are to dwell When Christ shall come and call them.  
 ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
 joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

Text: Josua Wegelin, 1664–40; tr. William M. Czamanske, 1873–1964, alt.  
 Tune: NUN FREUT DÜCH LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Ellich Cristlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524.



## **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, 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:** Exodus, *sanctuary*

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

**Wednesday 6:30 pm:** 1 & 2 Timothy, *lower level*

**Thursday 6:30 pm:** Christian Doctrine 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)*

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### **Sunday May 17: Seventh Sunday of Easter | Confirmation**

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

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Henry Nitz, 10:30: Shane Strong
- Ushers 8:00: Mike Wilson and Ken Krey
- Ushers 10:30: Greg Zeman and Josh Hodkiewicz
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Kristin

### **Sunday May 24: Day of Pentecost**

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

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist/Pianist: Cathy Gresens
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Mike Wilson, 10:30: Phil Boll
- Ushers 8:00: Roger and Lucas LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: Ryan, Anna and Leah Jaeger
- Counters: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: TBD

**Happy Anniversary** We wish God's blessings to Travis and Amy Ebel (5/22), and Dave and Jen Olson (5/23) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

**Happy Birthday** We wish God's blessings to Anna Jaeger (5/17), Vicki Hornbeck (5/18), Rob Jordan (5/18), Wayne Kaalberg (5/18), Cayden Myhre (5/18), Jack Sauer (5/18), Mary Federer (5/20), Betty Kannal (5/20), Nate Sauer (5/20), Roger LaGrange (5/21), Devin Anderson (5/22), and Irie Krueger (5/23) as ad they celebrate their birthdays this week.

## **COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE**

**May 18:** Council Meeting | 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

**May 21:** Ladies Friendship Circle Dinner Outing to Rodeside Grille | 6:00 pm

**May 25:** Evening Quilting | 6:00 pm – Lower Level

**May 30:** Adult Euchre Night | 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

**May 31:** Summer Worship Schedule Begins (May 31 – September 6)

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### **Last day to Sign Up | Ladies Friendship Circle Dinner | May 21, 2026 – 6:00 pm**

The Ladies Friendship Circle would like to invite all the Ladies of the congregation to enjoy some common fun and fellowship over dinner at the Roadside Grille in Windsor Thursday evening May 21 at 6:00 pm. If you are interested, please sign up prior to May 17<sup>th</sup>, so we can provide a final number of attendees to the restaurant. All are welcome, & bring a friend if you would like.

### **May 30: Adult Euchre Night - 6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Hall:**

The fellowship committee is hosting another Fun Euchre Night! Come join us and enjoy this fun social event that allows you to engage in great fellowship during a euchre scramble that moves from table to table. No need for a partner to play, and No Worries if you don't know how to play, someone will be happy to teach or shadow you until you are comfortable. Bring your own beverage, and an appetizer to share if you would like. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

### **Ladies Friendship Circle Summer Outing | Thursday, June 25, 2026**

Our Ladies Friendship Committee has an exciting trip planned in June to visit the Anderson Japanese Gardens in Rockford, IL on Thursday, June 25, 2026.

#### **LFC Outing to Anderson Japanese Gardens:**

- Meet at Church at 8:45 a.m. to carpool leaving promptly at 9:00 am
- Arrive at gardens 10:30 – 11:00 am.
- Admission: Seniors: \$12.00, General: \$14.00
- Self-tour gardens for 1.5 – 2 hours.
- Lunch at the Stockholm Inn in Rockford.
- Arrive back at Church around 4:00 pm.

This event is open to all members of the congregation, not just the ladies.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and indicate if you would be willing to drive.

### **\*\*Summer Worship Service Schedule Begins May 31. Please Mark your Calendars\*\***

Please note we will return to our Summer Worship Schedule with Bible Study at 8:00 am and one Worship service at 9:00 am. Resuming to two services on September 13, 2026.

# Confirmation

## **Henry James Holzman**

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.  
2 Corinthians 12:9

## **Leah Elizabeth Jaeger**

Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the  
LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

## **Weston Michael Myhre**

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4:13

## **Miles Aaron Oughton**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Psalm 23:1

## **Walter Raymond Schwark**

But godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Timothy 6:6

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### **Congratulations and Blessings to our Confirmands!**

We rejoice with you as you affirm your faith and celebrate this important milestone. May God's grace guide your path, deepen your faith, and fill your lives with peace, courage, and joy.

Please join us in praying for our confirmands and their families on this special day as they begin their lifelong journey with Christ.