

**Welcome to Lord of Life  
Lutheran Church  
August 16, 2026  
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**



*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.*

**Welcome:** Lord of Life Lutheran Church's long-standing credo is "We share God's Love".

LoL provides a welcoming and safe place for worship, comfort, solace, and reflection. We are called by Jesus to love God and one another: to practice radical hospitality, and to serve all without reservation, stipulations or regard to your race, ethnic background, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical and mental abilities, socioeconomic position, family status, or where you are in your faith journey. You are a unique and beloved child of God. We welcome you to join us in worship and communion and be part of our commitment to anti-racism, social and economic justice and environmental care.

**Worship:** *Communion:* All are welcome to share in Holy Communion. Individual packets available near the entrance to the worship center.

*Passing of the Peace:* It is ok to greet those sitting near you. Please remember people have different levels of personal space which may vary from day to day and situation to situation. You can be respectful by asking, "May I hug you?" or "Would you like a handshake."

*Physical Distancing:* It is still important to be aware of distancing. Pews along the sides of the church near the stained-glass windows are for people who want space; please space yourselves accordingly.

**Children Welcome:** Kids of all ages are welcome in service, and we celebrate their joyful wiggles and giggles! There are kid's bags in the back of the sanctuary.

*Information, service & liturgy instructions are shown in italic or **bold italic** type on the following pages.*

*Portions of the liturgy spoken by the leaders are shown in plain type.*

*Portions of the liturgy spoken by the assembly are shown in **bold type**.*

## ***PRELUDE***

### ***Gathering***

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#### **Land Acknowledgement**

We, the congregation of Lord of Life Lutheran Church acknowledge and honor the Peoria, Bodwéwadmí (Potawatomi), Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówin, Kaskaskia, and Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo) peoples, upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship this morning, as well as all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place - this land - and call it their home.

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

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

**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.**

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.  
**Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN*    **Precious Lord, Take My Hand**    *ELW 773*

- 1    Precious Lord, take my hand,  
      Lead me on, let me stand,  
      I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
      Through the storm, through the night,  
      Lead me on to the light:

*Refrain*

      Take my hand, precious Lord,  
      Lead me home.

- 2    When my way grows drear,  
      Precious Lord, linger near,  
      When my life is almost gone,  
      Hear my cry, hear my call,  
      Hold my hand lest I fall:

*Refrain*

      Take my hand, precious Lord,  
      Lead me home.

- 3    When the darkness appears  
      And the night draws near,  
      And the day is past and gone,  
      At the river I stand,  
      Guide my feet, hold my hand:

*Refrain*

Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

***GREETING***

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.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY***

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your 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.  
**Amen.**

*All are seated*

***Word***

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**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.*

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> 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—  
<sup>7</sup> 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.  
<sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 67**

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

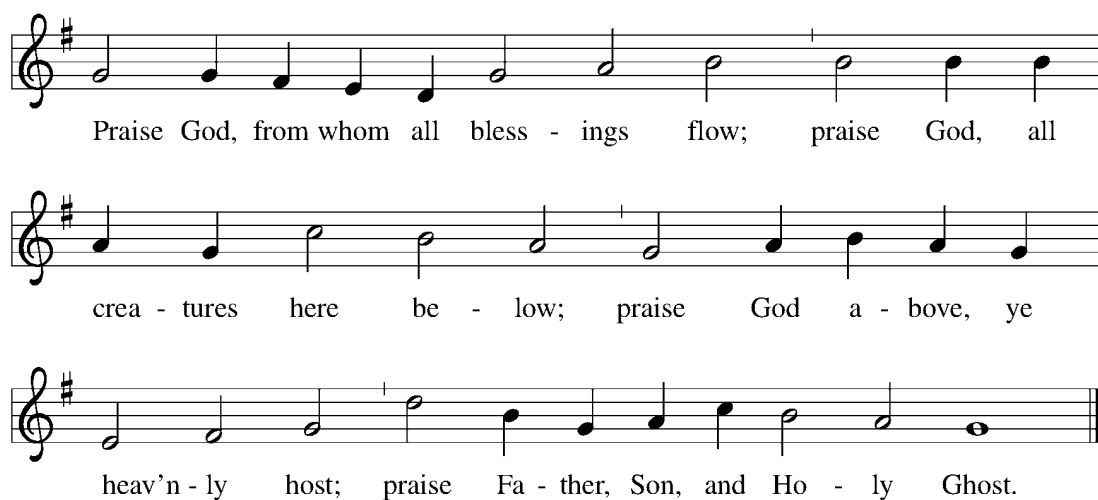
[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup> I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

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

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**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands as they are comfortable*



*Alleluia.* Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom **and cured every sickness among the people.** *Alleluia.* (Matt. 4:23)

### ***THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:10-28***

The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup> [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup> it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup> He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup> But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup> Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup> Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”

<sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> 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.” <sup>23</sup> 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.” <sup>24</sup> He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup> He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup> She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup> 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All are seated.*

***SERMON***

***Pastor Nicolette Faison***

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***Response to the Word***

*The assembly stands as they are comfortable.*

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

With the whole Church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's 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**

*All are seated.*

## ***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH***

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,  
**receive our prayer.**

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 Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

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,  
**receive our prayer.**

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 for Margie, Nancy, Linda, Lee Ann, Jenna, Art, Vernetta, Roberta, Judy, Linda, Paul, Toni, Kerry, Jim, Caryl, and Gale. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

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,  
**receive our prayer.**

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,  
**receive our prayer.**

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.  
**Amen.**

### ***THE PASSING OF THE PEACE***

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The assembly greets one another in the name of the Lord with phrases like “**Peace be with you.**” If you have your phone available, text a word of peace to someone who is worshiping alones*

### ***OFFERING AND PRAYER***

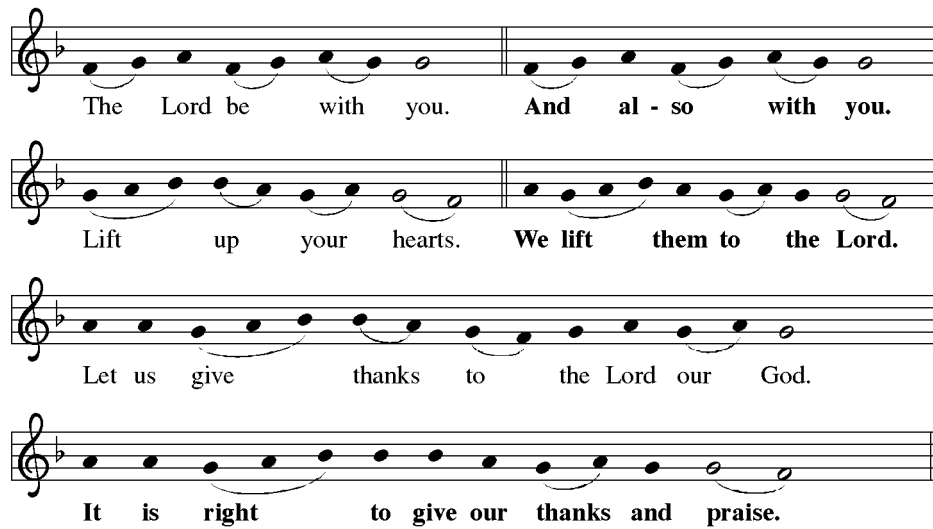
*The offering plate is brought forward as a sign of the good gifts, ourselves included, God has given us.*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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.  
**Amen.**

## *Meal*

*The assembly stands as they are comfortable.*



### ***PREFACE AND EUCHARISTIC PRAYER...***

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## ***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE***

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and  
ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### ***LORD'S PRAYER***

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us "*SING*" the prayer that  
Jesus taught us:

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

### ***INVITATION TO COMMUNION***

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

### ***COMMUNION***

*All are seated. Please take time to prepare yourselves and your communion elements.*

*We prioritize people with mobility issues. We invite you to come forward in your own time and take a position at the altar that is most accessible for you.*

### ***SONG DURING COMMUNION***

### ***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION***

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.  
**Amen.**

## ***Sending***

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### ***BLESSING***

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

May the Lord bless you and keep you,  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy,  
The Lord look upon you with favor and (+) give you peace.  
**Amen**

### ***SENDING HYMN      My Faith Looks Up to Thee      ELW 759***

- 1    My faith looks up to thee,  
      thou Lamb of Calvary,  
      Savior divine!  
      Now hear me while I pray,  
      take all my guilt away,  
      oh, let me from this day  
      be wholly thine!
- 2    May thy rich grace impart  
      strength to my fainting heart,  
      my zeal inspire;  
      as thou hast died for me,  
      oh, may my love to thee  
      pure, warm, and changeless be,  
      a living fire!

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then, in love  
fear and distrust remove;  
oh, bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul!

## ***DISMISSAL***

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## ***POSTLUDE***

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Litanies of Welcome and Farewell-Interim Ministry Network, Baltimore, Maryland

We thank you for your ministry here today:

**Presiding Minister**

**Assisting Minister**

Lector

Pianist

Guitarist

Greeters

Ushers

Acolyte

Pastor Nicolette Faison

Bob and Elsy Eggert

Judy Padera

Nick Tangorra

Christopher Vincent and Pastor Adam Dowd

Connie Allekian

Joy Prueter and Ray Silhan III

Alice Tangorra

## **Announcements**

### **8-16-2026**

**Wine and Candles** this month are provided by **Mark Alterson and Byron Levan** in celebration of their **22nd anniversary**.

**Outdoor Worship** For August we will be joining Christ Lutheran on Wednesday, August 19 at 6:00 p.m. They are offering a Service of Healing and a light summer potluck dinner.

A Service of Healing is an opportunity to pray together for our community and world and to come forward for a laying on of hands for individuals who would like to be blessed and prayed over for their personal needs of healing.

**Senior Spirits** We will meet on **Thursday, August 20, 2026** at noon. We will have our usual Potluck lunch and as always everyone is welcome! Any questions please call Marilyn at 630-927-9996.

**Rummage Sale** - Friday and Saturday, Sept 11 and 12 - Time: 8:00 – 2:00

**Donations needed:** Clothing, shoes, coats, purses, jewelry, household items, small electrical appliances, tools, holiday decorations, Knick knacks, books, toys, sports goods, and games. And baked goods for the bake sale.

**Donation Drop off Times:** Drop off rummage sales items at LOL before /after services starting August 16. Drop off Baked Goods Thursday, Sept 10 in the afternoon.

**Volunteers needed:** See sign-up sheet in Narthex.

**Extra items needed:** Need clothing racks, hangers, boxes, and plastic bags for sale.

**PRESALE ALL MEMBERS OF LORD OF LIFE AND LOVING WORD CAN PARTICIPATE IN PRESALES ON SUNDAY, SEPT 6 STARTING AT 11 AM.**

**Last Week's Giving – \$ 4260.57**

**Electronic Donation for the month of June - \$973.53**

**THIS WEEK AT LORD OF LIFE**

|           |      |                 |                        |
|-----------|------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Sunday    | 8/16 | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Worship</b>         |
|           |      | 12:00 PM        | Loving Word            |
| Tuesday   | 8/18 | 5:00 PM         | Overeaters Anonymous   |
| Wednesday | 8/19 | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Bible Study</b>     |
|           |      | 7:00 PM         | One Day at a Time      |
|           |      | <b>6:30 PM</b>  | <b>Outdoor Worship</b> |
| Thursday  | 8/20 | <b>12:00 PM</b> | <b>Senior Spirits</b>  |
|           |      | 6:30 PM         | Green Willow HOA       |
| Friday    | 8/21 | <b>9:30 AM</b>  | <b>Cards</b>           |
| Saturday  | 8/22 | 9:00 AM         | SDA                    |
| Sunday    | 8/23 | <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Worship</b>         |
|           |      | 12:00 PM        | Loving Word            |