



LORD of LOVE
Lutheran Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



I am My Brother's Keeper



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 offering 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: When danger strikes, most people instinctively move away from it. Fire, violence, accidents, and disasters trigger a natural desire to find protection and safety. Yet first responders do the opposite. Firefighters, police officers, and paramedics run toward the very scenes others are fleeing. They enter burning buildings, approach violent situations, and kneel beside the injured in chaotic moments. This response is unexpected because it goes against basic human instinct.

Today God calls us to be spiritual first responders when we see people in trouble because of sin. Instead of self-preservation and comfort, we choose service to them and to our Lord. Our motive is the grace of God and his desire for the salvation of all mankind.

Lord of Love Lutheran Church

September 6, 2026

THE COMMON SERVICE

OPENING HYMN (CW 249)

God of Mercy, God of Grace



1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, Show the bright - ness
2 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord! Be by all that
3 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord, Then en - joy your

of your face. Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine;
live a - dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing
rich re - ward! God to us his bless - ing give,

Fill your Church with light di - vine, And your sav - ing
Glo - ry to their Sav - ior King, At your feet their
We to God de - vot - ed live, All be - low and

health ex - tend To the earth's re - mot - est end.
trib - ute pay, And your ho - ly will o - bey.
all a - bove One in joy and light and love.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, alt.

Tune: RATISBON (77 77 77) attr. Johann G. Werner, 1777–1822.

STAND

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



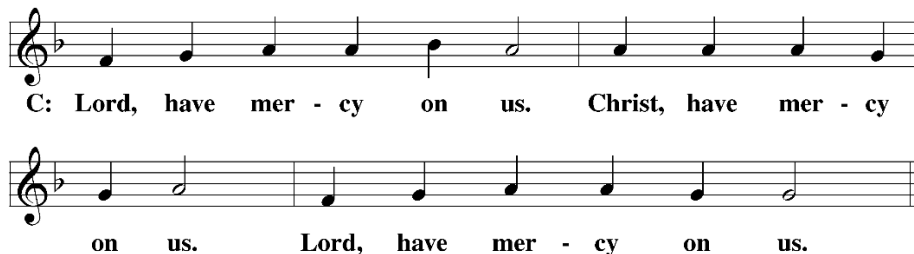
CONFESSION OF SINS

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, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are in all caps and are centered under the notes. The score begins with a C-clef and a B-flat, indicating the key of F major or D minor. 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.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your neverfailing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

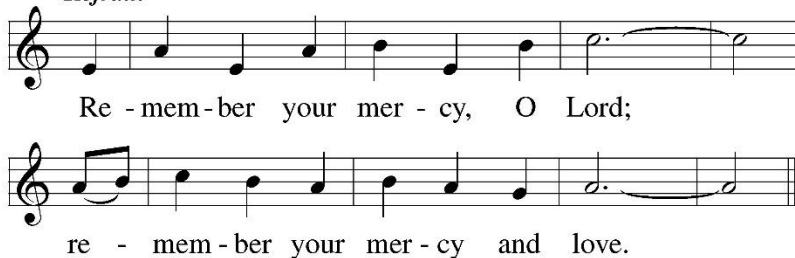
Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷ But I have appointed you, son of man, to be a watchman for the house of Israel. So whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you are to warn them from me. ⁸ When I say to a wicked man, “Wicked man, you shall surely die,” if you do not speak to warn the wicked man against his way, that wicked man will die because of his guilt, but I will also hold you responsible for his blood. ⁹ But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, he will die because of his guilt, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰ So you, son of man, say the following to the house of Israel. This is what you people are saying: “Certainly our rebellion and our sins weigh us down, and because of them we are rotting away. How then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them, “As I live, declares the LORD God, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from their way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why should you die, O house of Israel?”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 32

Refrain



Psalm tone



Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven,*
whose sins are covered.

When I kept silent, your hand was heavy upon me;*
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you*
and did not cover up my iniquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"*
and you forgave the guilt of my sin. ***Refrain***

You are my hiding place,*
you will protect me from trouble.

Many are the woes of the wicked,*
but the LORD'S unfailing love surrounds those who trust in him.

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*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. God wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go and show him his sin just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have regained your brother. ¹⁶ But if he will not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And, if he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as an unbeliever or a tax collector. ¹⁸ Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Amen I tell you again: If two of you on earth agree to ask for anything, it will be done for them by my Father who is in heaven. ²⁰ In fact where two or three have gathered together in my name, there I am among them.”

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.

HYMN (CW 304)

Jesus Sinners Does Receive



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the
 4 Come, O sin - ners, one and all, Come, ac - cept his
 5 I, a sin - ner, come to you With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 Lord for - sak - en; Wea - ry souls who lost their way
 in - vi - ta - tion. Come, o - bey his gra - cious call;
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;



And from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope -
 Here their ills have per - fect heal - ing Who with hum -
 Are by Christ, the shep - herd, tak - en In his arms
 Come and take his free sal - va - tion! Firm - ly in
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words



for all who grieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 ble hearts be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 that they may live— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 these words be - lieve— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 my soul re - ceive— Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

6 Oh, how blest it is to know,
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By your blood and bitter passion,
 For these words I do believe—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

7 Jesus sinners does receive.
 Even I have been forgiven.
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to him I cleave—
 Jesus sinners does receive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671–1756, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: MEINEN JESUM LASS ICH NICHT (78 78 77) *Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch*, Darmstadt,
 1699, alt.

SERMON

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

Remember Who You Are

STAND

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING IS GATHERED AND BROUGHT FORWARD

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For the Church, that by our warning and witness sinners may come to repentance with faith, and so enjoy the forgiveness of their sins, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all little ones, that they may be kept from sin and that their pastors, parents and teachers would teach them to trust in Christ's forgiveness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who bear the sword, that they may bear it as God's servants; and that under their peaceable governance Christ's holy people may be guarded and directed in righteousness, quietness and unity, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the ill, grieving and lonely, that they may remember that the Good Shepherd, who loves them, seeks and saves the one lost sheep, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O almighty God, we confess that we are poor sinners and could not give an answer if you should contend with us. Yet do we thank you with all our hearts that you have taken our guilt from us and laid it upon your dear Son, Jesus Christ, who has atoned for it. Graciously sustain us in this faith. Govern us by your Holy Spirit, that we may live according to your will in love and service to our neighbors. Do not let us give way to wrath or revenge, and so incur your wrath, but let us always find in you a gracious Father; through 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.



1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I
 2 To us, there - fore, Christ gave com - mand: "Go
 3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I
 4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What
 5 The words which ab - so - lu - tion give Are



would not have the sin - ner dead, But
 forth and preach in ev - 'ry land; Be -
 tru - ly par - don and ac - quit, And
 you will loose, that shall be free; Un -
 his who died that we might live; The



that he turn from er - ror's ways, Re -
 stow on all my par - d'ning grace Who
 those whose sins you do re - tain Con -
 to my Church the keys are giv'n To
 min - is - ter whom Christ has sent Is



pent, and live through end - less days."
 will re - pent of sin - ful ways.
 demned and guilt - y shall re - main.
 op'n and close the gates of heav'n."
 but his hum - ble in - stru - ment.

6 When ministers lay on their hands,
 Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
 He who by grace the Word believes
 Forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.

7 Praise God the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
 As was, is now, and so shall be
 Forever and eternally!

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN (CW 326)

May the Grace of Christ Our Savior



1 May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior And the
2 So may we a - bide in un - ion With each
3 Now with all the saints in heav - en Thanks and



Fa - ther's bound - less love With the Ho - ly Spir - it's
oth - er and the Lord, Gath - ered here in blest com -
praise to you we sing, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



fa - vor Rest up - on us from a - bove.
mun - ion By the pow - er of his Word.
Spir - it, Three in One, our tri - une King.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, st. 1-2, alt.; Carroll T. Andrews, b. 1918, st. 3, alt.
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Tune: STUTTGART (87 87) Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716, alt.

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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, 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 8:00 am: Irreconcilable! *sanctuary*

Tuesday 9:00 am: Anakrinonte | Guidelines for Bible Examiners, *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 September 6: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service 9:00 am

- Pastor: Eugene Kock
- Pianist: Cathy Gresens
- Councilman/Elder: Shane Strong
- Ushers: Greg Zeman and Josh Hodkiewicz
- Counters: Roger LaGrange and Greg Zeman
- Altar Guild: Mandi, Vie, Lia and Wyn Miller
- A/V: Jake Scott
- Refreshments: The LaGrange Family

Sunday September 13: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service 9:00 am

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilman/Elder: 8:00: Phil Boll, 10:30: Steve Kalscheuer
- Ushers 8:00: Bob Degnan and Gene Freund
- Ushers 10:30: The Heath Family
- Counters: Kim Bauer and Wayne Kaalberg
- Altar Guild: Mandi, Vie, Lia and Wyn Miller
- A/V & Recording: Julie Doyle
- Refreshments: Kristin Vomhof

Happy Anniversary: We wish God's blessings to Tom and Sharon Wightman (9/6), William and Nikki Crary (9/7), Dale and Tami Essmann (9/7), Jay and Sue Vinson (9/8), and Dave and Kelly Plumb (9/11) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

Happy Birthday: We wish God's blessings to Ben Ashman (9/6), Sherry Pribbenow (9/8), Abigail Strong (9/8), Kelly Anderson (9/9), Arthur Eggert (9/9), Keith Minnameier (9/9), and Dave Plumb (9/12) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

COMING UP AT LORD OF LOVE

September 15: Fellowship Committee Meeting | 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

September 17: Ladies Friendship Circle | 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

September 19: Ladies Coffee/Breakfast | 8:00 am at M-N-M's Coffee House, Waunakee

September 19: Adult Euchre Card Party | 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

October 1: Food Drive Begins

October 3: Ladies Friendship Circle | Pie Sale

September 13, 2026

RETURN TO 2 WORSHIP SERVICES



- 8:00 & 10:30 am Sunday Worship Services
- Installation of Sunday School Teachers – *8:00 am service*
 - First Day of Sunday School – *lower level*
 - First Day of Teen Class – *lower level*
 - Bible Study – 9:15 – *sanctuary*



Ladies Friendship Circle Pie Sale – Proceeds donated to the Altar Candle Replacement Fund

The Ladies Friendship Circle is hosting an Apple Pie Fundraiser. All pies are 9" with your choice of Double Crust or Streusel Topping, unbaked for \$18.00 per pie. There is a sign-up in the narthex. The pies will be made Saturday Oct 3rdth in the lower-level kitchen. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome. Pies are prepaid, by cash or check made payable to The Ladies Friendship Circle, please drop off at the church office prior to Oct 3, 2026. Pick up for pies is Saturday between 11 – 2pm. Please place your orders on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Fun & Games Friday Returns | September 18, 2026, 1:30 – 4:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

Please join us Friday September 18 from 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. for the first 2026 Fun & Games Friday. Enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and fun board and card games. Bring a favorite game to share, a beverage, and if you would like to share a snack, you can bring that too! For questions, please contact Sharon Freund sfreund109@gmail.com

Adult Euchre Card Party | September 19, 2026, 6:00 pm – Fellowship Hall

Join us for an evening of fellowship, fun and friendly competition! Come enjoy a few rounds of Euchre, good conversation and time together with friends. New to Euchre? No Problem! Mentors will be available. Friends are welcome too! Bring an appetizer to share and a beverage. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Thank you, Pastor!

Thank you, Pastor Kock, for being with us today and faithfully sharing God's Word. We are grateful for your time and willingness to serve and being with us today. God's richest blessings to you!