LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Serve Faithfully!

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 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: When you know that your death is approaching, you try to put your affairs in order for the sake of others. When you know that the second coming of Christ is approaching, what is the appropriate response? We are not to be sedentary. Jesus has not yet returned because there is still work to be done. And Jesus carries out his good work through us. So until he comes again and says, "Stop!" we will be busy with faithful service. It's the beginning of the end, and we use our gifts and talents in an orderly way for God's glory.

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November 15, 2026

DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN (CW 532) **God is Here! As We His People**



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Tune: IN BABILONE (87 87 D) *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse . . . Contradansen*, Amsterdam, c. 1710.

STAND

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Mark 10:47*
Kyrie

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: ST. CRISPIN



THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 1:10-18

10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the law of our God, you
people of Gomorrah! 11 What do your many sacrifices mean to me? says the LORD. I
have more than enough rams as burnt offerings and enough fat from well-fed animals. I
am not pleased with the blood of bulls or the blood of lambs and male goats. 12 When
you come to appear before me, who has asked for this from your hands: this trampling on
my courts? 13 Stop bringing worthless offerings! Your incense is an abomination to me. I
cannot stand your sinful assemblies on the new moons, Sabbaths, and holy days. 14 Deep
in my soul I hate your new moons and your appointed feasts. They have become a burden
to me. I am tired of putting up with them. 15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide
my eyes from you. Indeed, even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your
hands are full of blood. 16 Wash yourselves. Purify yourselves. Remove your evil deeds
from my sight. Stop doing evil. 17 Learn to do good. Seek justice. Relieve the oppressed.
Seek justice for the fatherless. Plead for the widow. 18 Come now, and let us reason
together, says the LORD. Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be as white as snow.
Though they are as red as crimson, they will be like wool.

CHOIR ANTHEM Find Me at the Feet of Jesus

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:14-30

Pastor: *14 "You see, the kingdom of heaven is like a man going on a journey. He called his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to still another one talent, each according to his own ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The servant who had received the five talents immediately put them to work and gained five more talents. 17 In the same way, the servant who had received the two talents gained two more. 18 But the servant who had received one talent went away, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money.*

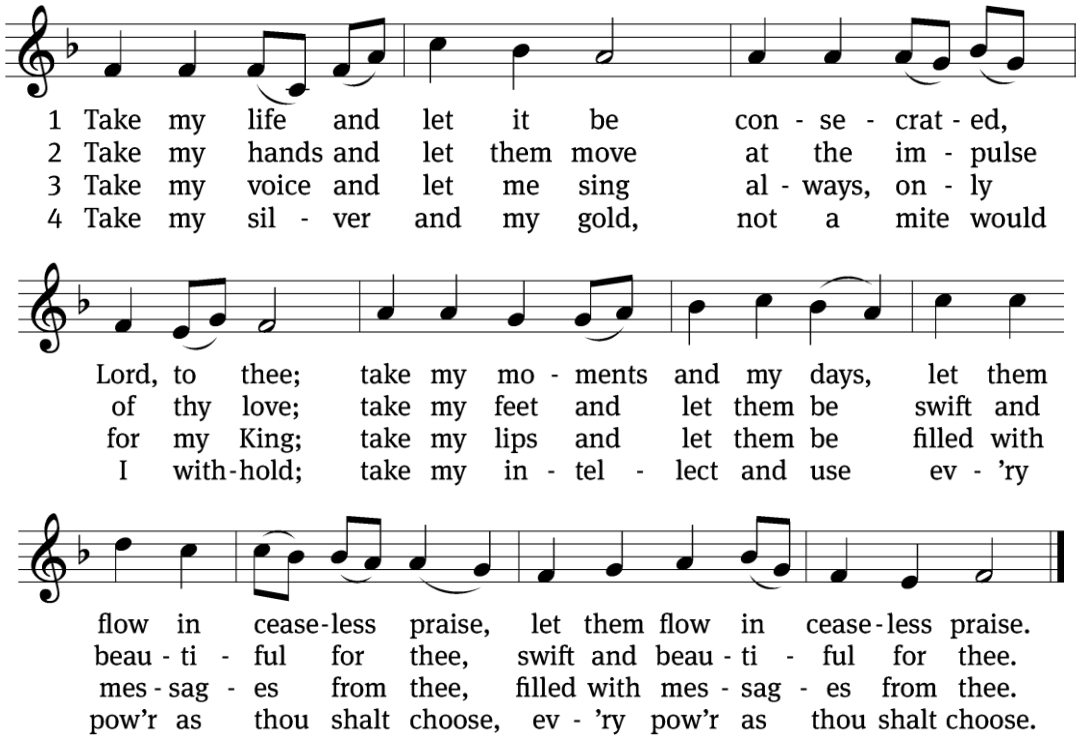
All: *19 "After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 The servant who received the five talents came and brought five more talents. He said, 'Master, you entrusted five talents to me. See, I have gained five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.'*

22 "The servant who received the two talents came and said, 'Master, you entrusted me with two talents. See, I have gained two more talents.' 23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful with a few things. I will put you in charge of many things. Enter into the joy of your master.'

Pastor: *24 "Then the servant who received one talent came and said, 'Master, I knew that you are a hard man, reaping where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter seed. 25 Since I was afraid, I went away and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.'*

All: *26 "His master answered him, 'You wicked and lazy servant! You knew that I reap where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter seed? 27 Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers so that when I came I would get my money back with interest. 28 Take the talent away from him and give it to the servant who has the ten talents. 29 Because everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. But the one who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 30 Throw that worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*

HYMN OF THE DAY (CW 696) **Take My Life and Let It Be**



Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Tune: Henri A. C. Malan, 1787-1864 Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON Romans 12:1-8

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. [2] Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect. [3] So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. [4] For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. [5] In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. [6] We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith. [7] If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach. [8] If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

YOU are a Living Sacrifice!

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

Please sign and pass the Friendship Register during the collection of the offering.
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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Dearest Jesus, you became poor so that we might become rich. In addition to forgiveness and eternal life, you have given us blessings far too numerous to count. So inspire us by your generosity that we devote all we have and all we are to the glory of your name and the well-being of others. Help us learn the joy of giving, the value of faithful labor, and the satisfaction of time well spent. Replace our fear and selfishness with the confidence that you will provide everything we need for doing good and will do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.

(Prayer for Veterans) Lord of nations, let us never forget those who have devoted themselves to our protection through military service. Make us grateful for their willingness to leave their families and sacrifice their lives out of love for our country. Help us honor their service by faithfully fulfilling our own vocations as citizens, so that their sacrifices are not rendered useless.

Other prayers and petitions may be added here.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

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 also 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 good and right so to do.

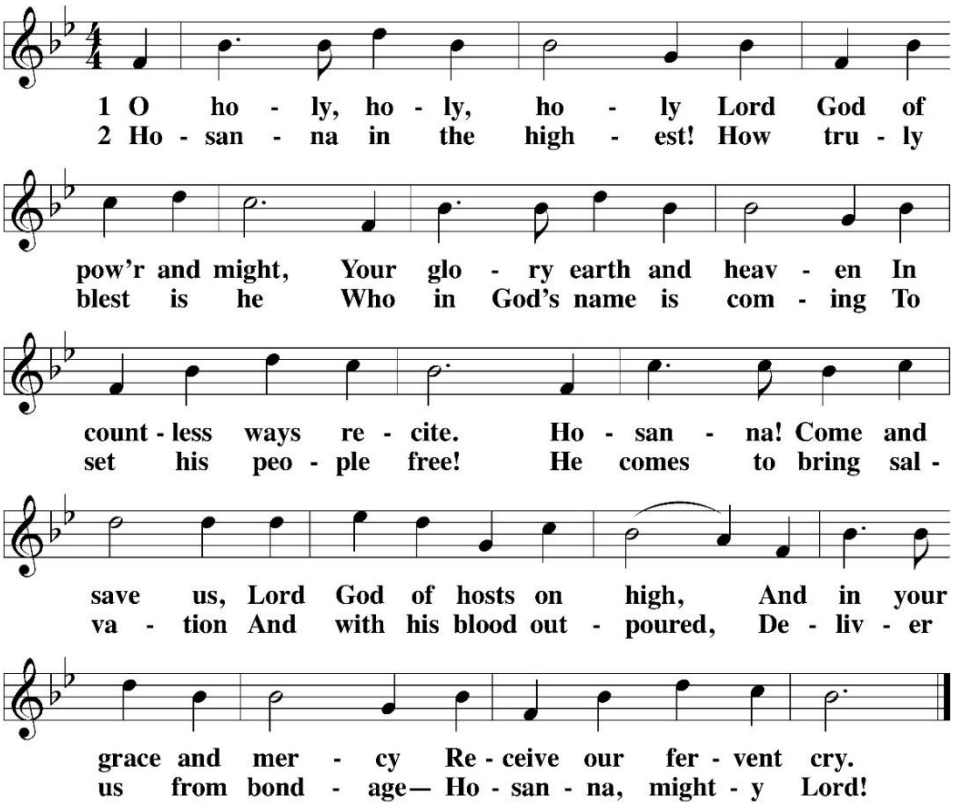
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who will soon come again in glory to deliver us forever from this present evil age.

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

Tune: WEBB



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28
1 Corinthians 11:24,25

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: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

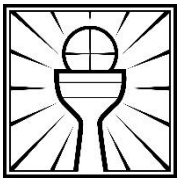
John 1:29

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION



DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 529) **Built on the Rock**



Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt.
Tune: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS (88 88 88 8) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 214) **Jerusalem the Golden**



Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.
Tune: EWING (76 76 D) Alexander C. Ewing, 1830–95, alt.

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON *Luke 2:29-32*

Nunc Dimittis Tune: ANGEL'S STORY



M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

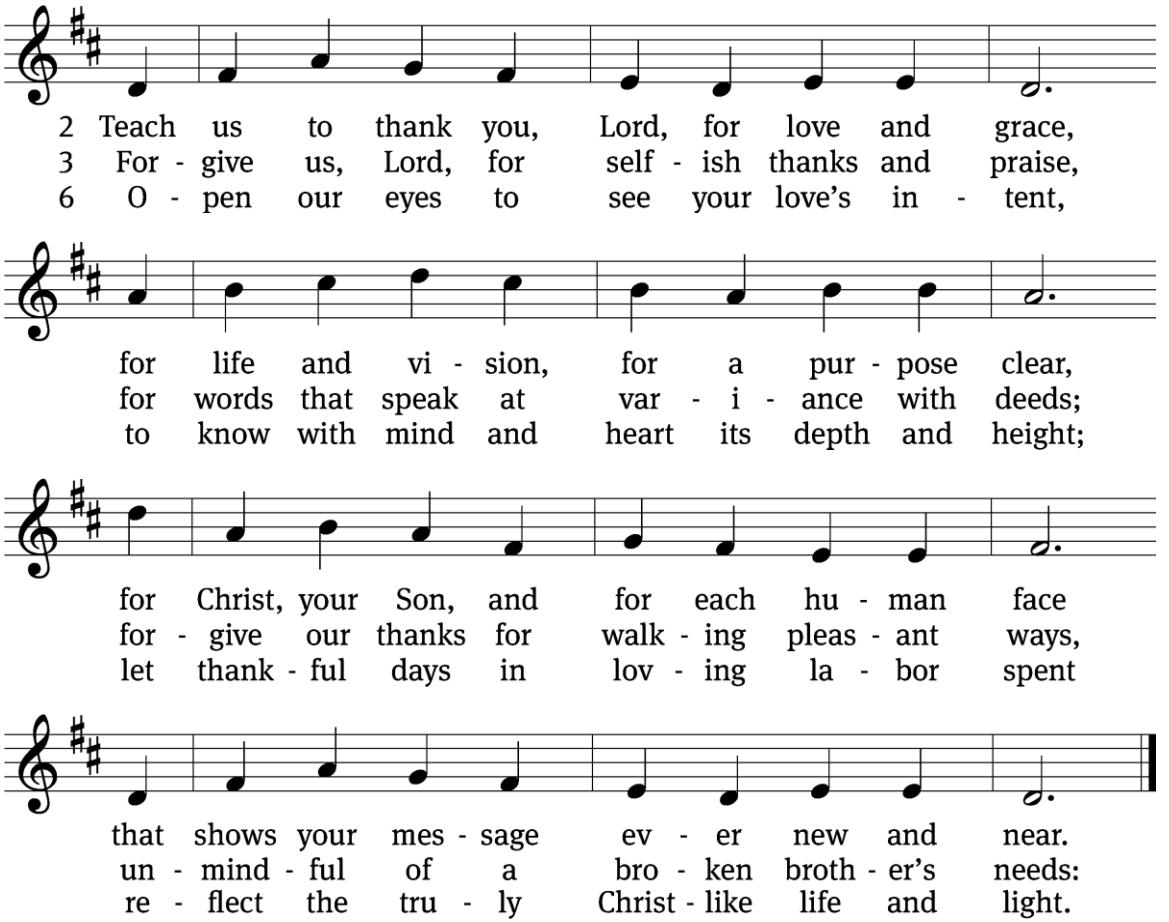
C: Amen.

BLESSING *Numbers 6:24-26*

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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN (CW 754:2-3, 6) **Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness**



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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, 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: The Life of Peter, *sanctuary*
Tuesday 9:00 am: ESTHER, A Drama of Divine Deliverance, *lower level*
Wednesday 6:30 pm: Adult Bible Study | Daniel, *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 November 15: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Henry Nitz, 10:30: Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Roger and Lucas LaGrange
- Ushers 10:30: Ryan, Anna and Leah Jaeger
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: Sharon Freund

Sunday November 22: Last Sunday of the Church Year
Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Paul Crary, 10:30: Shane Strong
- Ushers 8:00: Paul and Cindy Crary
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: Devin Anderson
- Refreshments: TBD

Happy Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Jean and Rachelle Dragon (11/19) as they celebrate their anniversary this week.

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Autumn Eisenhart (11/15), Ben Olson (11/16), Bill Grulke (11/17), Braylon Garrett (11/20), and Siri Olson (11/20), as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

November 16: Council Meeting | Fellowship Hall, 6:00 p.m.
November 19: Elders & Deaconess Meeting | Fellowship Hall, 6: 30 p.m.
November 19: Ladies Friendship Circle | Lower Level, 6:30 p.m.
November 20: Fun and Games Day | Fellowship Hall, 1:30 p.m.
November 21: Ladies Coffee/Breakfast | M-N-M's Coffee House, Waunakee, 8:00 a.m.
November 25: Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service | 6 :30 p.m.
November 28: Christmas Decorating | 9:00 a.m.

2027 Offering Envelopes Available
Please be sure to pick up your 2027 Offering Envelopes located on the glass cabinet in the Narthex. If you do not plan to pick your envelopes up, please notify the Office at (608) 846-9036 or lolchurchoffice@gamail.com.

Help Us Decorate for Christmas! |Saturday November 28, 9:00 am
As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we invite you to join us on Saturday, November 28th at 9:00 a.m. to help decorate our church for the Christmas season!
With your help, we can make our church a beautiful and welcoming place to celebrate this blessed season. All are welcome, treats will be provided.

Advent by Candlelight | December 6, 2026, 3:00 p.m. Zion Leeds
All ladies from Lord of Love are invited to Advent by Candlelight at Zion Leeds on Sunday, December 6th from 3-4pm. This year's theme is "Questions of Christmas". Ladies are welcome to invite family, friends, or neighbors to celebrate the Advent season and prepare their hearts to receive the Christ Child through word and song.

Christmas Poinsettia Donations
The altar guild is seeking poinsettia (or monetary) donations to beautify our Altar during the Christmas season. If you would like to donate a poinsettia, simply purchase a poinsettia and bring it to church. The plants can be brought to church anytime during the month until December 23 and may be taken home after our Christmas Day worship. The altar guild will arrange and maintain the poinsettias. For monetary donations, please use the small white labeled envelopes found on the back counter.

Christmas at the Seminary 2026
Join the Seminary Chorus for Christmas at the Seminary, a service of lessons and carols, at 3:00pm and 7:00pm on Sunday, December 13, 2026. The annual Christmas concert includes traditional and modern anthems for choir, hymns, and carols for the audience. This concert will be held in the auditorium. Open seating is available on a first-come, first-seated basis. A free will offering will be collected. The seminary is located at 11831 N. Seminary Drive in Mequon, WI



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

November 25, 2026

6:30 pm

(No Thanksgiving Day Worship Service)

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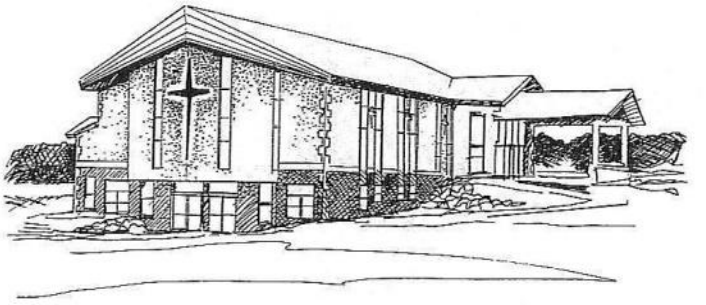
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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



Our 8:00 am service will be recorded including the Service of the Sacrament. Individuals taking communion will not be visible in the recording.