



CHOIR RESUMES!

Choir will resume on Wednesday, September 9th at 5:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining the choir should talk to our **Director of Music, Tim Elder**, for more information. No audition is required, only a desire to sing praises to our God. Hope to see you there!

Rally Day

We will celebrate our new program year on Sunday, September 13 on Rally Day. *Come and join us!*



MORNING and EVENING PRAYERS RESUMING!



Evening Prayer will begin again on **Wednesday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m.** This simple service of prayer, readings and song will be broadcast live on our Facebook page each week.

Morning Prayer will begin again on **Friday, September 18th at 10:00 a.m.** Once again, this service will be broadcast live on our Facebook page.

We hope you can join us each week for these mid-week prayer events. You are also more than welcome to join us in person for these prayer opportunities as well.

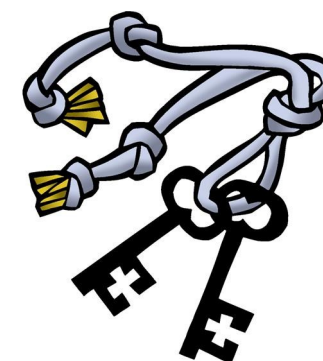
Lord of Life Lutheran Church

A Serving Community
God's work, our hands!

Rev. Rebecca Zielke, Pastor
Tim L. Elder, CAGO, Director of Music

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 23, 2026
10:15 a.m.



In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

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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.

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.

Best Spaghetti in Canfield!

MONTHLY DRIVE-THRU SPAGHETTI DINNER



Thursday, August 27th

3:00pm until 6:00pm, or until sold out!
Only \$8.00 for a very generous amount of spaghetti and meat sauce, two slices freshly baked Italian bread with butter, tossed salad, and a brownie!

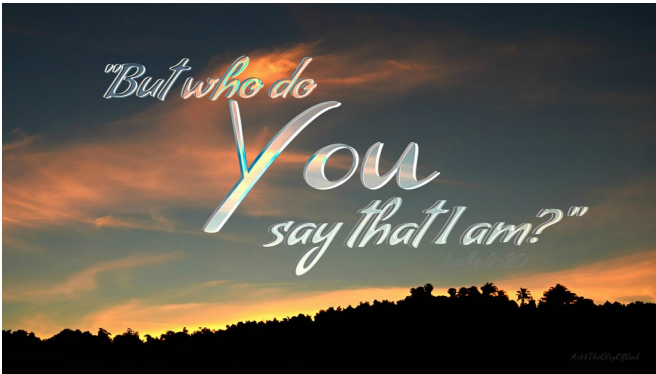
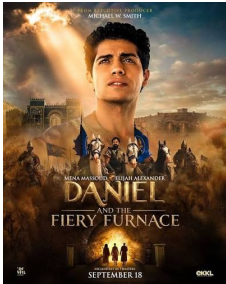
Daniel and the Fiery Furnace

Save the date!

Saturday, Sept 19th

Online study starts August 24th

Rating: NR (Anticipate pg13)



WELCA



Lutheran World Relief School Kits

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



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.



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.

CHILI COOK-OFF

Do you have a favorite Chili recipe? Hot? Mild? Smoking Hot? Secret Ingredients? Have you always wanted to enter it in a chili cook-off? Here's your chance—enter it in the Lord of Life Chili Cook-Off coming in September.



Details will follow soon.

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

Refrain

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

1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther,
we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain

for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -
est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

2 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.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



Prayer of the Day

- P O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C Amen

Please be seated

Blessing
of the
Backpacks
and the
School Year!



BLESSING of BACKPACKS and SCHOOL WORKERS

Today we will have the Blessing of Backpacks and those who work in the schools, during the Children's Message. Let's begin the school year with a reminder that God is with 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

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| 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 |

First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God’s deliverance will come soon and will never end.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.
² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.
³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.
for he has glorified you.

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

Daily Scripture Readings for August 24 through August 29					
Mon 08/24	Tues 08/25	Wed 08/26	Thurs 08/27	Fri 08/28	Sat 08/29
Psalm 18: 1-3, 20-23	Psalm 18: 1-3, 20-32	Psalm 18: 1-3, 20-32	Psalm 26: 1-8	Psalm 26: 1-8	Psalm 26: 1-8
1 Samuel 7: 3-13	Deuteronomy 32: 18-20, 28-39	Isaiah 28: 14-22	Jeremiah 14: 13-18	Jeremiah 15; 1-9	Jeremiah 15: 10-14
Romans 2: 1-11	Romans 11: 33-36	Matthew 26: 6-13	Ephesians 5: 1-6	2 Thessalonians 2: 7-12	Matthew 8: 14-17

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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Scan for August Calendar



Psalm 138



O LORD, your stead - fast love en - dures for - ev - er.

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¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with [|] my whole heart;
before the gods I will [|] sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of
your steadfast [|] love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- [|] bove all things.**

³ When I called, you [|] answered me;
you increased my [|] strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise [|] you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words [|] of your mouth. R**

⁵ They will sing of the ways [|] of the LORD,
that great is the glory [|] of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares [|] for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty [|] from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you [|] keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right [|] hand shall
save me.

⁸ **You will make good your pur- [|] pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works [|] of
your hands. R**

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 **We All Are One in Mission** **ELW 576**

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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Lamb of God

Musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God" in G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a single staff with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God."

Please be seated

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

Rock of Ages

ELW623

Communion Blessing

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

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

In response to God’s merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by the time in which we live but are transformed by the Spirit’s renewing work. God’s grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God’s mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness

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

Gospel Acclamation

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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

At a climactic point in Jesus’ ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

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 honor and glory 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.**

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!

Preface

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

Holy, Holy,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Sermon

Please stand.

Hymn of the Day **Built on a Rock** **ELW 652**

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.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen
and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly
proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer**

P You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and
wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation (*local
areas of ecological concern may be named*). Teach us to be wise stewards of
all you have made. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

P You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster (*especially*). Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day especially those we name out loud or in our hearts-

Laurel Froelich, Dr. Ronald Gould, Chris Hunnicutt, Michael Jacques, Sean Kelly, Devon Kirtley, Todd Kirtley, Tami Kuhlmann, George Lange, Diane Malloy, Vangie McDorman, Craig Miller, Marge Pancher, 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.)

Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. 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 **Now the Feast and Celebration** **ELW 167**

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.**