

**I choose
to give to
this last
worker
as I give
to you**

Matthew 20:14

**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

Dear Heavenly Father, faithful God, I pray, by all means accomplish Your good and gracious will in me, and break and hinder the evil and contrary will of the devil, the world, and my own flesh. And give me, O Father, Your Holy Spirit, that at all times I may resign myself to this Your will, that in all eternity I may praise and glorify You, O Father, for your great faithfulness. Amen.

(C. M. Zorn 1846-1928)

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

An unstaffed nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. 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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

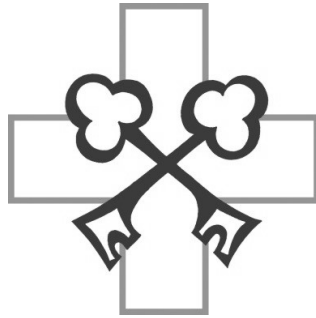
September 20, 2020

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM (12:30 PM masked only)

Divine Service I – *LSB 151*

Prelude

Stand



Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 151

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.

1 John 1:8–9

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.**

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.**

[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+++

Introit

“The Lord is My Light”
LSB 723

Choir:

*Refrain: The Lord is my light and my salvation,
The Lord is the stronghold of my life.
Since the Lord is my life, my strength, and my all,
Whom then shall I fear?*

1 *There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in His house forever,
To gaze on the beauty of the Lord All the days of my life. Refrain*

2 *Do not hide Your face, O Lord; Ev'ry day I will seek Your face.
Though my father and mother may forsake me, The Lord will receive me.*

Congregation joins the refrain:

Refrain

The Lord is my light and my sal-va - tion, The Lord is the
strong-hold of my life. Since the Lord is my life, my
strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear? *To Stanzas*

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3 *Teach me, Lord, and keep me on Your paths; Guide me, Lord, along a level way.
I will gaze on the goodness of the Lord In the land of all the living.*

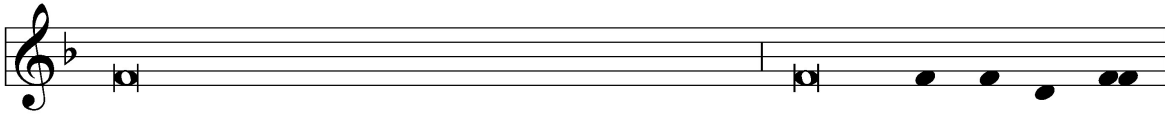
Congregation joins the refrain above.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47; LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

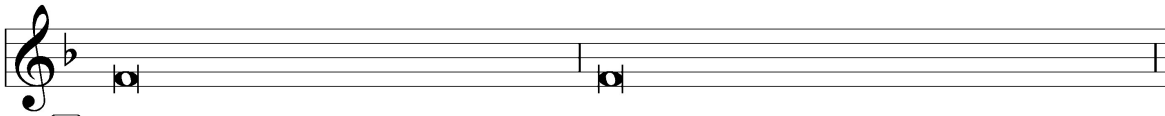
C Lord, have mer - cy.



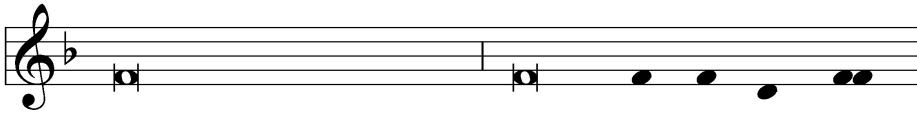
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



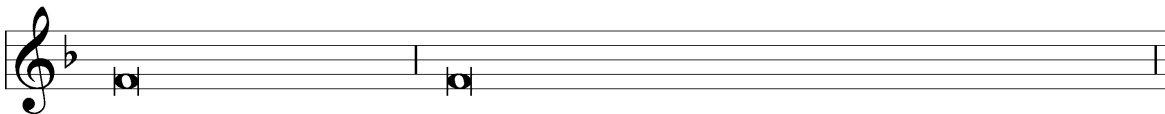
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



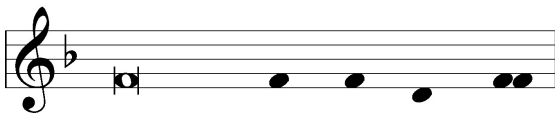
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



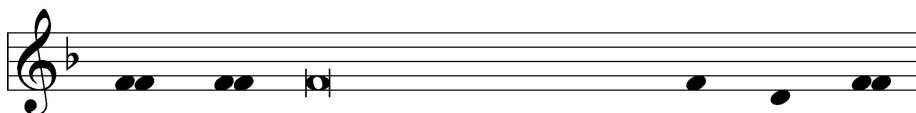
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



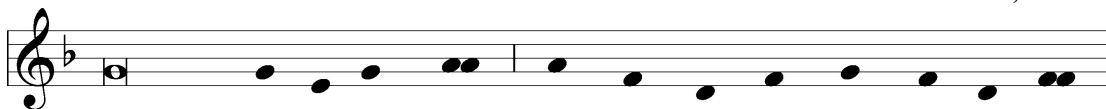
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14, John 1:29; LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, 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 156

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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

Isaiah 55:6–9

- ⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

“Salvation unto Us Has Come”

LSB 555 sts. 1, 5–6, 10



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and
5 Yet as the Law must be ful - filled Or we must die de -
6 Since Christ has full a - tone - ment made And brought to us sal -
△ 10 All bless - ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and



fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They
spair - ing, Christ came and has God's an - ger stilled, Our
va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And
Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All



help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus
hu - man na - ture shar - ing. He has for us the
build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear
glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in



Christ a - lone, Who did for all the
Law o - beyed And thus the Fa - ther's
Lord, I plead, Your death is now my
heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your



world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.
ven - geance stayed Which o - ver us im - pend - ed.
life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.
sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

Sermon

Stand



Nicene Creed

LSB 158

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Each petition concludes with:

P Let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord have mercy.

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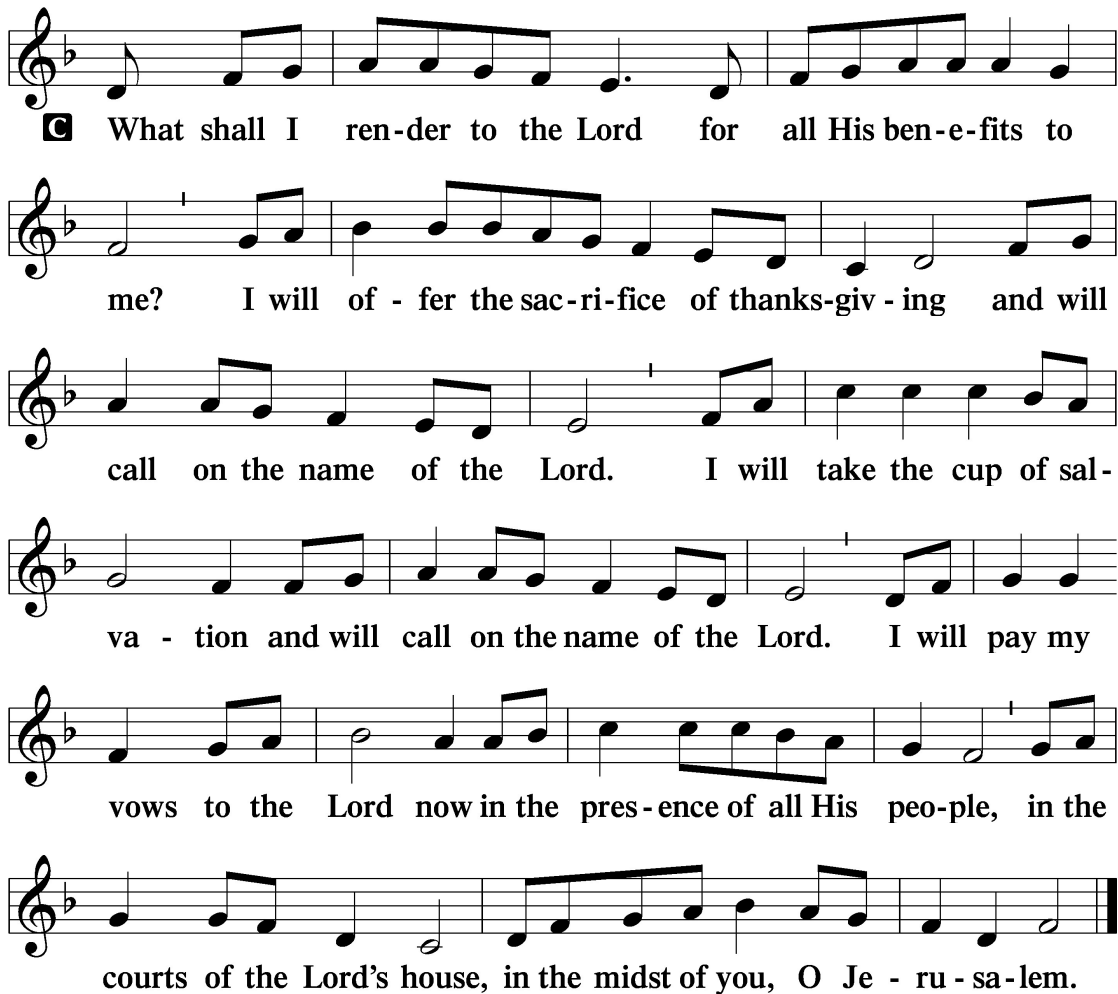
Offering Omitted

(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, a basket has been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link. Please take this time to reflect on your own sacrificial giving, praying these words as we sing the Offertory.)

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19; LSB 159

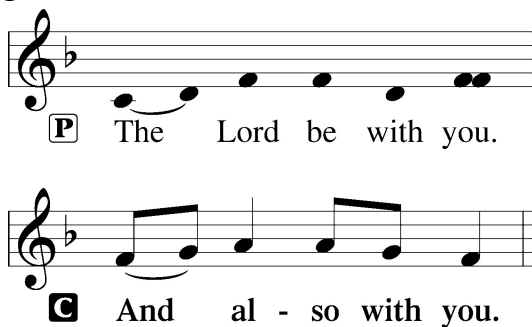


C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in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

+++Service of the Sacrament+++

Preface

LSB 160



P The Lord be with you.
C And al-so with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

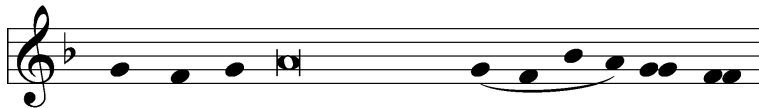


P Lift up your hearts.

[Colosians 3:1]



G We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]



G It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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 161



G Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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

LSB 161

- 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 162*

- 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

1 Corinthians 11:26

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Revelation 22:20

- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- 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.

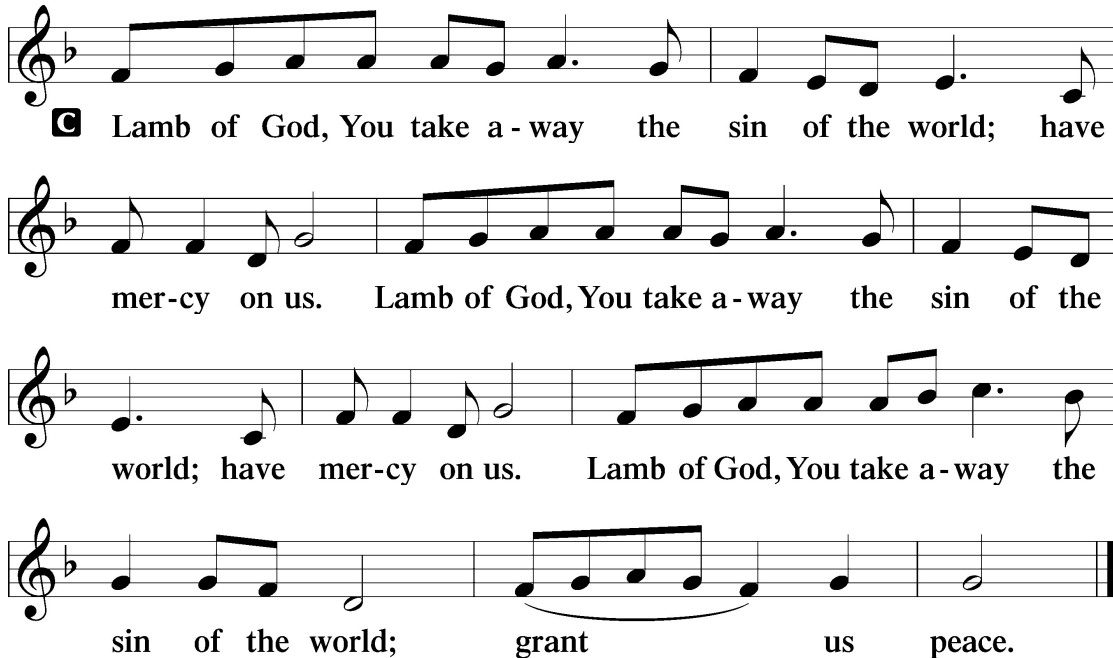
Pax Domini

John 20:19; LSB 163

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.

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

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

“Thank the Lord,”
LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek 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 166

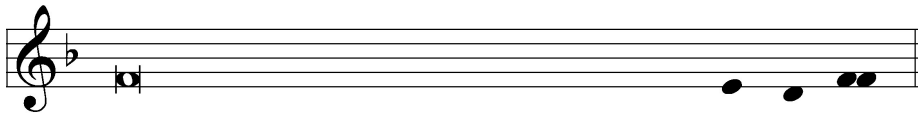
P Let us pray.

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.

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 ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

Recessional Hymn

“The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place”

LSB 838 sts. 1, 3–4



1 The saints in Christ are one in ev - 'ry place
3 To live is Christ, for us, to die is gain;
4 Lord Je - sus Christ! Heav'n's praise let earth re - peat;



To serve the Gos - pel of His cost - ly grace;
Where then shall be our hun - ger, dan - ger, pain?
The work that You be - gan, You will com - plete.



From those first days to this, our hope the same:
Our joy to preach good news to rich and poor,
By grace let ev - 'ry foe be - come Your friend;



The love of Christ, one Lord, one sav - ing name.
Then be with Christ, to live for - ev - er - more.
Your day, O Christ, shall dawn and nev - er end.

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Sit

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.

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.



Community Rewards

If you shop Kroger regularly, link your Kroger Plus Card to Lord of Life (**BW594**) in their Community Rewards program, then your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. This selection **must be renewed every August** (www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards) or it is dropped from your Kroger Plus Card – check your receipts if you're not sure where your rewards are going. We received **\$47.57** from Kroger purchases between **May, 2020 and August 26, 2020** from **19** households! Thank you!

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

The Apostle St. Paul must have felt like a burden and better off dead (Philippians 1:21). Persecution caused him almost constant pain. Imprisoned in Rome, perhaps awaiting execution, he only ate, bathed, and was clothed at someone else's pleasure. Yet though he couldn't work, God made him a witness who blessed untold multitudes throughout history (Philippians 1:24). And what great worth and purpose likewise shines in our lives even when confined to hospital beds or completely incapacitated!

This week on KFUE.org

Study a curious theological question with Pastor Tyrel Bramwell on Cross Defense (9/21 at 2:00 p.m. CT), study the practical application of our Lutheran confessions on Concord Matters with Pastor Sean Smith (9/22 at 2:00 p.m. CT), and worship with us in daily chapel services at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: Rev. Joel Shaltanis
Organist: Victoria Frinsko
Altar Guild: Nevelle Vess, Lynda Abbott, Charis Bennett, and Laurie George
Elder: Tom Read

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Sept. 20

8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Worship Service
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Masked Worship Service

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Next Sunday's Readings September 27, 2020

Old Testament: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27



The flower arrangements on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by the elders.



Pentecost

About the Cover: The employer in the parable gave his workers exactly what had been promised. Jesus calls us to see that God's promises are not based upon the work that we do. Rather, God's promises are based upon the call itself. God does not prorate His grace toward us, and we should not be concerned with how He shows generosity to others. His promises to us are eternal in Christ Jesus.