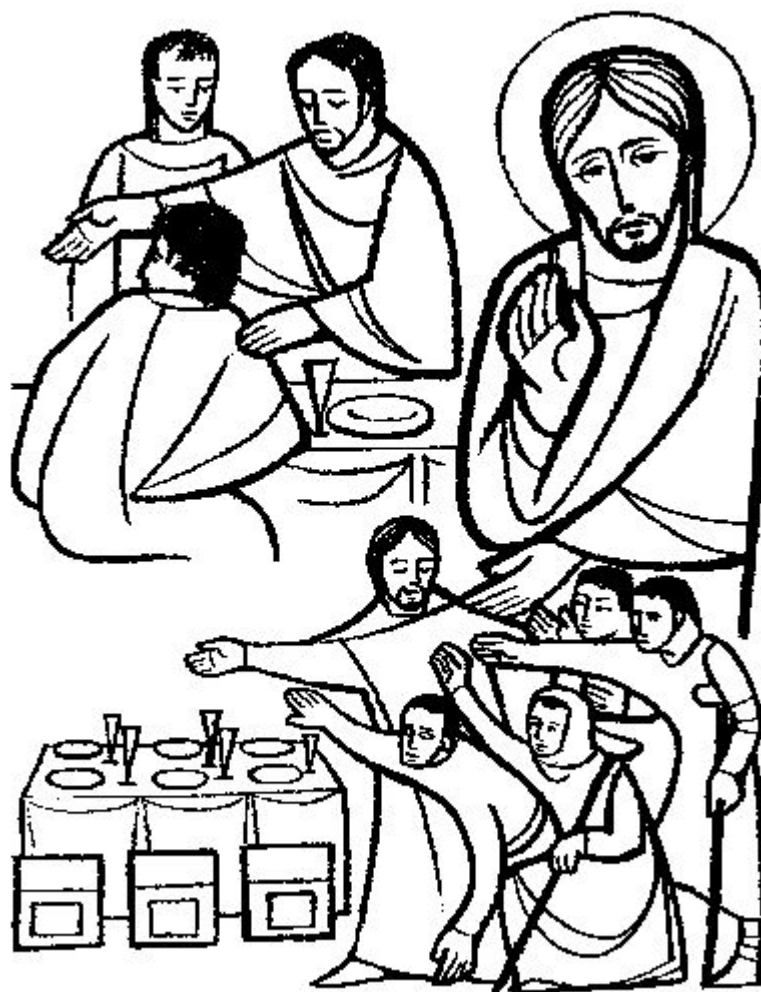




Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word in worship in-person and online. We encourage you to follow along in this document.

If you are joining us online, please email the office at LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org, so we can welcome you within our midst.

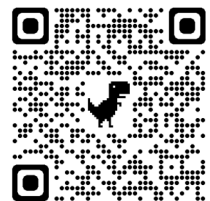
May the Lord bless our worship this day.

As We Gather

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

As We Offer

We offer our contributions in-person or online at [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) through this link https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1438924 or with your phone by taking a picture of this QR Code.



+ Gathering +

PRELUDE ~ *O Lovely Peace*

G.F. Handel, arr. Lani Smith

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

G you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

G Amen.

GATHERING HYMN ~ *O God beyond All Praising*

ELW 880



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

GREETING

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

G And also with you.

KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE



C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



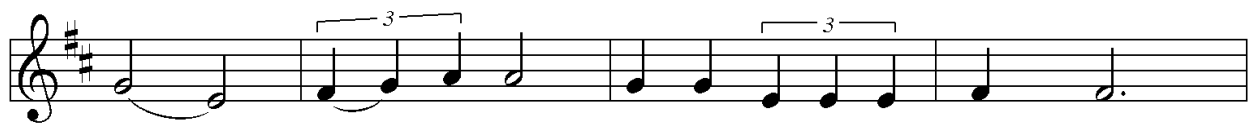
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



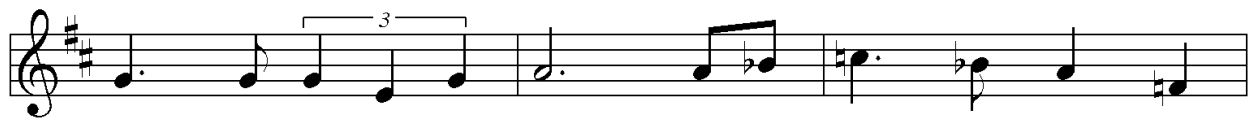
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



II 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.



III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

II



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen.

+ Word +

We sit.

FIRST READING

Proverbs 25:6-7a

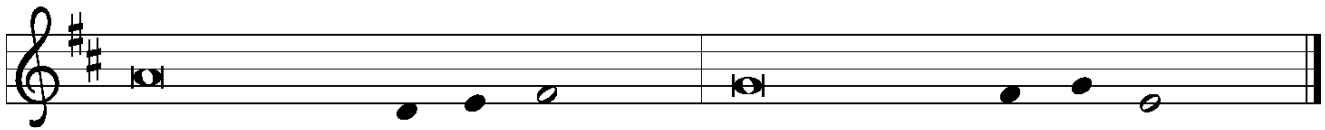
A A reading from Proverbs.

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
 or stand in the place of the great,
^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
 than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112



- A** ¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD
and have great delight in | God's commandments!
- C** ² **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**
- A** ³ Wealth and riches will be | in their house,
and their righteousness will | last forever.
- C** ⁴ **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**
- A** ⁵ It is good for them to be gener- | ous in lending
and to manage their af- | fairs with justice.
- C** ⁶ **For they will nev- | er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlast- | ing
remembrance.**
- A** ⁷ They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting | in the LORD.
- C** ⁸ **Their heart is established and | will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- | on their enemies.**
- A** ⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness
stands | fast forever;
they will hold up their | head with honor.
- C** ¹⁰ **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their
teeth and | pine away;
the desires of the wick- | ed will perish.**

A A reading from Hebrews.

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶ So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.



We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon

or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ~ *As We Gather at Your Table*

ELW 522



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love’s vic - t’ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

We stand

APOSTLES' CREED

- A** Let us confess the faith of the church with the words of the Apostles' Creed.
- C** 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Each petition ends:

- A** Hear us, O God.
- C** Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude:

- P** Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **C** Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

+ Meal +

We sit.

OFFERING MUSIC ~ *Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song* Stephen Somerville
SOLOIST – Diane Bele

We stand.

OFFERING SONG ~



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.

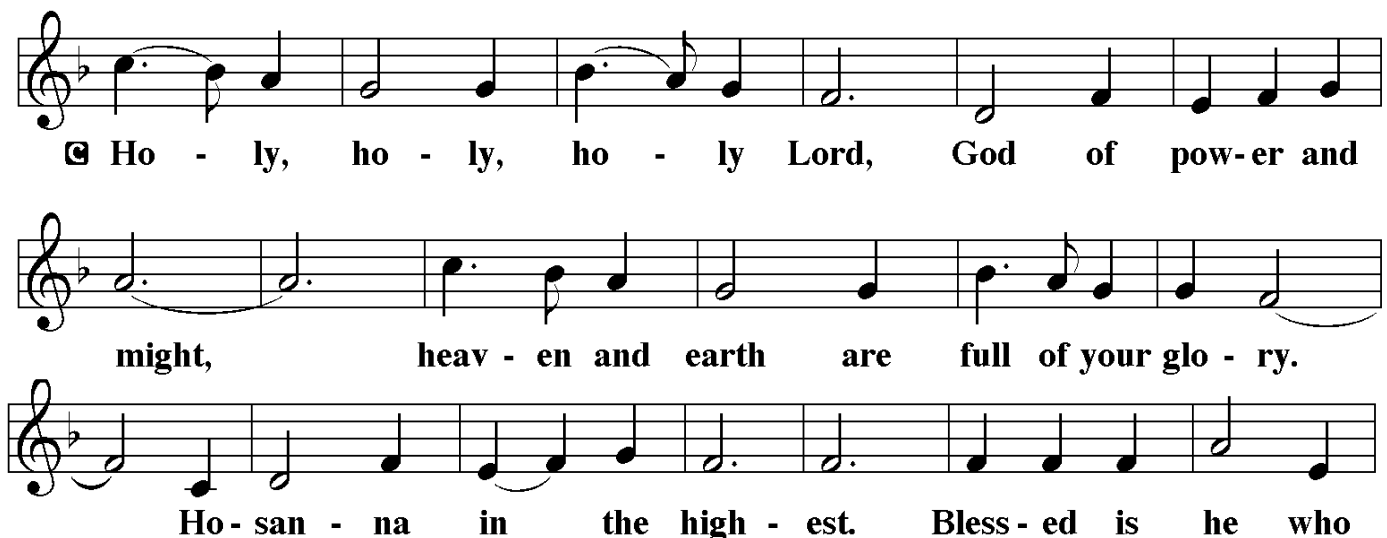
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

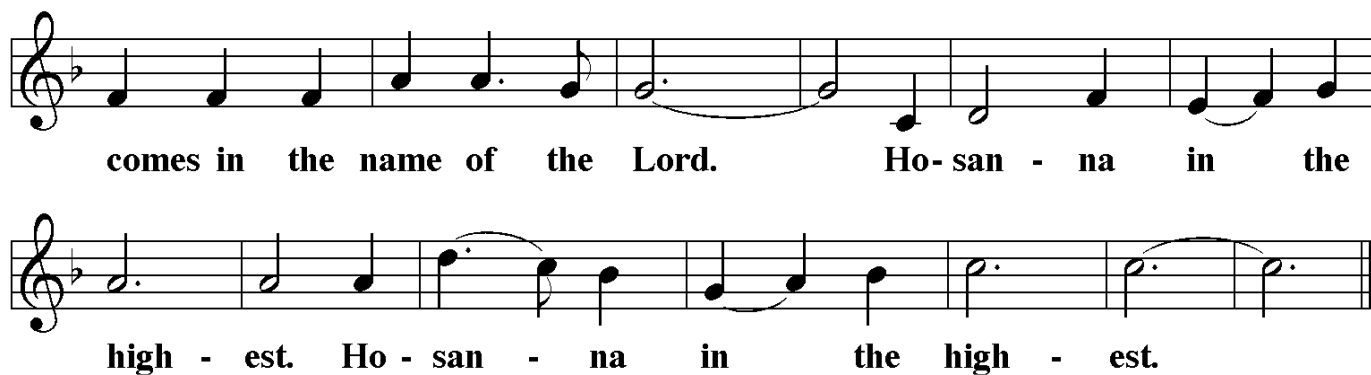
PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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



THANKSGIVING

P We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end...

...Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray the words our Lord taught us.

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 The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

C Amen.

We sit.

AGNUS DEI



C 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to the table of the Lord, who is truly present in, with and under the bread and wine. We gather at the communion rail and consume the elements, **by intinction**, taking the wafer and dipping it into the chalice, half of which is **red** wine, and the other half of which, is **light apple juice**. **Gluten free** wafers are available during distribution. **Children** who have yet to commune are welcome to receive a blessing. **Please inform the ushers** if you would like communion brought to you at **your place in the pew**.*



COMMUNION HYMN ~ *Now We Join in Celebration*

ELW 462



- 1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing ius - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

We stand.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

G Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank
deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our

neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

+ Sending +

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN ~ *Welcome Table*

ACS



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon-ey, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
I'm a-goin'-a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm goin' - a eat at the wel - come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm goin' - a wade'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

G Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ~ *All Now Sing Forth in Praise*

Edward Broughton

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✝ WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS ✝

WORSHIP REGISTRATION SHEETS ~ All visitors & members please sign-in each Sunday on the worship attendance sheets located in the blue folder at the end of your pew. Please update any new contact information. We encourage visitors to provide contact information - - this helps us to get to know you!

****Please continue to sign-in each week.** This helps gauge church growth, plan events, maintain how many bulletins should be printed, and assist in setting up the communion meal for each week. Trying a new seat will also help you say hello to those who you do not know each week. Thank you for your assistance with this.**

WELCOME ~ IF YOU WATCH ON-LINE, PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE DIRECTLY AT LOLOffice@lord-of-life.org or call the office and let us know you attended. Thank you!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW COUNCIL:

Pastor Rebekah

President: Beth Reynolds

Vice President: Terri Tuntland

Treasurer: Cathy Thoma

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Secretary: Tim Gioe

Members at Large: Taylor Johnson, Carol Ostermeyer,
Lori Schaar, Stephanie Yager, Barb Dobson

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEED: Looking for Rotating/Part-time Sunday School Teacher Volunteers for the coming 2025-26 Sunday School year. We have a new pre-school/Kindergarten and 1st/2nd grade class (the class sizes are very small). We would like to have a rotating roster or a monthly commitment. Frequency of rotation would depend on the number of people that are signed up.
Please contact the office if you are interested 847-895-8877

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS: The ELCA Annual Day of Service is September 7, 2025. Plan to take part in any or all of the activities!

- We will be collecting food, toiletries, and household items for **local food pantries**. Bring your donations to church on Sunday mornings, September 7 or September 14. Look for the wish list on the bulletin board in the narthex, in the September Lifelines, and on the LOL Facebook page.
- Volunteers will be needed to pack nutritious meals at **Feed My Starving Children** on Saturday, September 6, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. Don't miss out on this fun opportunity to make a difference! See the sign-up sheet in the narthex for more information.
- Be sure to stop in the library and participate in our **letter-writing campaign** after church on Sunday mornings, September 7 and September 14. Sample letters and suggestions will be available.