

# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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## LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Announcements

#### Call to Worship – Order of Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: We worship as we live, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen**

Leader: Come let us worship God, the Source of love and life, who creates us and all things.

**ALL: Come let us worship God, who came to us in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the Risen One, who is Immanuel, God with us now and always.**

Leader: Come let us worship God, whose Spirit dwells in our lives and in our world, the Spirit calls, gathers, renews, and sends us out into the world to be witnesses to the love of God.

**ALL: To the One true God, Father-Son-and Holy Spirit, be praise in all times and in all places.**

Leader: As we gather to worship God we let go of our fears that keeps us from loving, we put down our masks that hide our true selves. We turn to God seeking forgiveness in our own life and the courage to offer forgiveness to each other.

*(A Time of Silence for Personal Reflection and Confess)*

Leader: Most merciful God,

**ALL: We confess that we are in bondage 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**

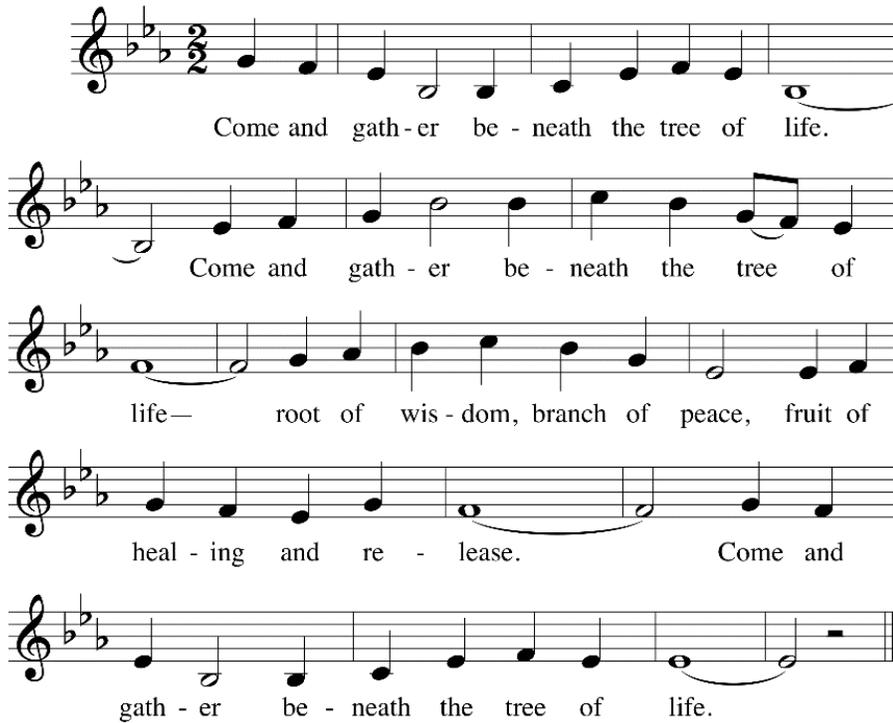
Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

# Tree of Life

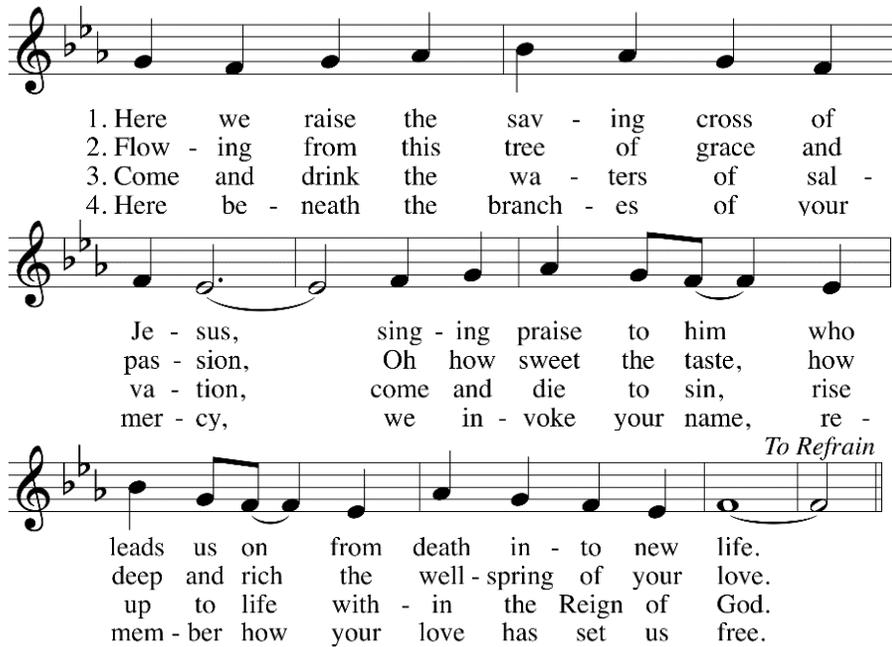
## Gathering Song "Come and Gather Beneath the Tree of Life"

### Refrain



Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of life.  
Come and gath - er be - neath the tree of  
life— root of wis - dom, branch of peace, fruit of  
heal - ing and re - lease. Come and  
gath - er be - neath the tree of life.

### Verses



1. Here we raise the sav - ing cross of  
2. Flow - ing from this tree of grace and  
3. Come and drink the wa - ters of sal -  
4. Here be - neath the branch - es of your  
Je - sus, sing - ing praise to him who  
pas - sion, Oh how sweet the taste, how  
va - tion, come and die to sin, rise  
mer - cy, we in - voke your name, re -  
*To Refrain*  
leads us on from death in - to new life.  
deep and rich the well - spring of your love.  
up to life with - in the Reign of God.  
mem - ber how your love has set us free.

Leader: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

## Kyrie

Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

☐ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all. Ⓐ 1. For the  
Ⓐ 2. For your

reign of God, and for peace through - out the  
peo - ple here who have come to give you

world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the  
thanks, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the

Lord:  
Lord: ☐ Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ Help, save, and de -

Lord, have mer - cy, mer - cy on us all.

fend us, O God: ☐ A - men.

## Song of Praise "Within the Reign of God"

(The congregation sings the verse response and the refrain)

### Verse Response



... with - in the reign of God.

### Refrain



Bless-ed are they who will feast in the



reign of God. Bless-ed are they who will



share the bread of life. Bless - ed are



they who are least in the reign of God;



they shall re - jice at the feast of life.

**Verse:** Come now, the feast is spread; in Jesus' name we break the bread,  
Here shall we all be fed, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**  
All you who seek God's face are welcome in this holy place;  
Join in the feast of grace, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**  
(Refrain)

**Verse:** Welcome the weak and poor, the sinner finds an open door,  
None judged, and none ignored **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**  
Here shall the weary rest, the stranger be a welcome guest.  
So shall we all be blest, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**  
(Refrain)

**Verse:** One earth, one holy band, one family as our God has planned,  
All share the promised land, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**  
Come now, the feast is spread, in Jesus' name we break the bread;  
Here shall we all be fed, **WITHIN THE REIGN OF GOD**  
(Refrain)

## Prayer of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray,

**God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Bible Readings

### Amos 8: 4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, 'When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?  
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practise deceit with false balances,  
buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.'

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

### 1 Timothy 2: 1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,  
Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all  
—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

## Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For

you have the words, you have the words, the words of e -

ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel Reading

### Luke 16: 1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

'Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

## Sermon

### Sermon Hymn

### "Thy Holy Wings"



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

## Presentation

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly may be seated.*

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

*The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves.*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Mason baptized into Christ?

Response: **We do.**

As you bring Mason to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *him* among God's faithful people,  
 bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper,  
 teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
 place in *his* hands the holy scripture,  
 and nurture *him* in faith and prayer,  
 so that *Mason* may learn to trust God,  
 proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
 care for others and the world God made,  
 and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Mason grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: **I do.**

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Mason in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *him* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: **I do.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support Mason and pray for his new life in Christ?

Response: **We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

### **Profession of Faith**

*The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children.*

*The assembly may join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: **I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

*The presiding minister leads the following or another form of thanksgiving.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you

delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **Baptism**

*The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:*

*Mason Dean Debevec, I baptize you in the name of the Father,*

*and of the Son,*

*And of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

*Let us pray.*

*We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.*

*Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:*

*Sustain Mason with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.*

**Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

*Mason Dean Debevec, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

**Amen.**

## **Welcome**

*A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:*

*Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.*

## Offering

### Offering Response "Come, Let us Bring"



1. Come, let us bring the warm and fra - grant bread.  
2. Come, let us bring the sweet a - bun - dant wine.  
3. Praise be to you who set all peo - ple free.



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Bro - ken here so all God's peo - ple might be fed.  
In this cup we taste the joy of grace di - vine.  
Blest are they who share the feast of ju - bi - lee.



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Leader: Let us pray. Merciful God,

**ALL: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

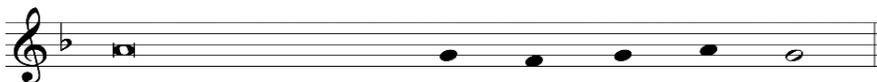
## The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you.  And al - so 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.

Leader: It is indeed right and good...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,  
God of power and might, heav-en and earth are full of your  
glo-ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Leader: Blessed are you, Holy God...with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

A - men, a - men,  
al - le - lu - ia, a - men. A - men,  
a - men, al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

Leader: Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

**ALL: 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.**

### Distribution of Communion

*We invite all who come in faith to the Lord's Table as we celebrate Holy Communion in our worship today. For those who prefer, grape juice and gluten free wafers are available, let the server know as you approach. Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

**Song during Communion** "Bread of Life from Heaven"

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this

thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

*Refrain*

Leader: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in his grace. **ALL: Amen**

Leader: Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always. **ALL: Amen**

**Benediction**

**Sending** Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!!!**

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