

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

O God, teach me to see you, and reveal yourself to me when I seek you. For I cannot see you unless you first seek me, nor find you unless you first reveal yourself to me. Let me seek you in longing; and long for you in seeking. Let me find you in love and love you in finding. Amen. (St. Ambrose of Milan, c.339-397)

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2020

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM (12:30 PM masked only) Divine Service IV – *LSB 203*

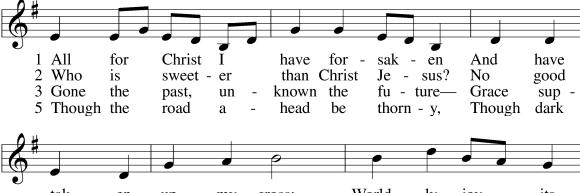
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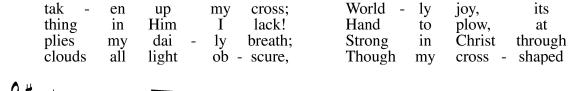
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Entrance Hymn

"All for Christ I Have Forsaken"

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Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

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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,
- who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 130:3-4

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

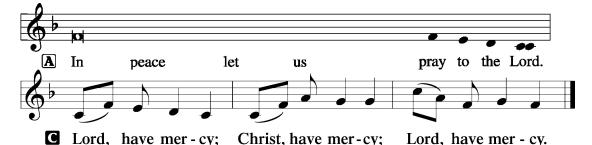
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that 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.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

- 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



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.
- 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.

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



- 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-shiped 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.

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

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your 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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah. judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

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

Epistle Philippians 3:4b–14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

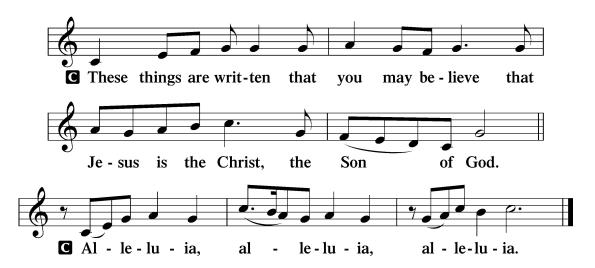
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Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel Matthew 21:33–46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴²Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed LSB 206

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.



Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Each petition concludes with:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Sit

(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.)

+++Service of the Sacrament+++

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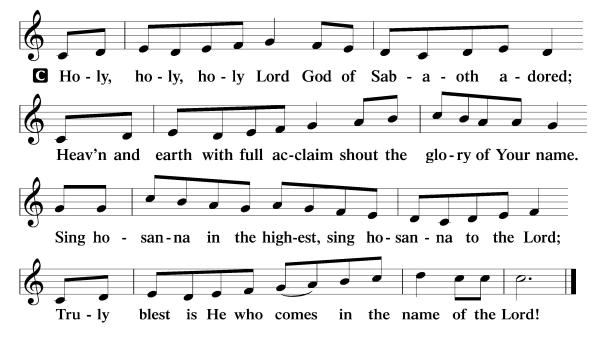
Preface

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2 Timothy 4:22, [Colossians 3:1], [Psalm 136]

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



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

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

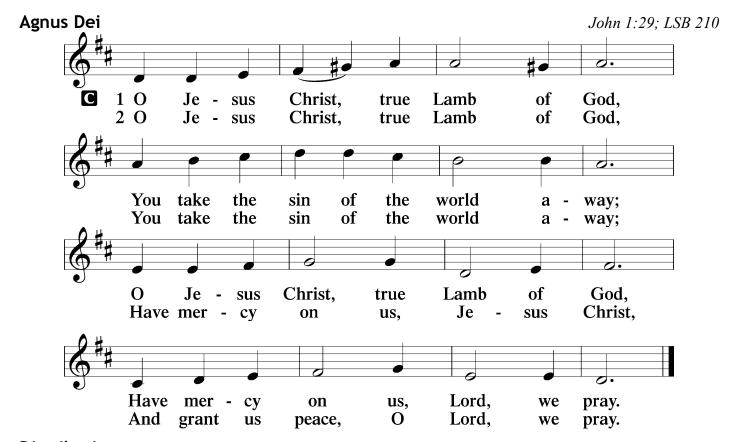
- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when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

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 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.

Benedicamus [Psalm 103:1]

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

Benediction Numbers 6:24–26

The Lord bless you and keep you.

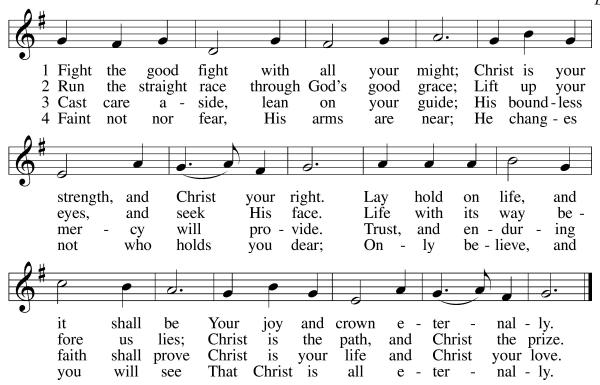
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Fight the Good Fight"

LSB 664



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.

LWML Mites

LWML Grant #15 for the 2019-2021 biennium is *Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers*. The Lutheran church continues to grow in Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. The churches are led by lay leaders and ordained pastors desiring more training. There are approximately 250 people taking part in various areas of study through LCMS Continuing Education courses. The grant will help to provide funds to cover transportation, lodging, and food costs. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-15. 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 has contributed nearly \$1500 to LWML Mites in 2020.

Dal-North Zone Fall Event 2020

Come and See – All women of the LCMS and friends are invited to the LWML Dal-North Zone Fall Event on Saturday, October 10, 2020, 2PM – 4PM at Faith Lutheran Church, Plano. No RSVP is needed. Mask are required and social distancing will be observed. Rev. James Woelmer, devotion and Bible study leader, Mites in Action speaker Rev. Solomon Yadessa of the North Texas Multi-Ethnic Ministry and Jessica Loc, LWML Zone YWR, will be our guest speakers. Questions contact mjz.lwmltx@gmail.com or 214-226-0225.

For those who are unable to attend, the event will be live streamed at: www.youtube.com/c/FaithLutheranChurch.

Save the Date & Register: Champions for Religious Liberty Event

On Saturday, November 7, 9:15AM – 2:15PM, Our Redeemer will host a *Champions for Religious Liberty* Event. Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, the Executive Director of the *Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty* (LCRL), will provide instruction and inspiration in how we, as Christians, can exercise our temporal liberties in service to God's eternal liberty, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is no charge for the event and a complimentary box lunch will be provided for all who attend. There will be a free will offering with all proceeds going to LCRL. MUST REGISTER TO ATTEND: Space is limited and our planning requires that all attendees register ahead of time (no walk-ins). Nonmember friends are welcome but they must also be registered. Appropriate COVID procedures, including physical distancing and the wearing of masks, will be followed. Registration link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094dabac29a5fc1-champions1

If you have any questions, contact Ray Maturi (rrmaturi@prodigy.net or 214-802-5324) or Sarah Schwarze (sarahs@orles.com or 214-368-1371).

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

Jesus' parable about vineyard tenants (Matthew 21:38-41) warns against abortion and assisted suicide. These acts always kill a son or daughter, without ever delivering the liberty they advertise. They ink us into contracts payable only with guilt and grief. But entrusting ourselves to Christ, who creates bodies and sustains souls even amid costs and losses (Philippians 3:7-8) like surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis, this gives life not only to "me" but to "us" (Psalm 80:18).

This week on KFUO.org

Near the end of 1 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), continue studying Proverbs on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and consider a curious theological question or two with Pastor Bramwell on Cross Defense (10/5 at 2:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!



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).

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits

Lord of Life women will be assembling kits to ship out on:

November 14th

(The April shipment was postponed to this new date.)

These kits give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Please sign up to contribute the items still needed for the kits and leave them in the LWR collection box in the narthex by

November 1st.

The kits include:

- (1) light or medium weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 27" x 52") dark color recommended
- (2) bath-size bars of soap (4 to 5 oz) in original wrapping
- (1) adult size toothbrush
- (1) sturdy comb
- (1) pair of metal nail clippers

Cash donations are also needed to cover shipping costs. (Make checks payable to LOL, note for LWR shipping)





Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: Rev. Joel Shaltanis
Organist: Victoria Frinsko

Altar Guild: Nelda Schrank, Bev Moudy, Caitlyn Moudy, Nancy Cawood, Laurie George Elders:

Dave Peters (Morning Services)

Mike Kunschke (12:30 PM)

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Oct. 4

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

12:30 pm Masked Worship Service

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Next Sunday's Readings October 11, 2020

Old Testament: Isaiah 25:6–9 Epistle: Philippians 4:4–13 Gospel: Matthew 22:1–14



The flower arrangements on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Charles and Suzanne Gabriel in memory of David Samuel Gabriel; and by Mark and Kathy Plagens in celebration of their 43rd anniversary on 10/1.



About the Cover: It was only reasonable that the master should receive the fruits from his vineyard. But the workers wanted to seize the ownership from their master. God gives His vineyard to others who bear the fruit of repentance. He seeks those who are far away. God sent His own Son, who, even though this world rejected Him, brings life and fruit to those who are in Him.