

Easter Season

2026

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; there are no exceptions. 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. Please, no phones at the Prayground.

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.

Communion: children are welcome to receive the elements or a blessing. Please let the server know your preferences.

There are **Assisted Listening devices** available just outside the sanctuary doors for those that need amplified sound. We also have an Auracast system that allows you to connect to your hearing aids through your phone and Bluetooth connection. Directions are posted on the wall in the narthex / entryway.

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 electronically 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), or in the offering box at the font.

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). Learn more at www.elca.org. 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.

Gathering

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING OF BAPTISM (*Omitted when baptizing, April 19*)

*This liturgy is from Meta Herrick Carlson in her book *Speak It Plain: Words for Worship and Life Together*. She says, "By choosing water and the word, God takes care of the cosmic mystery and gives us the simple parts to tend with wonder." We give thanks for the gift of water that sustains us and, in the gift of baptism, connects us to Christ for death and resurrection.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who creates, saves, and sends us
with love that lives forever.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we give thanks for the Great Exchange,
the mercy and forgiveness that wrap
our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.
For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.
For the river that carried Moses safely, building a bridge between mothers and nations.
For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.
For the One who turned water to wine and met a woman at the well with living water.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places,
and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus.
For Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation; the great oceans like the Pacific, wide rivers like the Columbia, and the reservoirs and aquifers that sustain us in the desert, our home. Our songs of praise echo the dancing tides and streams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this community and all of creation. Cleanse our fears. Drown our divisions. Give us mercy and grace to drink so that our whole lives are signs of death defeated and thirst quenched thanks to the risen Jesus, the Son of God.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

April 12 - ELW #386 *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*, v. 1, 4-7 May 3 - ELW #376 *Thine Is the Glory*
April 19 - ACS #955 *Come to the Water of Life* May 10 - ACS #1032 *Lift Up Your Heads*
April 26 - N/A May 17 - ELW #893 *Before You, Lord, We Bow*

WELCOME

GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

KYRIE, *ELW Setting 8, p. 184*

Refrain




Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.




Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

April 12

God of resurrection, your son, Jesus, awed his followers by appearing among them. With awe we also celebrate his resurrection and rejoice in eternal life.

Amen.

April 19

God of the new fire, and feasting at daybreak: come to us in the dullness of routine and the pain of betrayal; call to us in the way of the cross and the joy of resurrection.

Amen.

April 26 – No Worship at LoL; Worship with us at First Lutheran Kennewick with other Tri-Cities and Synod friends in town for Synod Assembly!

May 3

God who calls us into service, transform us as you transformed Paul. Shape us into children who rejoice in knowing and proclaiming you to the world.

Amen.

May 10

Holy Lord, may our love overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help us determine what is best, so that we may be pure and blameless in the sight of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

May 17

God of love, with praise we celebrate Jesus, who humbled himself so that every knee should bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Amen.

Word

All Christian worship is biblical. We follow the Narrative Lectionary (NL), which seeks to provide a narrative arc through scripture and increase biblical literacy. Instead of a 3-year cycle like the RCL (Revised Common Lectionary, where Matthew, Mark, and Luke each get their own year, and John interspersed throughout), the NL is a 4-year cycle where every gospel gets its own year. The NL starts in Genesis and works through the early stories of God's people, hears from the prophets and reaches the gospel by Christmas, where it stays through Easter. After Easter we'll hear some post-resurrection accounts and stories of the early church through the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles.

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.

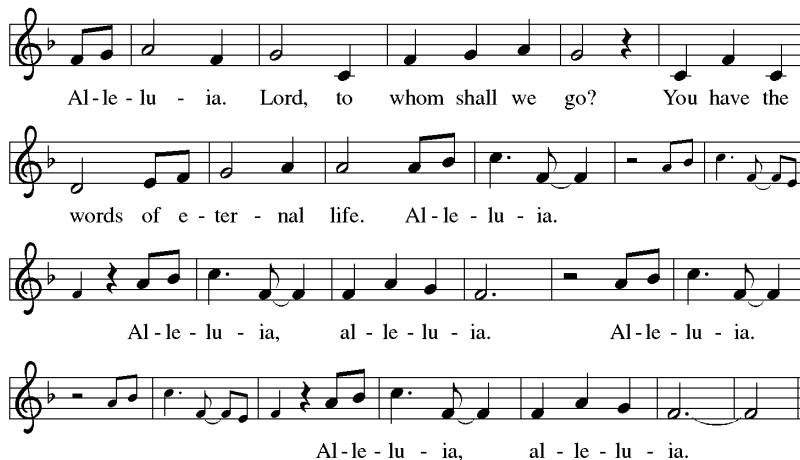
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We end with this refrain:

All: You are a dearly loved child of God! Children: And so are you!

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, *ELW Setting 8, p. 188*



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

READING OF SCRIPTURE *(The readings are printed at the back of this bulletin, sorted by date.)*

A reading from...

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

April 12 - ACS #939 *Touch that Soothes and Heals*

April 19 - ELW #798 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

April 26 - N/A

May 3 - *Spirit of the Living God* (words at back)

May 10 - ELW #669 *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

May 17 - *Put On the Mind of Christ* (words at back); Tune: ELW #315 *How Good, Lord, to be Here!*

LITURGY OF HOLY BAPTISM, ELW p. 227

April 19 - Otto & Martin Schilbach

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Omitted when baptizing, April 19*)

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 different words open new pathways for naming and claiming what we believe. This affirmation is adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book.

Let us affirm our faith in God together.

We believe in God,

**whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that awaits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating death, holds a promise of freedom.**

**Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust;
in the name of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,**

**to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the Earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful, wherever found.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

These prayers are prepared weekly, so they are not included in this seasonal bulletin. They will be on the screen so that you may help voice them. This time of prayer reflects the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world. Generally, we include these categories:

- *for the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel;*
- *for the well-being of creation;*
- *for peace and justice in the world, the nations and those in authority, the community;*
- *for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely;*
- *for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;*
- *for the congregation, and for special concerns.*
- *We also give thanks for those faithful departed, whose witness inspires us.*

PEACE

Christ descended to death and hell, passed through doors locked by fear to breathe the Spirit of peace and make us one humanity; nothing can now separate us from the love of God.

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

We proclaim the peace of the risen Christ to each other. You might use hand signals, a wave, a bow, or simply a smile, and say "peace be with you," or similar words.

SPECIAL MUSIC

May 3—*Father (O God), We Worship You*. Words and music by Victor C. Johnson. Heritage Music Press, a division of the Lorenz Corporation, 2003. (Men of Life Choir)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Milestone, April 12—Driver's License

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), 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.

God of glory, **receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. As Jesus was lifted up from the earth, draw us to your heart in the midst of this world, that all creation may be brought from bondage to freedom, from darkness to light, and from death to life; through 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 praise you, God of freedom, for you breathed life into the void and showed yourself as the one who loves in freedom.

From the nothingness of slavery you called a people into being and led them to springs of life; the presence of your glory went with shattered exiles into strange and distant lands and gathered from the valley of despair the flesh and blood of living hope.

In Jesus, you confronted the powers that killed and oppressed, you spoke to those considered dead and helped them stand again; you taught us to die that we might live.

He gave himself for us, tortured and forsaken, but he could not be confined by death;
in the garden he speaks our name,
in the breaking of bread he shows himself among us;
by the lakeside, in the new day, he calls us to take up his work.

Therefore, with all who lost faith, all who walked away in sadness,
with the women at the tomb, and the men who hid in fear,
we confess ourselves surprised by the suddenness of dawn
and join the undying song of heaven:

ELW Setting 8, p. 190



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. 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.

Words of Institution

At the meal where he dined with his friends who would betray and deny...

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, 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.

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.

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 8, p. 191

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, Lamb of God.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

April 12 - ELW #674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

April 19 - ELW #469 *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

April 26 - N/A

May 3 - *Open Our Eyes, Lord* (words at back)

May 10 - ELW #469 *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

May 17 - *Jesus, Name Above All Names* (words at back)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Risen Christ, whom we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands; the word of life in whom our joy is complete: send us out to declare your truth, your unshakable faith in the world you love.

Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world;
may the risen Savior draw the sting of death, bringing all to life in him;
may the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith;
and the blessing of God almighty, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
sustain us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

April 12 - ELW #364 *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*, v. 1, 3-5

April 19 - ACS #991 *Go to the World*

April 26 - N/A

May 3 - ELW #661 *I Love to Tell the Story*

May 10 - ELW #660 *Lift High the Cross*

May 17 - ELW #367 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Music not in the hymnals

May 3—Hymn of the Day—*Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

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May 3—Communion—*Open Our Eyes, Lord*

Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus
To reach out and touch Him
And say that we love Him
Open our ears Lord
And help us to listen
Open our eyes Lord
We want to see Jesus

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May 17—Hymn of the Day—*Put On the Mind of Christ*

Tune: ELW #315 How Good, Lord, to be Here!

Put on the mind of Christ:
conform not to this world,
but seek a servant life of peace
by mind and heart renewed.

See through the eyes of Christ,
that mark no fault nor foe,
but, open, see the best in all
that love may freely flow.

Feel with the heart of Christ,
as deep calls out to deep;
rejoice with all those who rejoice,
and weep with those who weep.

Christ's wholeness underlies
the span of time and space;
then from that fullness let us live,
receiving grace on grace.

This is our proper praise,
our worship true and right:
to offer all our earthly days
as living sacrifice.

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May 17—Communion—*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Jesus name above all names
Beautiful Savior glorious Lord
Emmanuel God is with us
Blessed Redeemer living Word

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Readings for Easter Season

April 12

John 20:19-31 - Second Sunday of Easter

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

April 19

John 21:1-19 - Third Sunday of Easter

¹ After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Have you caught anything, friends?" "Not a thing," they answered. ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they couldn't haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did

the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

April 26

No Worship @ LoL; We will worship at First Lutheran Kennewick with other Tri-Cities and Synod friends in town for Synod Assembly; John 10:1-10

May 3

Acts 9:1-19a - Fifth Sunday of Easter

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵ He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹ The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³ But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

May 10

Philippians 1:1-18a Sixth Sunday of Easter

¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ I thank my God for every remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy ⁵ for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

¹² I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the progress of the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, ¹⁴ and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

¹⁵ Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry but others from goodwill. ¹⁶ These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; ¹⁷ the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true, and in that I rejoice.

May 17

Philippians 2:1-13 Seventh Sunday of Easter

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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.

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