

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Plano, Texas

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Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

† reaching up to God in worship and prayer,

† reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &

† reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast taught us to know and confess in true faith that, in three persons of equal power and majesty, Thou art one everlasting God, desiring to be worshiped as such, we pray Thee, sustain us steadfast in that faith against everything that may threaten the same: Who livest and reignest from everlasting to everlasting, Amen. (J. K. Willhelm Loehe, 1808 -1872)1

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

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." 1Corinthians 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 personal Savior?
3. Do I believe that He is personally 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.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2022

8:00 AM and 10:45 AM

Divine Service II – *LSB* 167

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

“What Is the World to Me”

LSB 730



Text: Georg Michael Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt. Tune: Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 167

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b, [18-20]

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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.

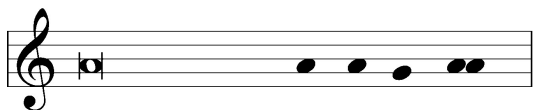
John 20:19-23

C Amen.

+++Service of the Word+++

Kyrie

Mark 10:47; LSB 168



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



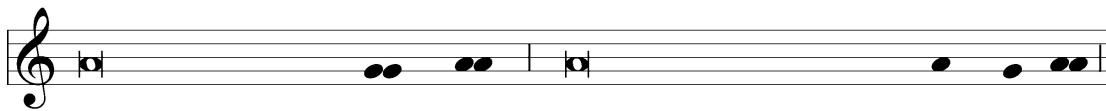
C Lord, have mer - cy.



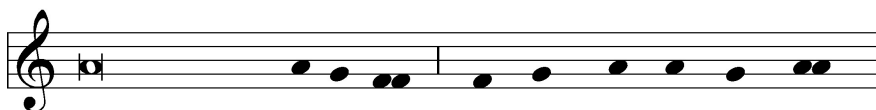
A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



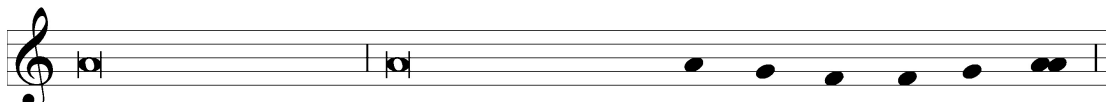
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



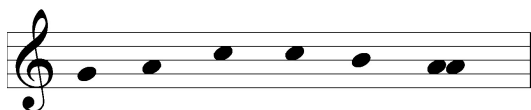
and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



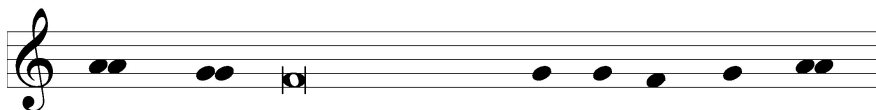
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14, John 1:29; LSB 170



A Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
 take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
 us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
 Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 172

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath,
that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel
great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” ⁷The LORD has
sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 113; antiphon: v. 3



From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

**Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,*
praise the name | of the LORD!**

Blessèd be the name | of the LORD*
from this time forth and for- | evermore!

**From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!**

The LORD is high above all | nations,*
and his glory above the | heavens!

**Who is like the | LORD our God,*
who is seated | on high,**

who looks | far down*
on the heavens | and the earth?

**He raises the poor | from the dust*
and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,**

to make them sit with | princes,*
with the princes of his | people.

**He gives the barren wom- | an a home,*
making her the joyous mother of children. | Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

³From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

Epistle

1 Timothy 2:1–15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Alleluia and Verse

LSB 173

Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ ³And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ ⁵So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Hymn of the Day

“Seek Where You May to Find a Way”

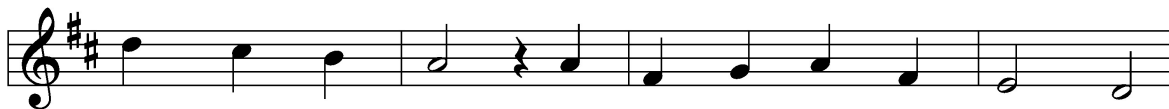
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1 Seek where you may To find a way That
2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None
3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who
4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,
can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;
did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,
Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.
This man pre - vailed, The God - man and none oth - er,
All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.
Nor for - tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws
Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied
In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart
You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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Sermon

Stand

**☐ 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.**

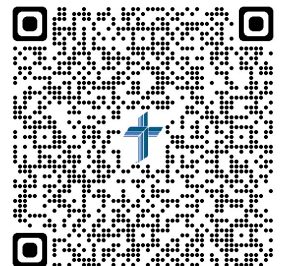
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

Prayer of the Church

Sit

(Traditionally, this is the time to collect offerings, but we have chosen to place an offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary for when you exit instead. You may also choose to mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link, to which this QR code also directs you.)

Stand





Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 176



C What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal -
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

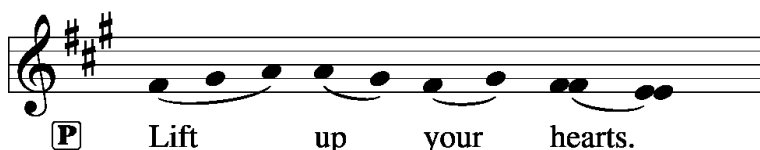
+++Service of the Sacrament+++

Preface

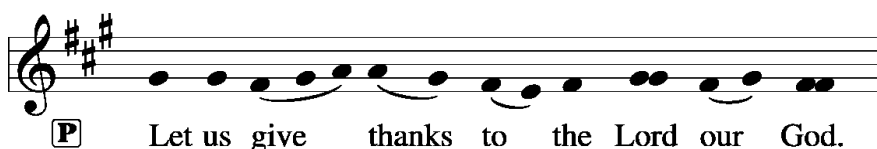
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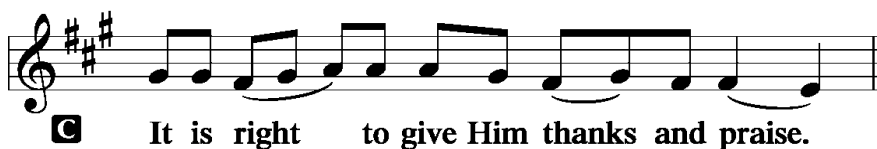
2 Timothy 4:22



[Colosians 3:1]



[Psalm 136]



Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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, LSB 178



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24

Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; LSB 179

- 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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”



Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- C** 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.

Pax Domini

John 20:19; LSB 180

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.



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.

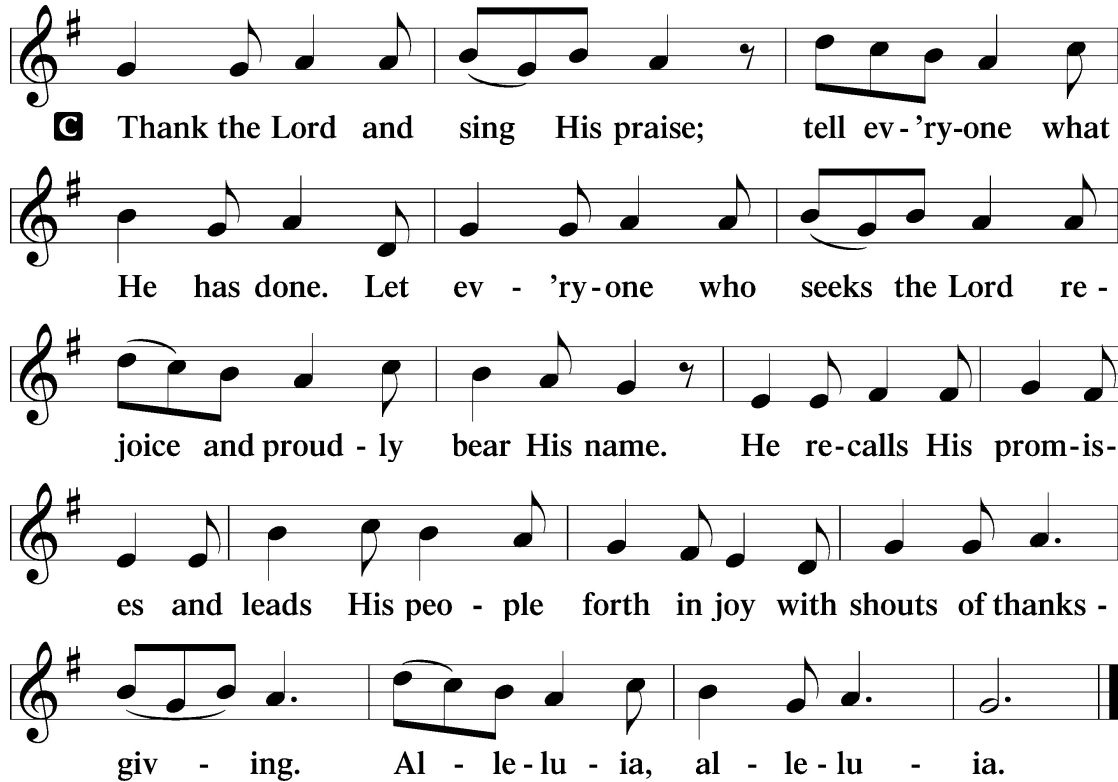
Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

“Thank the Lord”, *LSB 181*



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-
joice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

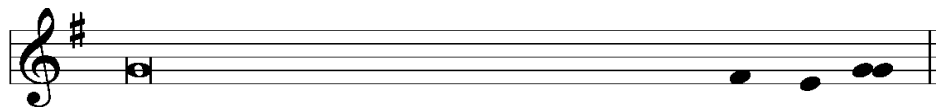
Post-Communion Collect

LSB 183

- 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.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26; LSB 183



- 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 ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.



Recessional Hymn

“The God of Abraham Praise”

LSB 798 sts. 1–4, 9



1 The God of A - br'ham praise, Who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 The God of A - br'ham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand
3 The God of A - br'ham praise, Whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 He by Him - self has sworn; I on His oath de - pend.
△ 9 The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days And God of love.
From earth I rise and seek the joys At His right hand.
Shall guide me all my pil - grim days In all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, To heav'n as - cend.
“Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!” They ev - er cry.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM! By earth and heav'n con - fessed;
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; He calls Him - self my God.
I shall be - hold His face; I shall His pow'r a - dore
Hail, A - br'ham's God and mine! I join the heav'n - ly lays:



I bow and bless the sa - cred name For - ev - er blest.
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tow'r.
And He shall save me to the end Through Je - sus' blood.
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.
All might and maj - es - ty are Thine And end - less praise!

Text: Thomas Olivers, 1725–99, alt. Tune: Hebrew

Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

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.

Sunday School - Children K - 5th 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.

Jr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 119 for a Bible study.

Sr. IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with either adult Bible class for the time being.

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 115.

Kick Up Your Heels at Lord of Life!

A country two-step class is being offered for Lord of Life members Wednesdays, October 5th, 12th, and 19th, 6:30 - 8:00pm in the fellowship hall. No experience necessary. Cost is \$35 per person for the three week course. Sign up in the narthex or contact Dixie Hacker (planohackers@verizon.net.)

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

Financial concerns often serve as justifications for abortion and assisted suicide. The Word of the Lord elevates the value of a person far above that of any money or comfort (Luke 16:9; 1 Timothy 2:4). Does it even count as sacrifice if we must give up prosperity or property to gain and sustain a person in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis? Aren't we always getting the better end of the exchange? The Gospel guarantees it!

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO

Hear Rev. Brady Finner as the new host of Concord Matters (formerly host of Thy Strong Word) beginning 9/24 at 10:00 a.m. CT, study Deuteronomy 27-28 on Sharper Iron's "The Law of God is Good and Wise" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study 1 Corinthians 6-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or KFUO Radio app.

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BORN: OCTOBER 4, 1893 *Boston, Massachusetts*

DIED: JANUARY 11, 1950 *Saint Louis, Missouri*

WHILE WALTER A. MAIER WAS RENOWNED as the long-time speaker of “The Lutheran Hour” and professor at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis (CSL), he was also a key contributor to the development and growth of the Walther League and its work.

Growing up in Boston, Maier attended a mission festival and decided to enter the ministry. After attending Concordia College in New York and CSL, he served as a chaplain during World War I. Afterward, he continued graduate studies, eventually earning his Doctor of Philosophy degree at Harvard.

In 1920, Maier was called as the first full-time executive secretary of the Walther League. Founded in 1893, the League was the first Synodwide young people’s organization. Maier’s task was to “labor for the spiritual welfare of the young people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church,” according to God’s Word (Pahl 108). He was editor of *The Walther League Messenger*, the organization’s monthly journal, and managed the business office in Milwaukee. He soon relocated the office to Chicago, the new headquarters of the League.

Within two years, Maier was called to teach at CSL. However, he continued to edit and write for *The Messenger* until 1945 and shaped its purpose and content for a generation of readers.

Maier strove to keep *The Messenger* relevant to the faith and lives of young Lutherans in America. He wanted to equip them as young adults to maintain their Lutheran identity in a time of

dramatic change. He tackled issues rising from modernity such as suffrage, prohibition and evolution, as well as music, dancing and changing roles of women. He followed current events, such as the Great Depression and the rise of fascism in Europe. He detailed the courage and sacrifice of Walther Leaguers serving in the U.S. armed forces during World War II.

The Messenger also informed its readers about the work of the Church at large in missions, outreach, education and human care. Under Maier’s influence, the Walther League raised funds for foreign mission work and sponsored five missionaries — two to China and three to India — in 1921 alone. He rallied support for the League’s Wheat Ridge Sanatorium in Colorado, caring for those suffering from tuberculosis.

During Maier’s time as editor, *The Messenger* increased its circulation of under 5,000 in 1920 to more than 70,000 in 1945. His work with the Walther League encouraged a new generation of Lutherans to active engagement in the life of the Church.

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Voice of “The Lutheran Hour”

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WHEN WALTER ARTHUR MAIER DIED in 1950, he was by far the best-known Lutheran in the United States. For twenty years, he had been the voice of “The Lutheran Hour,” and at the time of his death, “The Lutheran Hour” was being broadcast weekly by more than a thousand radio stations around the globe with an audience of around 20 million people. During Maier’s radio ministry, the country experienced the Great Depression, World War II and the dropping of the atom bomb, but Maier consistently brought God’s Word to bear on the lives of hearers no matter what the circumstances.

Maier was born in Boston to Emil and Anna Maier, immigrants from Germany and pious Lutherans. When young Walter indicated an interest in becoming a pastor, they sent him to the synodical prep school (high school and junior college) in New York, where he excelled. He spent an additional year at Boston University completing his bachelor’s degree and then went to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Again he excelled, especially in Hebrew, and therefore decided to do post-graduate work back home at Harvard, from which eventually he obtained both a Master of Arts and doctorate (in Semitic studies). But he was still committed to church work.

In 1920, he was called to serve as the national director of the Walther League (the Synod’s youth organization). This included editing its monthly magazine, *The Walther League Messenger* — work that he continued to do until 1945 even after accepting a call to the seminary to teach Old Testament in 1922. Besides writing for the *Messenger*, Maier wrote a marriage manual, a commentary on Nahum, a wartime prayer guide and twelve years of brief “day by day” devotions. He also published edited versions of his Lutheran Hour sermons.

Very early in his career, Maier realized the potential of radio and was instrumental in establishing a Lutheran radio station on the campus of the seminary in 1924. A few years later, he worked with the Lutheran Layman’s League to purchase time on CBS to proclaim the Gospel each week in 36 American cities. “The Lutheran Hour” began on October 2, 1930. Unfortunately, the money ran out after its first season, but Maier and the League persisted and were able to begin again in 1935. This time they succeeded and the program began a period of remarkable growth with Maier as its spokesman.

Walter Maier was also a popular public speaker and preached to audiences in the tens of thousands at assemblies and rallies all over the country. His career exemplified the motto of his program, “Bringing Christ to the Nations.”

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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What is a “hymn”?

The word “hymn” comes from a Greek word which means “song of praise.” Webster’s Dictionary tells us that a hymn is “a song of praise especially in honor of God.” In the Church, we sing hymns because they are God’s Word put to music. What an awesome way to praise our Lord!



Why do we sing hymns?

During the early years of the Christian Church, its music came from the Psalms. As new people came into the Church, they added new hymns. The Church’s hymns have stood the test of time, never failing God’s people as generations change. When we sing hymns, we are praising God with the words He has already put on our tongues! There is no better way to pray, praise, and give thanks to God than with the words He has given us.



Parents: In order to answer questions as to why we do what we do as Lutherans, including utilizing the hymnody, read the introduction on pages 6 and 7 in *Lutheran Worship*. Here you will find a brief summary of what Lutheran worship and hymnody are all about.



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Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor:	Pastor Joel Shaltanis
Organist:	Laura Swor
Altar Guild:	Nelda Schrank, Gail Senter, Laurie George
Acolyte:	Robert Duff
Elders:	Tom Read, Mike Kunschke
Greeters:	Don Bunger, Sue Parson
Ushers:	David Messinger, Jeff Loewecke
Sound:	Kaityn Hacker, Doug Hite

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Sept. 18, 2022

8:00 am	Early Worship Service
9:30 am	Children's Sunday School (K-5 th Gr, Room 113) Jr IMPACT Class (Room 119) Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 115)
10:45 am	Late Worship Service
12:30 pm	Jr. Confirmation

Wednesday, September 21

NO Midweek Bible Study Today

Thursday, September 22

7:00 pm Constitution 101 w/Shelby Williams

Friday, September 23 – Saturday, September 24

Men's Retreat

Next Sunday's Readings September 25, 2022

Old Testament:	Amos 6:1–7
Epistle:	1 Tim. 3:1–13 or 1 Tim. 6:6–19
Gospel:	Luke 16:19–31



The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Donovan and Nancy Cawood in memory of Reitta Cawood; and by the elders.



Pentecost

About the Cover: So far have we fallen short of the glory of God that we return to the dust (Genesis 3:19). However, Christ has joined us in this fallen and dusty world by going to the cross, through which He has given us a new and exalted life. Paul shows us the fulfillment of the psalmist's words when he says, God "raised us up with [Christ] and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6).