



GriefShare Grief Support Group
The next session of our GriefShare group will start on Tuesday, September 15, at 1:00pm. There are thirteen sessions, and all are on Tuesdays, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Please register for the group at GriefShare.org.

Daniel and the Fiery Furnace

Save the date!

Saturday, Sept 19th

Online study starts August 24th

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Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community

God's work, our hands!

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor

Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026

10:15 a.m.



In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

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GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude

*All items in **bold** are congregational responses*

Please stand.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin to God.

C Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me,
All you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."
In the name of God,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Rest in God's love.

C **Amen.**

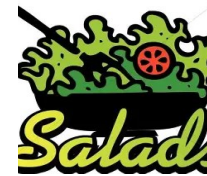
WELCA

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

We will be collecting school supplies during August. A display and shopping lists are located in the Narthex.



Pot Luck Salad Invitation



An invitation to a Pot Luck Salad Lunch at Copeland Oaks in Sebring, from **Vangie McDorman**, on August 19th, at 12Noon. Bring a salad to share. A Sign-Up sheet is in the Narthex. Please indicate if you wish to car pool from Church.



Second Quarter Financial Statements

Second Quarter Statements are located in the Narthex. Thank you for picking them up so they do not have to be mailed, saving the Church postage.



BLESSING of BACKPACKS and SCHOOL WORKERS

Blessing
of the
Backpacks
and the
School Year!



It is hard to believe that the start of school is just around the corner! So youth of all ages are invited to start the school year with the Blessing of Backpacks **during worship on Sunday August 23rd**. Bring your backpack (but not your lunch!) packed as it will be for school. We will also ask for a blessing upon parents and those who work in the school system (administrators, teachers, aides, bus drivers, janitors, etc). Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!



Lord of Life Book Club

“Between the Lines” Update

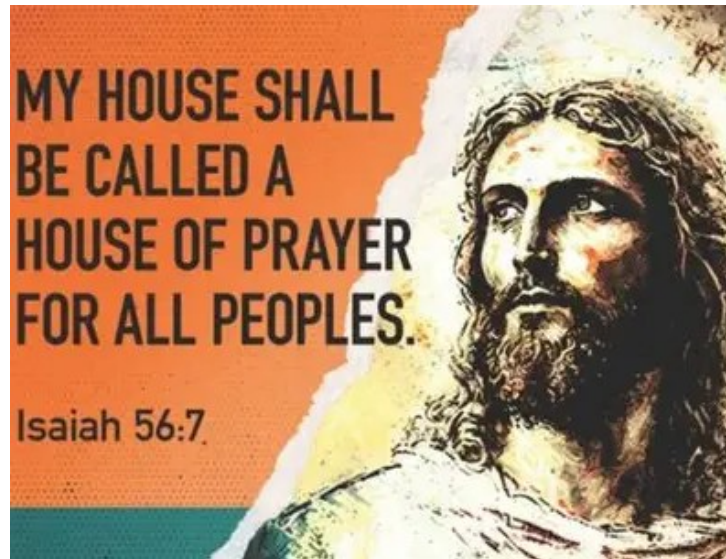
*Please plan to join us. A time for fellowship
and good discussions on assigned books,*

A CHANGE in SCHEDULING

Henceforth, instead of Saturdays, we have changed gatherings to the **Third Monday of each month at 10:00am**. We are off for the summer-starting back in September. If you want to do some summer reading and get ahead on the list, we will start back September 21, 2026.

FORTHCOMING READINGS

September 21-	“The Dead Man Next Door” by Lucy Score
October 19-	“You Killed Me First” by John Marrs
November 23-	“West with Giraffes” by Lynda Rutledge
December 21-	“The Red Bird Christmas” by Fannie Flagg



Gathering Hymn

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW 886

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P God of all peoples, your arms reach out and embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of you Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Please be seated

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God’s imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹ Thus says the LORD:
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

L Word of God, word of life,
C Thanks be to God.

We welcome and give a huge thank you to Colin Evans for supplying as our guest musician this morning. We are grateful for your willingness to be here with us and lead us in singing God’s praises in song. Colin has played here a number of times here at Lord of Life and it is always a joy to hear him play. Colin will be a senior this year at Heartland Christian School in Columbiana. Please extend a warm welcome to him this morning.

Daily Scripture Readings for August 17 through August 22

Mon 08/17	Tues 08/18	Wed 08/19	Thurs 08/20	Fri 08/21	Sat 08/22
Psalm 87	Psalm 87	Psalm 87	Psalm 138	Psalm 138	Psalm 138
2 Kings 5: 1-14	Isaiah 43: 8-13	Isaiah 66: 18-23	Ezekiel 28: 11-19	Ezekiel 31: 15-18	Ezekiel 36: 33-38
Acts 15: 1-21	Romans 11: 13-29	Matthew 8: 1-13	1 Corinthians 6: 1-11	2 Corinthians 10: 12-18	Matthew 16: 5-12

Serving in Worship in August

	08/02	08/09	08/16	08/23	08/30
Greeter/ Usher	Jeff Dombroski	Phyllis Ruse	Gabe West	Zack West	Bob Soles
Lector	Chris Eash	Judy McCartney	Pastor Mark-Williams	Norma Thomas	Diana Williams
Counters	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff	Tom Drotleff
Altar Guild	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Diana Williams	Norma Thomas	Norma Thomas
Crucifer					
Acolyte					

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Prayer after Communion

P Let us pray,
Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING

Sending Song My Faith Looks Up to Thee ELW 759

Blessing

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C Amen.

Dismissal

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Psalm 67

The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse,

- ¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God’s face shine upon us.
- ² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**
- ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**
- ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”
²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

P The gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

This invitation is extended to all who receive Communion in any Christian denomination. All are welcome!

Please be seated

Lamb of God (spoken)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Communion

Follow the usher’s direction to come forward to receive the bread from the Pastor and take a glass of wine from the tray. Dispose of the cup in the basket provided on the railing and return to your seat by the side aisle.

Communion Distribution The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in
his grace.
C **Amen.**

Holy, Holy, (Spoken)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent us to Jesus, you Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks: broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for your. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

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.**

Children’s Message

Sermon

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service **ELW 712**

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

P With bold trust in God’s unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer**

P For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats (*especially*).
Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

- P For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- P For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind (*especially*) especially those we name out loud or in our hearts:

Sean Bandelier, Laurel Froelich, Dr. Ronald Gould, Chris Hunnicutt, Sean Kelly, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, Tami Kuhlmann, George Lange, Diane Malloy, Vangie McDorman, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, Pam Parker, Frank Scott, Staci Thomas, Bob Titus David Titus, Pearl Torrence and Patty Weiss.

(The names on the prayer list are updated every 30 days. If you wish to continue to have someone on the list, please contact the office.)

- C Merciful God,
receive our prayer.
- P For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- P For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God,
- C **receive our prayer.**
- P Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C **Amen**

Peace

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C **And also with you.**

The offering plate is located on the table as you enter/exit the worship space.

MEAL

Offering Response Take My Life, That I May Be (Vs. 1 and 4) ELW 685

Please stand.

Offering Prayer

- P Let us pray,
Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Dialogue

- .P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

- P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn: