

Time of Pentecost

November 2025



God Speaks: Prophets Speak

Welcome to Lord of Life!

***All are welcome here. We extend a special welcome to visitors. We're glad you joined us today!
The following information may help you in your worship experience and getting to know Lord of Life.***

Communal words spoken and sung will be on the screen and/or in this bulletin. The bold text is spoken together. Songs/hymns can also be found (with music) in either Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) cranberry hymnal or All Creation Sings (ACS) purple hymnal. Both can be found under a chair near you.

We are grounded in the sacraments of baptism and communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table, regardless of age. Our bread is dairy, nut, and gluten-free; wine and juice are both available. If you aren't baptized and would like to be, please talk to Pr. Kirsten.

Children are welcome in this place! At baptism, we celebrate our place in God's family and the community of Lord of Life.

Children of all ages are integral members of the Body of Christ, and have a place in our community that includes worship.

Children learn by seeing, hearing, and experiencing worship with adults who care about them (not just their parents). We embrace the sounds and activity that accompany them. We have a few resources for parents: *PrayGround*: Table up front with coloring supplies; go with your child, sit near the table, or send them independently. *Activity Bags*: things to occupy busy hands during worship, located in the shelves just outside the sanctuary; ask an usher if you need help finding them. *Nursery* (for children 0-5, 5-7 by exception): Our nursery is staffed by a capable young adult who is kind and has been background checked. There is a sign-in sheet for security. *Narthex* (Gathering/Entrance space): Benches, rocking chairs, or space to move around.

Children's Message: children are invited up front to engage with part of the message in worship.

There are **Assisted Listening devices** available just outside the sanctuary doors for those that need amplified sound. Please ask an usher or member of the Sound & Tech Team if you need help.

Offering is an act of worship and a privilege to return to God a portion of what God has given us. If you are a guest, do not feel obligated to give. Offerings given today are joyfully used for outreach to the greater church/community and for the work and ministry of Lord of Life. You may donate by using the QR code that leads you to the website (www.lordoflife.org), by mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor).

If at anytime you are uncomfortable standing, you are free to remain seated.

If you are worshipping from home, you are invited to participate, not just observe. Please prepare your own sacred space for worship. You might include some candles, a cross, water for remembering your baptism, and, if you will be participating in Communion, bread and wine or suitable substitutes.

Lord of Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are located on the ancestral homeland of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Palouse, Wanapum, and Yakama peoples. We give thanks for their presence and care of this land since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. Learn more at native-land.ca
You can learn more at www.elca.org or thelordoflife.org.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, CONFESSION, & FORGIVENESS

It is important for us to acknowledge the land and the people who originally inhabited this land and came from it, whose creation stories are rooted here. We do this not to from or to create guilt and shame, not to let us off the hook from working for justice for Indigenous peoples, not to justify, rationalize, or dismiss what happened in the past.

We do this because truth-telling about what happened on this land years ago affects how we live today. By recognizing the tribal people whose land we now occupy, we remember them and can begin to ask questions about what happened to them and why.

When we confess how the church contributed to, or was complicit, in the process of colonization, we can admit that while we are not personally responsible for the actions of our ancestors, we are responsible for what we do today, and we know the effects of colonization are still in place, and the effects are still felt by Indigenous people.

In our confession, we are invited into right relationship—with God, with the earth, with our neighbors (including Indigenous tribal people), and with ourselves. Our confession, and even more, the words of absolution and forgiveness that proclaim God's mercy to all of us, call us to try again. Try again to honor God in what we do and say. Try again to honor the earth as a partner and friend. Try again to honor our neighbors. And try again to honor ourselves. In this way, we repent, we turn from our sin, and choose to follow the way of Jesus, the way of the cross.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who meets us with sustenance in the wilderness,
who shoulders authority,
who restores and gathers all people together.
Amen.

As we begin our liturgy, we gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

We gather on and near the historic land of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Palouse, Yakama, and Wanapum tribes. We confess that we continue to benefit from their displacement and dispossession, and we commit to act on these truths and engage in repair.

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection

**Holy God,
We confess that we are caught in the snares of sin and cannot break free.
We live in ignorance or denial, and we choose not to follow your way.
We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.
We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up.
We are quick to give up. We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred.
For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.
Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:
Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us in Christ Jesus, breaks every snare of sin, takes our wrongs upon himself, and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ. Now you are forgiven and free to be God's compassionate people in this world.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

November 2—ELW #422 *For All the Saints*, v. 1, 3, 6-7
November 9—ELW #523 *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*
November 16—ELW #532 *Gather Us In*
November 23—ELW #260 *The King Shall Come*

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.**

KYRIE, ELW Setting 10, p. 203

We begin with a plea for mercy, the Kyrie eleison, an early Greek Christian hymn to Christ. It is a plea and prayer for the gathered assembly and for the whole world.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE, ELW Setting 10, p. 204

This particular canticle uses the imagery of those gathered around the throne of God, singing to Jesus the Lamb. In November, it is especially poignant to imagine ourselves gathered around God's throne with all the cloud of witness, as we recall their memory on All Saints Sunday, November 2, and to declare the throne of the lamb, of Christ our King or the Reign of Christ, celebrated on November 23.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The prayer of the day articulates the theme of the day and acts as a hinge point between the Gathering of the people and the hearing of the Word.
Let us pray.

November 2

Powerful God, Although you can make your presence known in a mighty wind, or an earthquake, or a fire, you often speak to us in the sound of sheer silence. Help us to hear. Amen.

November 9

God of all people, Show us how to let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an every flowing stream. Create justice and righteousness in us, that all may rejoice in your blessings. Amen.

November 16

God of light, There can be overwhelming obscurity in this world. But you shine your light and increase joy, and for your brilliance we are grateful. Amen.

November 23

God of hope, How often have we found ourselves in exile, separated from your presence! Restore us, and let us find you when we seek you. Amen.

WORD

*All Christian worship is biblical. We follow the Narrative Lectionary (NL).
You can read more about that in the notes at the back of this bulletin.*

Hearing the proclamation of the Word is central to our worship experience. The Word is proclaimed throughout our worship, in our liturgy, prayers, sermon, hymns, and yes, scripture. You are invited to let go of the need to read along and simply listen, and let the Spirit lead your imagination and inspire your hearing.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Remembering Those Who Have Died (November 2)

We're going to end with this refrain:

All: You are a dearly loved child of God!

Children: And so are you!

SCRIPTURE ACCLAMATION, ELW Setting 10, p. 205

The Acclamation is a high point in our worship, where we get to welcome the reading of scripture, and rejoice in hearing the good news of God.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE READING

READING OF SCRIPTURE

The readings are printed at the back of this bulletin, sorted by date.

A reading from...

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

November 2—*Come Living God When Least Expected (words at back)*

November 9—ACS #1051 *For the Troubles and the Sufferings*

November 16—ELW #715 *Christ, Be Our Light*

November 23—ELW #548 *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen*

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (November 2), ELW p. 234

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (November 9, 16, 23), *From the perspective of an immigrant*

The creeds are a response to and a proclamation of the word. In our liturgy, sometimes we will use the creeds within church doctrine, and sometimes we use affirmations of faith, like this one, that use modern language to articulate our beliefs. Sometimes new words open up new pathways for naming and claiming what we believe. This affirmation is typically called The Immigrant's Creed and was written by Rev. Jose Luis Casal, the director of Presbyterian World Mission. He is an immigrant to the USA from Cuba.

**I believe in Almighty God,
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,
the God of foreigners and immigrants.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his home,**

who fled his country with his parents when his life was in danger.
When he returned to his own country
he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate,
the servant of a foreign power.
Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death.
But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead,
not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,
and reunites all races.
I believe that the Church is the secure home
for foreigners and for all believers.
I believe that the communion of saints begins
when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity.
I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God,
and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness.

I believe that in the Resurrection God will unite us as one people
in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.
I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be foreigner
but all will be citizens of the kingdom
where God reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We begin by singing the refrain together. As the music continues, the topics (bids) will be introduced for your silent prayer, followed by another sung refrain.

Let us enter into a time of prayer. For this month, we will hold our prayer in song. We'll begin with the refrain, then after each bid you are invited into silent prayer, followed by the refrain.
Gathered as one body, with one voice, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

ACS #998



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For the church universal, its ministry, and mission; and for all of creation... *Refrain*

For peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, the community... *Refrain*

For the poor, oppressed, sick, grieving, lonely, and all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit... *Refrain*

For our congregation, our ministry leaders and partners, and special concerns... *Refrain*

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. We trust them to your abundant mercy, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Please be aware that we all have different comfort levels for this. The peace we share is a sign of God's mission of reconciliation among us and the reconciliation we have with one another in Christ Jesus. In this cold and flu season, you might choose to use hand signals, a wave, a bow, a smile, or a fist bump.

SPECIAL MUSIC

November 2—Women's Quartet, *Then Sings My Soul*, Choral Setting by Mary McDonald, Hope Pub. 2017

November 16—Men of Life Choir, *Tune Our Hearts to Sing (Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing)*, Arr. Mary McDonald, Lorenz. 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Moments:

November 2: Stewardship Team, Ministry Initiative #3

November 9: Stewardship Team, Ministry Initiative #2

November 16: Stewardship Team, Commitment Sunday

MEAL

OFFERING

A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. We offer to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Your financial gifts for LoL can be placed in the offering box at the baptismal font, made electronically through our website (www.thelordoflife.org) or by using the QR code, sent in the mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor). Please contact the Financial Secretary with questions.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.**

We thank and praise you, God of mercy, for you offer us refuge in times of trouble.

You call forth a people to bear your promise, and despite our wandering, you maintain your covenant.

Your Word comes for our salvation, to confound the powers of sin that trample upon us,
and to lead us into the fullness of your love.

Your Son endured suffering and descended into the very pit of death,
so that death itself may be defeated.

Therefore we exalt you above all things, O God, and we join all the saints who sing to your glory:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, ELW, Setting 10, p. 207

In the night in which he was betrayed...

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this bread and this cup,
so that these gifts might awaken our hearts
and help us shine with the rising light of your kingdom.

Join us with Jesus Christ and all your faithful ones,
so we might confess you in all that we do and sing praise to you in all things.
Be exalted, O Most High God,
in the glorious name of Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Please use the version or language of your heart.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught:

**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

All are welcome at the Lord's table, as we receive the presence of Christ for us in bread and wine. This meal is for all regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, criminal record, or list of offenses.

When we are inside, make your way to the front using the side aisle. There will be bread, wine, and grape juice. A basket to collect used cups is in the center. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the center aisle. If you have questions when you get up front, it is okay to ask. The bread is gluten-free, nut-free, dairy-free, and full of grace!

The Meal may be brought to your seat if it would be helpful; please let the ushers know and they will notify the leaders.

LAMB OF GOD, ELW Setting 10, p. 208

COMMUNION HYMN, ELW #721 Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with our whole heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May God lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,
From despair to hope, from fear to trust,
From hate to love, and from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe,
Through the blessing of God, our Creator, ☩ Brother, and Friend
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

November 2—ACS #950 *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*
November 9—ELW #710 *Let Streams of Living Justice*
November 16—*God Bless Us and Keep Us* (music at back)
November 23—ELW #893 *Before You, Lord, We Bow*

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Share the kindness of Christ. **We will. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

A note about this liturgy from Pastor Kirsten:

For every season, the Worship Team and I are trying to change a number of things in order to meet the needs of the people. You'll hear different music - sometimes it's familiar, sometimes not. You'll hear different language, hopefully to keep our eyes of faith fresh. You might hear the Confession and Forgiveness or a Call to Worship. You might hear different affirmations of faith. The way we do the prayers may change. We might have a spoken Offering Prayer or a sung one. The Communion liturgy changes. How much liturgy we sing changes. All of this is done with our context and the season's scripture readings in mind.

November itself is not a liturgical season. Officially it is the end of the Time After Pentecost, continuing to count how far we are from the Day of Pentecost that in 2025 happened on June 8 (the Day of Pentecost moves with the day of Easter, taking place 50 days after Easter). But in November we have two special feast days: All Saints Sunday, when we remember those who have died and are part of the saints or the cloud of witnesses; and Christ the King (or Reign of Christ) Sunday, when we especially are invited to remember Christ as our king, instead of any earthly power or authority. Christ the King officially marks the end of the church year. Another theme we pick up in November is the secular holiday Thanksgiving, though it is good and right to give God thanks and praise. Because of that, we hold our financial stewardship campaign in November as well. And in the ancient church, Advent began two or three weeks before it does now, lasting for 6-7 weeks, and we will hear some of those Advent themes bleeding into our texts this November, and likewise our worship. Advent marks the beginning of a new church year.

In our readings this November, we are hearing from and about the prophets: Elijah, Amos, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. We will hear about God's call in the midst of self-doubt, especially the call to justice and loving our neighbors. We will also hear a word of hope, that even when things look bleak, God is still leading us and supporting us and drawing us into the future together.

We chose intentionally to include a Land Acknowledgement and use a Native American alleluia to honor Indigenous Persons month, and to remind us of our Christian call to serve all people, and to work for repair especially with those who have been displaced and dispossessed from this land.

The music from this liturgy is from ELW Setting 10. Known as the Hymn Tunes setting, the Worship Team felt like having some music that was quite familiar was a good shift from the Fall liturgy that had other things. We haven't followed a liturgical Setting straight through for a while, and so I decided not to print all of the liturgical music in the bulletin, like I often do, since it is all from the same setting and easy to follow in the ELW, and it is also on the screen.

The Worship Team selected the Immigrant's Creed as an Affirmation of Faith for this month. It can be very eye-opening to remember that Christ himself was a refugee and an immigrant from his childhood. He would have known the life of having to grow up in another country, and the violence and persecution of an Empire.

Pastor Kirsten

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ADDITIONAL MUSIC

November 2—*Come Living God when Least Expected*

Tune: ACS #994 The Night You Gave Us, God, Has Ended (St. Clement)

1 Come, living God, when least expected,
when minds are dull and hearts are cold,
through sharpening word and warm affection
revealing truths as yet untold.

2 Break from the tomb in which we hide you
to speak again in startling ways;
break through the words in which we bind you
to resurrect our lifeless praise.

3 Come now, as once you came to Moses
within the bush alive with flame,
or to Elijah on the mountain,
by silence pressing home your claim.

4 So, let our minds be sharp to read you
in sight or sound or printed page,
and let us greet you in our neighbors,
in ardent youth or mellow age.

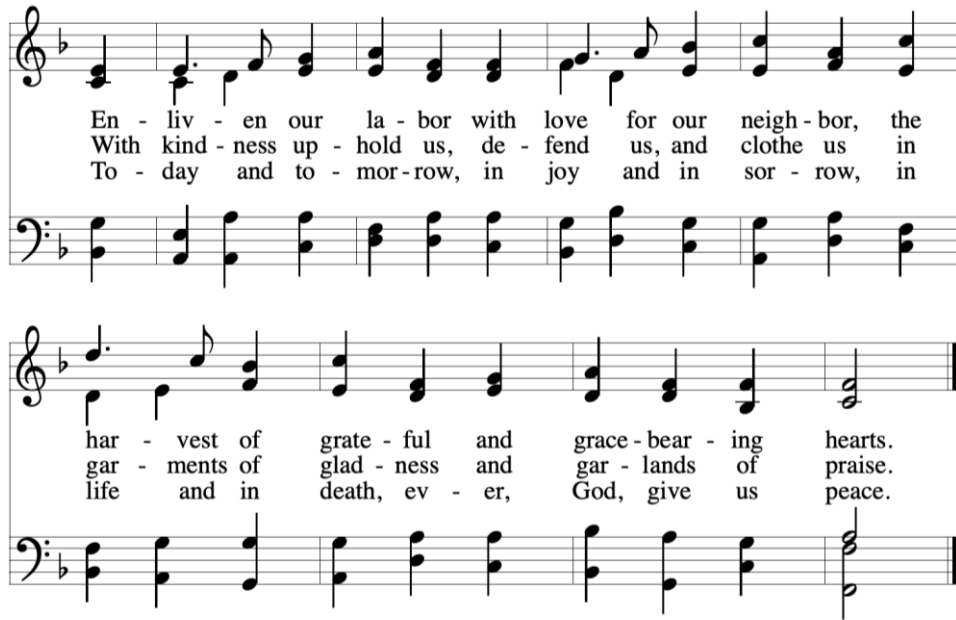
5 Then, through our gloom, your Son will meet us
as vivid truth and living Lord,
exploding doubt and disillusion
to scatter hope and joy abroad.

November 16—*God Bless Us and Keep Us*

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last two lines. The melody is in the soprano part, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass part. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

1 God bless us and keep us and make us a bless - ing,
2 Christ, shine on our path as the flame of good cour - age,
3 Pour out on all peo - ple your boun - ti - ful Spir - it—

a sign of your mer - cies out - num - b'ring the stars.
a light in the dark - ness, the dawn of our days.
new vi - sions she wak - ens, sweet wis - dom she breathes.



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READINGS

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY YEAR 4

November 2- God Visits Elijah

1 Kings 19:1-18

¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." ⁸ He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

November 9 - Let Justice Roll Down Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

Chapter 1

¹ The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of King Uzziah of Judah and in the days of King Jeroboam son of Joash of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

² And he said:

The LORD roars from Zion

and utters his voice from Jerusalem;
the pastures of the shepherds wither,
and the top of Carmel dries up.

Chapter 5

¹⁴ Seek good and not evil,
that you may live,
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵ Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

²¹ I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

November 16 - A Light in the Darkness Isaiah 9:1-7

¹ But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

November 23 - Hope for the Future Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

¹ These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon:

⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, ⁹ for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

¹⁰ For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church Mission Statement

As Lutheran Christians, Lord of Life invites all people, wherever
they are on their spiritual journey, to worship God, serve others,
and build community, in order to transform individuals, the
Tri-Cities, and the world.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church Values

The spirit by which we go about living our mission and doing ministry.

ACCEPTANCE

We welcome all without exception, as modeled by Jesus.

GENEROSITY

We share our time, abilities, and resources in serving all God's people.

SERVICE

We meet the needs of others without recognition or expectation.

GROW in FAITH

We recognize that faith is a journey with intellectual and spiritual challenges
along the way.