

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church  
Plano, Texas**



*Holding fast to Him,  
for He is your life and length of days*

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### A Prayer before Worship

*We are weak and sick, O Father, and the temptations of the flesh and the world are great and many. O Father, keep us, and let us not fall again into temptation and sin. Give us grace that we may remain steadfast and fight bravely to the end. Without your grace and help we can do nothing, Amen.*

*(M. Luther, 1483-1546)*

### Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

### For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

*“Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.” 1 Corinthians 11:27-29*

Being admonished to receive Christ’s Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God’s mercy in Christ?
2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God’s Son and my Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD’S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

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## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Divine Service IV – *LSB 203*

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### Prelude

*Stand*

# Entrance Hymn

“Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart”

LSB 708



1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from  
2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and  
3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth  
all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,  
bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were  
grant that I in ev - 'ry place May glo - ri - fy Thy  
in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my  
lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false  
peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.  
doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious  
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my  
O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.  
Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.  
tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

## Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 203

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

*Matthew 28-19b, [18:20]*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*Psalm 124:8*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 130:3-4*

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

*[Luke 18:13]*

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

*[John 20:19-23]*

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## +++Service of the Word+++





# Kyrie

Mark 10:47; LSB 204

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

*Luke 2:14, John 1:29; LSB 204*



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 205*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart

turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Philemon 1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
To Philemon our beloved fellow worker <sup>2</sup>and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, <sup>6</sup>and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup>For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

<sup>8</sup>Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, <sup>9</sup>yet for love's sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— <sup>10</sup>I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) <sup>12</sup>I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. <sup>13</sup>I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. <sup>15</sup>For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

<sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

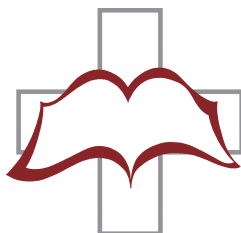


**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## Holy Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.  
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.



<sup>34</sup>“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? <sup>35</sup>It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.



## Nicene Creed

*LSB 206*

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day

“How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

LSB 853

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord,  
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find  
3 We mar - vel how Your saints be - come  
4 In what You give us, Lord, to do,

When once we heed Your call: To live ac - cord - ing  
Your yoke is hard to bear; If world - ly pres - sures  
In hin - dranc - es more sure; Whose joy - ful vir - tues  
To - geth - er or a - lone, In old rou - tines or

to Your Word And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
fray the mind, And love it - self can - not un - wind  
put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name  
ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You,

That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.  
Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.  
And by our faults ob - scure Your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

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## Sermon

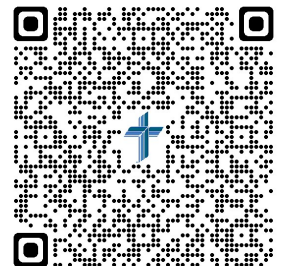
*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

*(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, instead there is an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. Other giving options are through the mail or online from our website's "Giving" link. This QR code points there.)*

*Stand*



## +++Service of the Sacrament+++

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]; LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

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

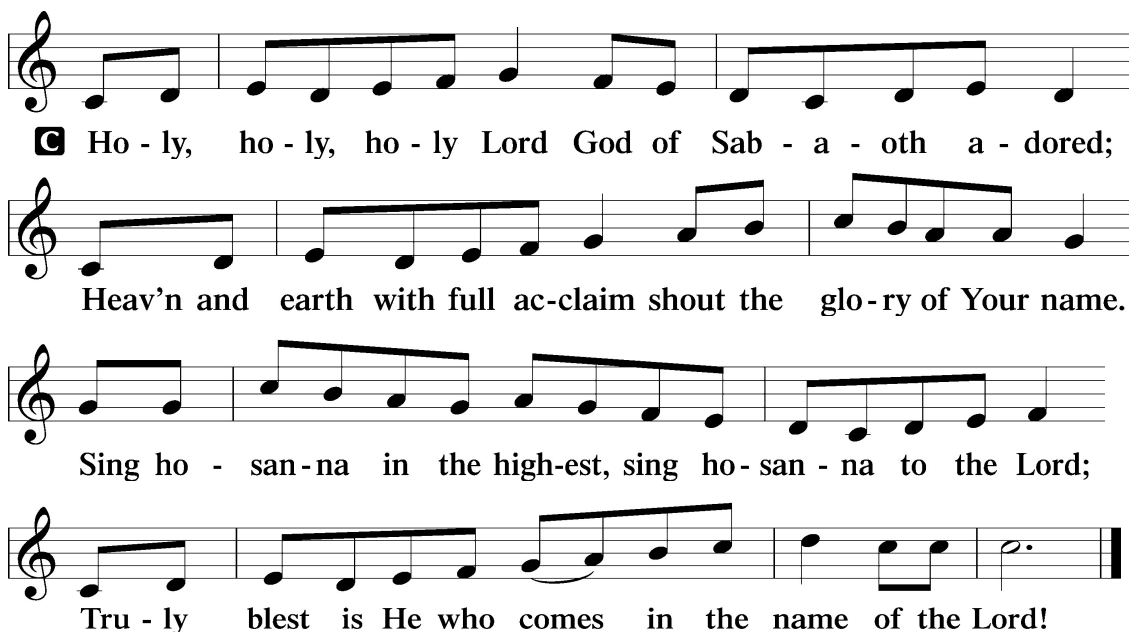
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 209

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9–13*

- G** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24,  
Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



## Pax Domini

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*



## Agnus Dei

John 1:29; LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Distribution

*Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it.*

## Distribution Hymn

The *Lutheran Service Book* is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

**Where Charity and Love Prevail**

LSB 845

**Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice**

LSB 556

Stand

## Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32; LSB 211

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

LSB 212

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

LSB 783



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;  
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no long - er mine;  
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



- Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.  
Take my-self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–79  
Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

*Sit*

## Announcements

## Dismissal

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

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An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

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## A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## **Sunday School - Children K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K – 5th graders from Room 113.

## **IMPACT Bible Class**

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 122 for a Bible study.

## **Adult Bible Class**

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study over the Gospel of Mark.

## **Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative**

Mike Kunschke leads a study on the book of Acts at 9:30 am in Room 114.

## **Eagle Scout Project**

Jonah Carter will be building new picnic benches and repair some older ones for the pavilion. If you would like to help support this project, please notate any donations, “Carter Eagle Project.” Thank you for helping to make this project possible.

## **LUTHERAN HYMN FESTIVAL 2022**

Our congregation is invited to attend the Lutheran Hymn Festival at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas on September 18 at 4:30 p.m. The festival will be led by Kantor Kevin Hildebrand, with support from brass, tympani, adult and children’s choirs. Under the theme, “O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High,” we will celebrate the 11th hymn festival there. For tickets, go to [www.lutheranhymnfestival.org/tickets](http://www.lutheranhymnfestival.org/tickets). The cost is \$20 per Orchestra Floor /Terrace/3rd & 4th floor boxes and \$15 per Dress Circle/Grand Tier. All tickets must be printed ticket at home. For more information, Contact Adam Hengeveld at 972-646-0905 or email [tickets@lutheranhymnfestival.org](mailto:tickets@lutheranhymnfestival.org).



## **Constitution 101**

This event is free to the public. Join Shelby Williams here at Lord of Life on 9/22/22 at 6:30pm for his annual primer to the Constitution of the United States during Constitution Week. Learn what the Constitution says--and doesn't say--what it means, and what it means to YOU!

## **A Life Thought in the Church Year**

Conventional wisdom once equated slaves with property instead of people. The Gospel Paul proclaimed in Philemon, about God Incarnate as humankind’s slave and becoming our brother, eventually ended the injustice. And will we not delight to declare it and demonstrate the same sanctity of every human life until abortion and assisted suicide also become obsolete?

## **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO**

Study Deuteronomy 18-22 on Sharper Iron's "The Law of God is Good and Wise" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), finish the book of Romans and begin the book of 1 Corinthians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear conversations from fellow Lutherans from across our church body on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or KFUO Radio app.

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# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What does the word “Amen” mean?

The word “amen” (pronounced AH-men) is Hebrew for **“certainly”** or **“truly.”**

Martin Luther said that it really means:

**“Yes, yes, it shall be so.”** You probably recognize this

word from

hearing it or seeing it used in prayer.

Maybe you use it in your prayers every morning when you wake up and every

night when you go to sleep.



## Why do we use it?

God commands for us to pray. When we use the word “amen” at the end of our prayers, we are letting God know that **we truly believe that He will hear and answer all of our prayers** just as He has promised! What a great way to end a prayer!



**Parents:** Point out that Jesus used the word “amen” a lot in Scripture when He said things like: “Truly, truly I say to you.” Encourage your children to listen for and say “amen” at appropriate points in the service. In what places besides prayer do we hear it amen?



# JOHN W. BEHNKEN

*Pastor, President*

BORN: MARCH 19, 1884 Cypress, Texas

DIED: FEBRUARY 23, 1968 Hollywood, Fla.

**J**OHN W. BEHNKEN CAME FROM A FAMILY OF PASTORS. His father died when Behnken was still a small boy, but his mother encouraged him to consider being a pastor like his father. Behnken was in Lutheran elementary school when he knew that he wanted to be a pastor. He studied at St. John's Academy in Winfield, Kan., before attending Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. He graduated in 1906 and was called to serve as a mission developer in Houston, Texas, establishing Redeemer Lutheran Church. In 1908, he was called as pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Houston, Texas where he served until 1935.

Behnken distinguished himself not only as missionary and pastor, but also as church administrator. He served as vice-president of the Texas District of the Missouri Synod from 1919 to 1926 and as District president from 1926 to 1929. He was second vice-president of the Synod from 1929 to 1932 and first vice-president from 1932 to 1935. He accepted an even heavier responsibility when he was elected Synod president in 1935.

Behnken was the sixth president of the Missouri Synod, but he was the first American-born president of the Synod; the previous five presidents had all been born in Germany. Behnken was elected nine times to the presidency, serving from 1935 to 1962. His 27-year tenure is the longest in the Synod's history.

The Synod experienced great numerical growth in congregational membership during Behnken's presidency, more than doubling in size in 25 years. The preaching and teaching of God's Word remained the central task of the church, bringing the Gospel to the unchurched. Yet during this time, much attention was paid to the education of pastors, teachers, missionaries and other workers for the church, as well as engaging the youth for service in the church's future.

In the aftermath of World War II, Behnken was among the first church leaders in America to sponsor relief efforts in Europe. He traveled to Germany to see firsthand the war's effects, organizing a mercy mission to help those whose lives had been devastated. Behnken also was instrumental in aiding the Lutheran churches in Germany after the war to rebuild and continue the faithful work of proclaiming God's message of salvation and peace after years of the Nazi regime.

After his retirement, Behnken continued to serve the church. He was chairman of the Board of Trustees of the LCMS Foundation and served on other committees supporting the Synod's work.

He died at the age of 83 after a 56-year career, and he is remembered as a man of faith, strength and spirit, dedicated to serving our Lord's Church.

For more information about the 175th anniversary of the LCMS, visit [lcms.org/175](http://lcms.org/175).

## DISCOVER MORE

John W. Behnken, *This I Recall*, Revised Edition (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1972).





## Serving Our Worship Today:

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|--------------|---|
| Pastor:      | Pastor Joel Shaltanis                     |
| Organist:    | Daniel Kim                                |
| Altar Guild: | Nelda Schrank, Gail Senter, Laurie George |
| Acolyte:     | Robert Duff                               |
| Elders:      | Tom Read, Greg Moudy                      |
| Greeters:    | Scarth Family, Haley Moore                |
| Ushers:      | Mike Paradise, Joel Crumrine              |
| Sound:       | Russ Wilkerson, Randy Rippey              |

## This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Sept. 4, 2022

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| 8:00 am  | Early Worship Service  |
| 9:30 am  | Children's Sunday School<br>(K-5 <sup>th</sup> Gr, Room 113)<br>IMPACT Class (Room 122)<br>Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall)<br>Adult Bible Small Class (Room 114) |
| 10:45 am | Late Worship Service   |

Wednesday, September 7

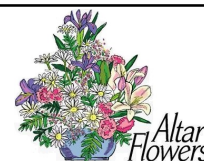
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| 10:00 am | Midweek Bible Study |
| 12:00 pm | Midweek Bible Study |

Saturday, September 10

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| 8:00 am | Hunter Education Course |
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## Next Sunday's Readings September 11, 2022

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| Old Testament: | Ezek. 34:11-24       |
| Epistle:       | 1 Tim. 1:(5-11)12-17 |
| Gospel:        | Luke 15:1-10         |



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Dave & Dee Peters in celebration of their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, 9/6; and by the elders.



Pentecost

**About the Cover:** As the people of Israel finally neared the time of entry into the Promised Land, they were exhorted to hold fast to the Lord. Though Israel would continually fail, the Lord nonetheless held fast to them. He has been steadfast in His promises, which have culminated in the sending of Jesus, who was fastened to the cross to bring forgiveness and eternal life to all who believe in Him. Today as we hold fast to Him by faith, we see that He has never let go of us.