



*Loved by God,
Sent to Serve.*

**4th Sunday after Pentecost
June 15-16, 2024**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting 8

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude: *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

arr. Zach D. Unke

Confession and Forgiveness

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Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

Amen.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Kyrie: sung in total by the congregation

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Refrain

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**
- 2 That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**
- 3 For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**
- 4 For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

Canticle of Praise

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Refrain

Glory to God in the highest, the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1 Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. **Refrain**
- 2 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. **Refrain**
- 3 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. Amen. Amen. **Refrain (x2)**

Prayer of the Day

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Let us pray.

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

The holy gospel according to Mark.
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Glory to you, O Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Pastor Karla Wildberger

Hymn of the Day: *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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Affirmation of Faith

Let us profess our faith together:

I believe that the God I see in scripture is a God of love. I believe that God created me and delights in that creation. I believe the psalmist who says, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." I believe that, just as God called Jesus "beloved," God extends this same term of endearment to us.

I believe that no matter our earthly challenges, nothing could strip me of that sacred title. I could fail every test, miss every goal, drop every ball, and I would still be God's beloved.

Therefore, I cling to this promise like a rock in the storm. I anchor myself with this good news, allowing the anxiety of the day to roll over me as best I can, because I know where I belong.

I am a child of God. I am beloved. I strive to live this way. Amen.

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Prayers of Intercession

...Merciful God, receive our prayer.

...and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering: *As the Grains of Wheat*

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Offering Prayer

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Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Thanksgiving at the Table

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...both now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn: *God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

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- 1 God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation,
we are formless; shape us now.
- 2 God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
you are fount of all deliv'rance,
we are sightless; lead us now.
- 3 God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at ev'ry table,
we are hungry; feed us now.
- 4 God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table-turning prophet,
God the resurrected truth:
you are present ev'ry moment,
we are searching; meet us now.

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Prayer after Communion

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Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

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The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✝ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

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Dismissal

To whom shall we go?

Go in peace. Share the good news!

Christ has the words of eternal life.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

arr. Anthony Giamanco

Announcements

Altar Flowers today are provided by Sam & Sue Deaver in honor of all Fathers.

This Week at Lord of Life

Saturday, June 15	4:00 PM	Worship in-person or online
Sunday, June 16	10:30 AM	Worship in-person
Friday, June 21	6:00 PM	Party for a Purpose

Mark Your Calendars

Almost Home Fundraiser "Party for a Purpose" is Friday, June 21, 5-8 p.m. at the Dubuque County Fairgrounds. Almost Home is the Homeless Men with Children Shelter located at St John's Lutheran Church in downtown Dubuque. We will have a silent auction, "Kids Zone," cash bar, and food concessions. Live music is provided by Dr. Band (Dave Minnihan.) Come join us in supporting this unique shelter in Dubuque.

Apples for Students!

Once again Lord of Life is supporting the Apples for Students campaign sponsored by St Mark's Youth Enrichment Center. By collecting donations for St Marks, they are able to buy school supplies for children in the Dubuque area school districts who need assistance. To donate cash or check, look for the Apples for Students display in the Narthex. Also if you wish to help pack the school bags, look for the sign-up sheet available later in the Narthex.

Prayer List

Betty Westemeier	Karla Wildberger
Daryl & Rose Wickre	Anthony Windau
Todd & Tracy Wiedenman and family	David & Kay Zepeski
Robert & Erika Ziegelmaier and family	

This Week's Worship Servants

Readers: 4:00 Sue Deaver	10:30 Barry Pickart
Ushers: 4:00 Tim Shade	10:30 Jerry Merrick
Tech/PPT: 4:00 Jon/Rita	10:30 Kim Barnes

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