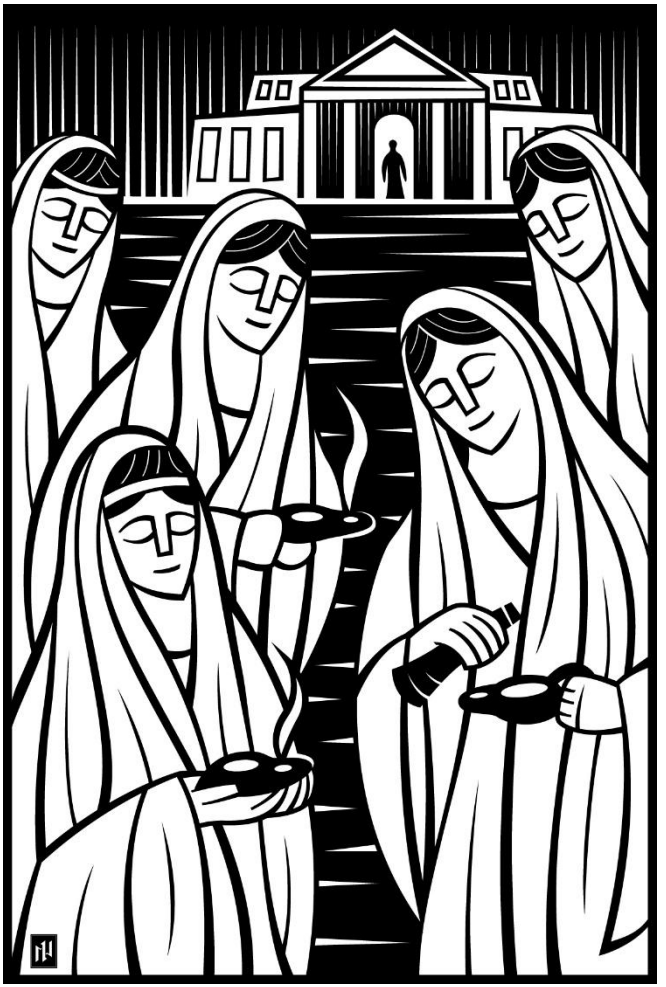
LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Ready and Watching

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 welcome 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: Imagine you are planning to take the family out to dinner. You all have to wait for someone to get ready. Minute after minute passes. What can happen in that situation? It's easy to focus on something else and even forget the original goal. Perhaps as you wait, you even fall asleep.

As we wait for Christ to return, as day after day passes, it can be easy to get distracted, to lose vigilance, to become spiritually drowsy. It's the beginning of the end. Why does it have to take so long? God forbid that Christ should return and find us spiritually asleep. Today we are reminded that the time between Christ's first and second coming is a time for watchfulness.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

November 8, 2026

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 220) **O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking**



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, abr., alt.
Tune: O JERUSALEM, DU SCHÖNE (87 87 447) Johann G. C. Störl, 1675–1719, alt.

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.

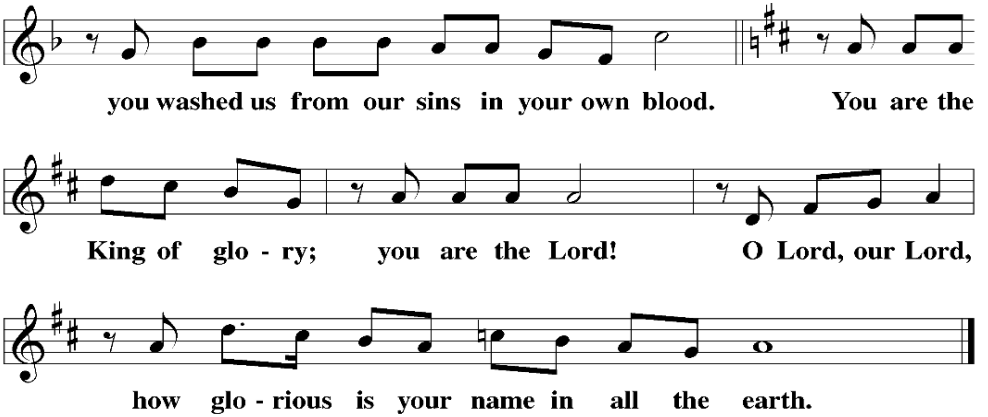


M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

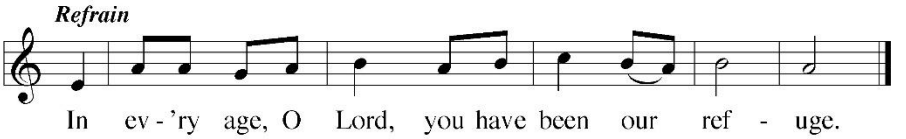
C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 52:1-6

Wake, awake! Clothe yourself with strength, O Zion. Put on your beautiful garments,
Jerusalem, you holy city, for never again will the uncircumcised and the unclean enter
you. **2** *Shake off the dust. Get up and take your seat, Jerusalem. Loosen the chains from*
your neck, you captive daughter of Zion. **3** *Yes, this is what the* LORD *says. You were sold*
for nothing, and you will be redeemed without money. **4** *Yes, this is what the* LORD *God*
says. In the beginning, my people went down to Egypt to stay there for a while. Later
Assyria oppressed them without cause. **5** *Now what do I have here? declares the* LORD.
Indeed, my people have been taken away for nothing. Their rulers howl with mockery,
declares the LORD. *My name is continually despised all day.* **6** *Therefore my people will*
know my name. So on that day they will know that I am the one — the one who is saying,
"Here I am!"

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 90





Lord, you have been our dwelling place*
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,*
or like a watch in the night. ***Refrain***

You have set our iniquities before you,*
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

You turn mortals back to dust.*
You sweep them away in the sleep of death.

The length of our days is seventy years— or eighty, if we have the strength;*
yet their span is but trouble and sorrow.

Teach us to number our days aright,*
that we may gain a heart of wisdom. ***Refrain***

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,*
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

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***

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, [2] for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] When people are saying, "Peace and security," destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. [4] But you, brothers, are not in the dark so that this day takes you by surprise like a thief, [5] for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. [6] So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober. [7] To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9] You see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [10] He died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. [11] Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.

HYMN (CW 206) **Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**
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SERMON Matthew 25:1-13

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any oil with them; [4] but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps. [5] While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' [7] Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise answered, 'No, there may not be enough for us and for you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' [10] But while they were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later, the other virgins also came and said, 'Lord, Lord, let us in.' [12] But he answered, 'Amen I tell you: I do not know you.' [13] Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

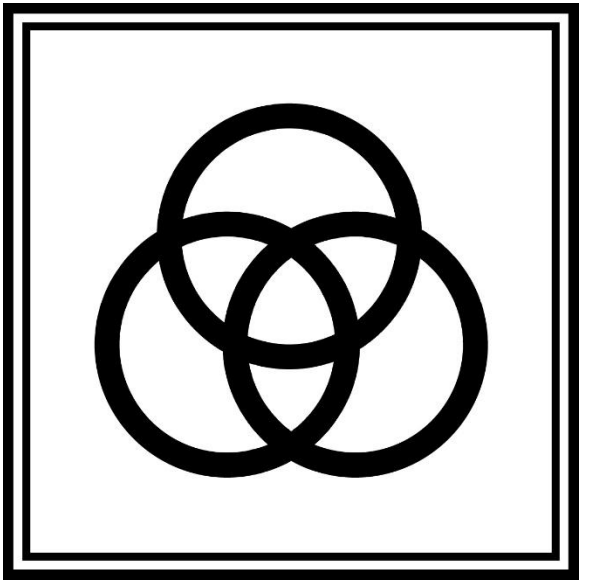
Ready to Meet the Groom!



Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: WACHET AUF (898 898 664 448) Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608, alt.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For steadfast faith, that through the pure preaching and teaching of God's Holy Word our lamps would be filled with oil and we would be kept in constant readiness for Christ's return, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have wandered from the faith, that God would restore them to the wisdom of repentance and faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For parents and those who teach children the Word of God, that generations to come may love God's promises, walk in his truth and dwell in his house, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For rulers and all in authority, including those elected to office this past Tuesday, that our God of righteousness would embolden them to enact and defend measures that preserve peace and provide justice for all, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who cry to the Lord, that God would answer them with strength and healing, comfort and hope, and keep them in the confidence of the resurrection of the dead, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who long for Jesus' return, that the Lord Jesus would prepare us by the blessed Sacrament for his coming in glory, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

These and whatsoever other things you would have us ask of you, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord and Savior, 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.



M: Lift up your hearts.



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



M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy.

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

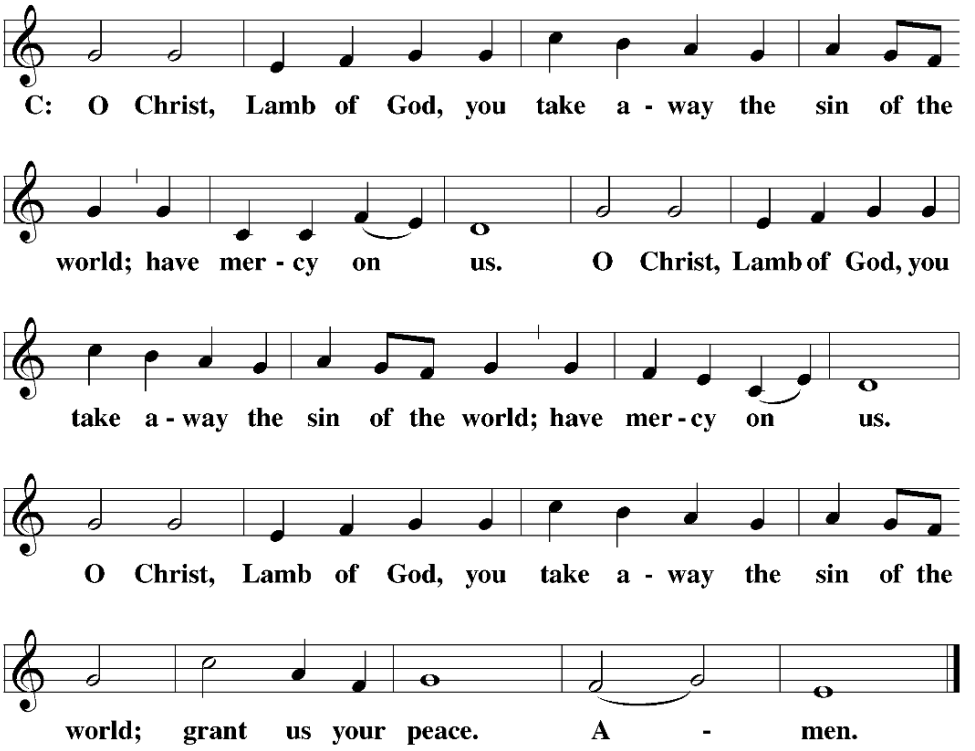
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



BE SEATED



DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 10) **The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us**



Text: Johann Walter, 1496–1570, abr.; tr. composite, 1989.
Tune: ACH GOTT VOM HIMMELREICHE (76 76 D) *Musae Sioniae*, VII, Wolfenbüttel, 1609.

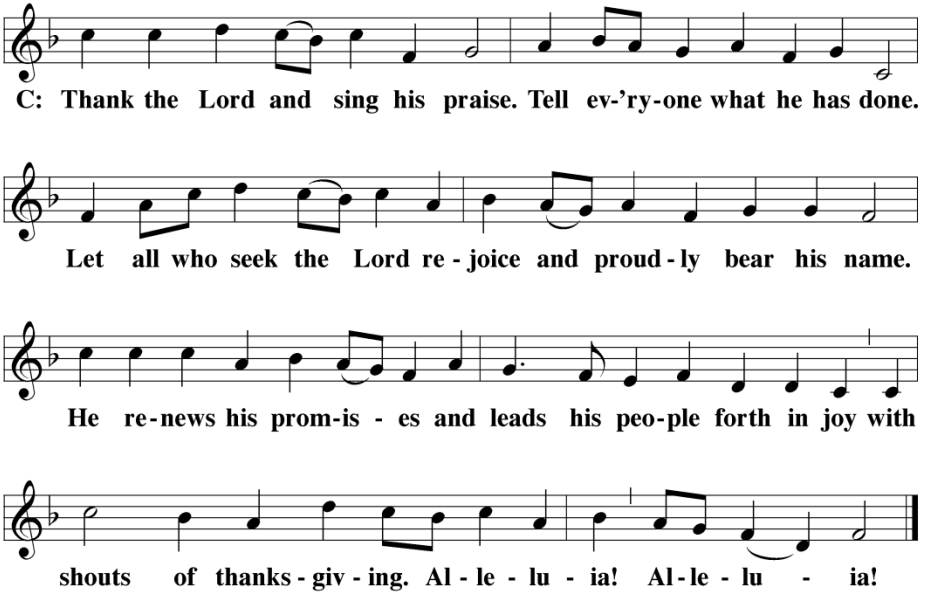
DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 207) **The Day is Surely Drawing Near**



6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently;
Come soon, Redeemer; make us free
From ev'ry evil. Amen.

Text: Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–99, abr.; tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt.
Tune: ES IST GEWISSLICH (87 87 887) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder auffs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1535.

THANK THE LORD



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



M: 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 HYMN (CW 219) **Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See**



Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76, abr.; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.
Tune: WEDDING GLORY (87 87 887 887) Kurt J. Eggert, 1923–93. © 1993 Kurt J. Eggert. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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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 | Fear Not! *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 8: Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 8:00 & 10:30 am

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Cathy Gresens
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Phil Boll, 10:30: Dave Olson
- Ushers 8:00: Bob Degnan and Ken Krey
- Ushers 10:30: Greg Zeman and Josh Hodkiewicz
- Counters: Sandy Heath and Michelle Stachowiak
- Altar Guild: Bonnie Punzel and Reagan Oughton
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- Refreshments: The Stachowiak Family

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

Happy Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Roger and Dar Raether (11/13) as they celebrate their anniversary this week.

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Arlene Gonzales (11/8), Dave Vomhof (11/8), Ivan Garrett (11/9), Alexa Crary (11/11), Gene Freund (11/12), Kira Rehberg (11/13), and Noah Rehberg (11/13) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

November 15: Go Pack Go! Packers Tailgate Party & Potluck | 11:45 a.m.
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.

Sunday School Parent Announcements
The Sunday School children -- all grades -- will be singing on November 22nd toward the beginning of both services. They have really enjoyed learning this piece, and will be singing with the senior choir.

Rehearsals:
November 15 at 9:10 AM in the worship area.
November 22 at 7:40 AM in the worship area - final rehearsal before the service.

Go Pack GO! Packers Tailgate Party & Potluck! | November 15, 2026.
Please join us Sunday, November 15th, beginning at 11:45 a.m. for an afternoon of football, food, and fellowship as we cheer on the Green Bay Packers against the Minnesota Vikings! Wear your green and gold (or purple!) bring your team spirit, favorite dish to share and your beverage of choice to enjoy a fun afternoon with your church family. Whether you're a football fan or just coming for the fellowship, everyone is welcome! Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many to plan for. Meat and condiments will be provided.

Annual Drumstick Drive
Lord of Love is once again participating in our annual Drumstick Drive. This year we will be providing food items for 12 Thanksgiving meals for families in need within our community… How can you donate? Take note, our Turkey Tom sporting all his feathers waiting to be plucked! Pluck a feather and purchase the designated item. All donations need to be delivered to church by November 22nd. *(Frozen Turkeys can only be delivered on November 22nd.)*

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.

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.

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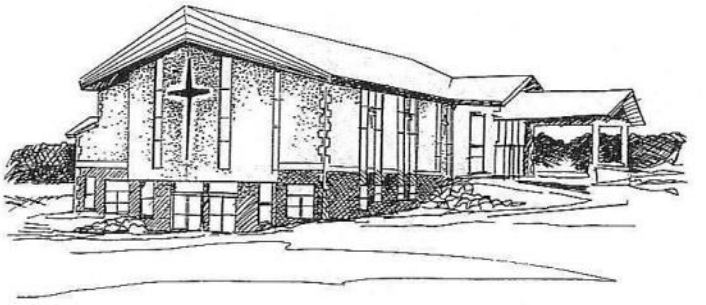
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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'" Psalm 122:1



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