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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

Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen. (Lutheran Service Book-2006)

# 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 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.

# The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM (12:30 PM masked only) Divine Service III – *LSB 184* 

#### Prelude

Stand

#### **Entrance Hymn**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

LSB 686 sts. 1, 3-4



### Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 184

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]* 

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

  [Hebrews 10:22]
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

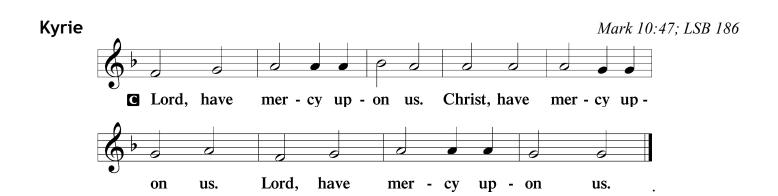
Psalm 32:5

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

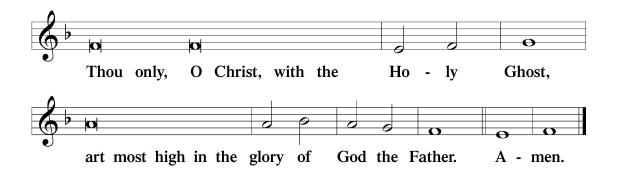
- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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+++







### Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22; LSB 189

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

### **Old Testament Reading**

Ezekiel 33:7-9

<sup>7</sup>"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Romans 13:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending

to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



Stand

#### **Alleluia**

LSB 190



Holy Gospel Matthew 18:1–20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup> and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>11</sup>For the Son of Man came to save the lost. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."



Nicene Creed LSB 191

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,

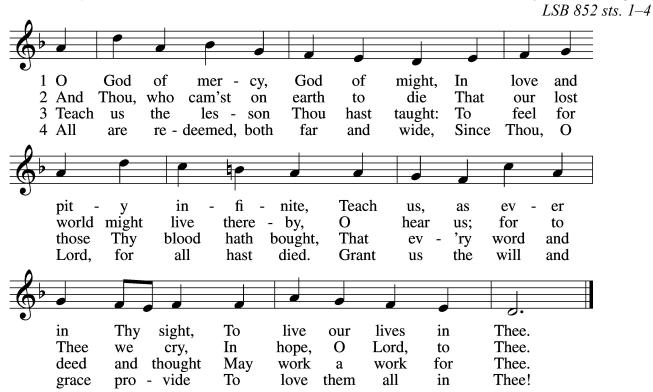
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

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.

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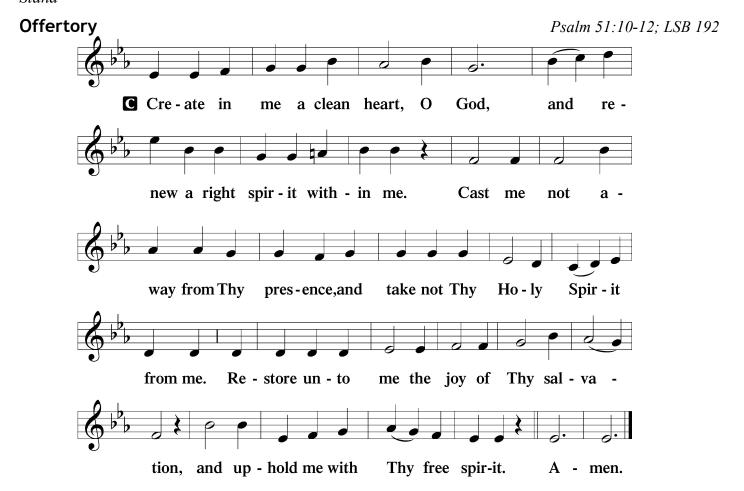
# Hymn of the Day

"O God of Mercy, God of Might"



#### Sermon

Stand



Sit

# Offering Omitted

(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, baskets have been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link.)

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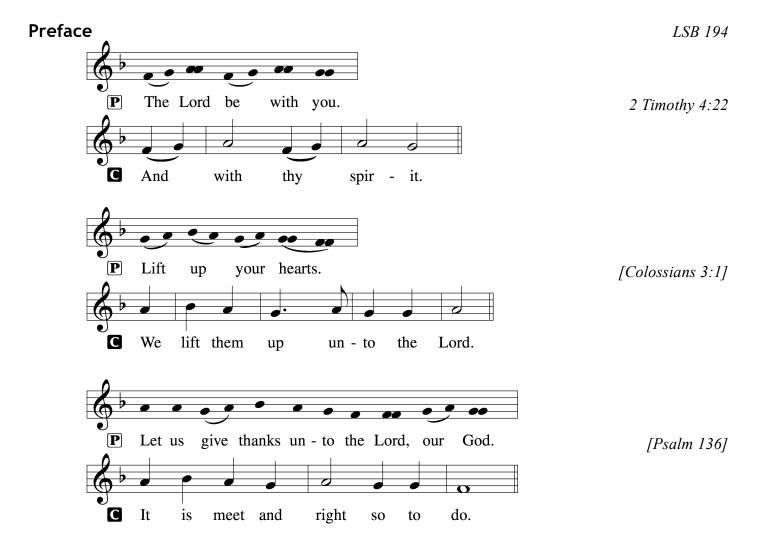
# Prayer of the Church

Each petition concludes with:

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

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



# **Proper Preface**

It is truly meet, 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



# Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13; LSB196

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..

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Luke 22:19-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25; LSB 197

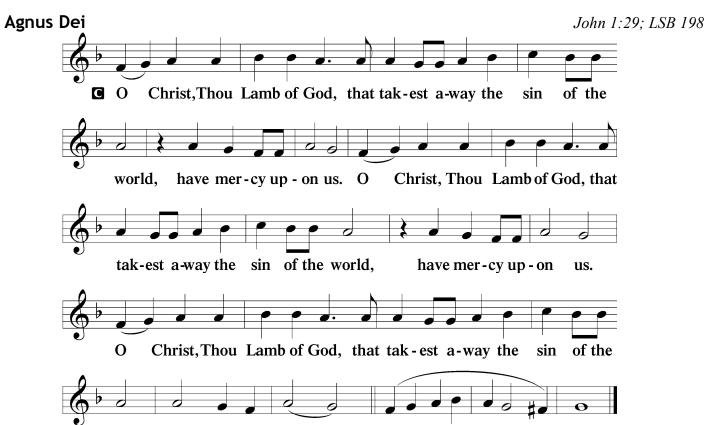
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Pax Domini John 20:19

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

Sit



#### Distribution

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Communicants are asked to hold open their 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.

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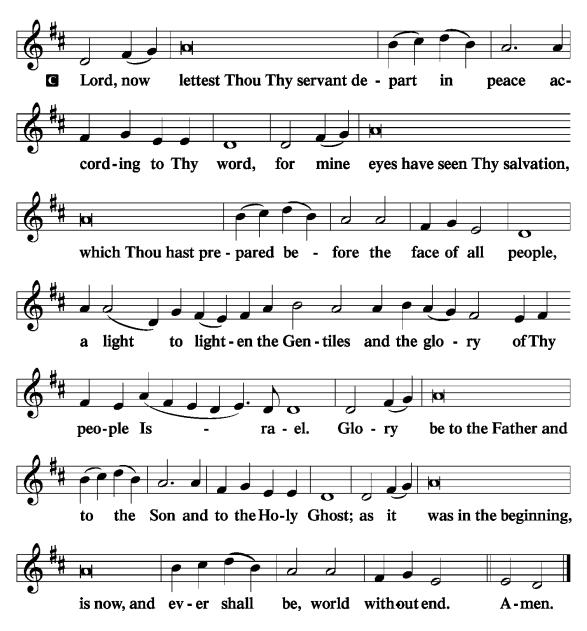
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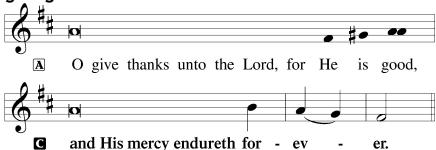
Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32; LSB 199



## **Thanksgiving**

Psalm 107:1; LSB 200



### **Post-Communion Collect**

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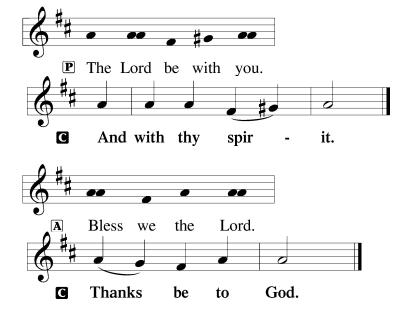
**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

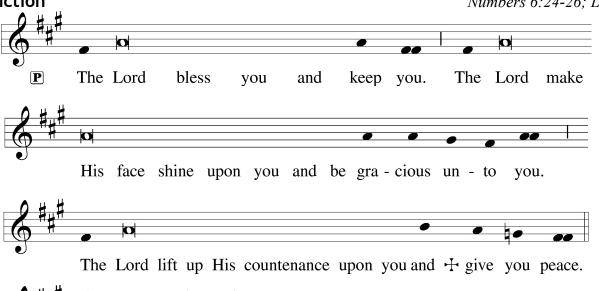
C Amen.

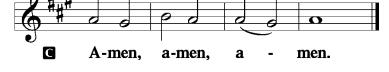
#### Salutation and Benedicamus

2 Timothy 4:22; Psalm 103:1; LSB 201









### **Recessional Hymn**

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" LSB 924



#### **Announcements**

#### **Dismissal**

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

#### **Postlude**

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

### Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Regular classes have been canceled until further notice. There is an online Adult Bible study over 1 John Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Please watch your email for how to participate using Zoom.

#### **LWML Mites**

LWML Grant #14 for the 2019-2021 biennium is Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln for \$50,000. This grant will help with the renovation of the University Lutheran Chapel, where anyone can go to be loved, to be healed with the help of Christian counselors, and to receive hope through Word and Sacrament. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-14. Your mites count! Mite offerings will be collected on the second Sunday of each month or may be turned into the office. Each member of LOL is encouraged to collect their mites as the widow in the Bible, and prayerfully support the mission service projects of the LWML. LOL contributed \$566.98 to LWML Mites in 2019.

#### Thank You

Gary and Shannon Nuschler express their sincere appreciation for all prayers, notes, and cards after Gary's recent traumatic brain injury and broken right elbow.

# Congratulations

Dick & Vera Hemingway would like you to share in their joy as they celebrated Vera's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday this past Friday (9/4) and will be celebrating their 73<sup>rd</sup> anniversary this coming Saturday (9/12). Congratulations to them both of them!

# Annual Men's Retreat is Coming Soon

Annual Lord of Life Men's Retreat will be Friday 9/25 - Saturday 9/26. All men of the congregation and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend this fun getaway at All Saint's Retreat Center on Lake Texhoma. We will spend some time in devotion on Friday evening and Saturday morning and the rest of the time will be relaxing and just hanging out with the guys. Trails for hiking are available and the lake is accessible for fishing. Cost is \$75 and includes a grilled steak dinner Friday night, as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Due to Covid-19, the sleeping arrangements will be spread out in order to observe social distancing. Contact Ben Scarth (Benjaminscarth@yahoo.com) if you are interested in attending.

### Portals of Prayer/Lutheran Witness

If you would like to make a donation to cover your cost of the <u>Portals of Prayer</u> and the <u>Lutheran Witness</u>, please place a check for \$20 in the offering plate with the notation "Lutheran Witness".

### Life Thoughts in the Church Year

This world needs watchmen (Ezekiel 33:7). Our brothers and sisters need keepers (Matthew 18:15). Almighty God has set us here for such a time as this. He doesn't promise we'll find speaking truth in love easy. But He does assure us it changes hearts and saves lives. We don't warn against abortion and assisted suicide to show our own superiority. We tell of these sins to show every human life their dear Savior and to share with them in His kingdom forever.

#### This week on KFUO.org

Continue studying the book of Proverbs on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Psalm 113 and continue in the book of 1 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in daily chapel services at 10:00 a.m. CT from the LCMS International Center. Find programming on demand at kfuo.org or your favorite podcasting app.



#### Salvation Outline

The following seven points summarize the basic information about the human condition and God's saving grace. You may want to memorize these points so that you may share them with someone who does not yet believe in Jesus as his or her Savior.

- 1. God loves you! "For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).
- 2. You are a sinner. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).
- 3. God punishes sin. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23).
- 4. Jesus took our punishment. "But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).
- 5. Jesus rose from the dead. "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3–4).
- 6. Jesus offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to those who believe in Him. "Then he brought them out and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' And they said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:30–31).
- 7. Salvation is free—a gift from God. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (**Eph. 2:8–9**).

# Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: Rev. Joel Shaltanis
Organist: Victoria Frinsko

Altar Guild: Nevelle Vess, Lynda Abbott, Charis Bennett, and Laurie George

Elder: Dave Peters

### This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Sept. 6

8:00 am Worship Service 9:30 am Worship Service 11:00 am Worship Service

12:30 pm Masked Worship Service

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 pm Elders

Wednesday, September 9

7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

# Next Sunday's Readings September 13, 2020

Old Testament: Genesis 50:15-21

Epistle: Romans 14:1–12 Gospel: Matthew 18:21–35



The flower arrangements on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Dave & Dee Peters in celebration of their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary; and by Chris & Deb Dorak in celebration of their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



About the Cover: During New Testament times, children were viewed as a burden, unable to provide an economic benefit to society. To our Lord, these little ones are precious beyond value. Their Father in heaven looks down upon them with great care and protection, and He calls His people to do the same. Indeed, Jesus has died and risen for these little ones, who are dependent upon Him for life and salvation.