

**June 25, 2023**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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.**



**Hymn**  
**Greeting**

*As We Gather at Your Table*

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**Prayer of the Day**

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

**Children's Message**

**Scripture Reading: Romans 6:12-23**

The first scripture reading is from Romans, chapter 6.

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

<sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that

you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Psalms: 89:1-4, 15-18**

- <sup>1</sup>Your love, O LORD, forever | will I sing;  
from age to age my mouth will pro- | claim your faithfulness.
- <sup>2</sup>**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is estab- | lished forever;**  
**you have set your faithfulness firmly | in the heavens.**
- <sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with my | chosen one;  
I have sworn an oath to Da- | vid my servant:
- <sup>4</sup>**I will establish your | line forever,**  
**and preserve your throne for all | generations.' " R**
- <sup>15</sup>Happy are the people who know the | festal shout!  
They walk, O LORD, in the light | of your presence.
- <sup>16</sup>**They rejoice daily | in your name;**  
**they are jubilant | in your righteousness.**
- <sup>17</sup>For you are the glory | of their strength,  
and by your favor our might | is exalted.
- <sup>18</sup>**Truly, our shield belongs | to the LORD;**  
**our king to the Holy | One of Israel. R**

### **Musical Offering**

**Suzanne Bowen**

### **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

### **Message**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*All Are Welcome*

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### **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 power of 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 the life everlasting. Amen**

**The Prayers  
Sharing of the Peace**

**Communion Hymn**                      *Here is Bread*                      #483

**Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

**Holy Communion**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread;**

**forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil;**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**Communion Blessing**

**Sending Hymn**                      *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*    vss. 1-2, 4                      #551

**Benediction**

**Announcements**

**Sending**

Liturgical Items

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