



LORD OF LIFE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

*CELEBRATING AND SHARING  
A NEW BEGINNING  
IN GOD'S GRACE ALONE!*

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
OUTDOOR WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 27, 2020



**LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**“MAKING GOD FIRST THROUGH HOPE, GROWTH & TOGETHERNESS”**

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**“CELEBRATING A NEW BEGINNING IN THE GRACE OF JESUS CHRIST!”**



**The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Outdoor Worship**

**September 27, 2020**

**Opening Song Gathering in Joy & Grace “Jesus Messiah”**

*Tomlin*

vs. 1 **He became sin, who knew no sin;  
That we might become His righteousness;  
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.  
Love so amazing, love so amazing.**

ref: **Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;  
Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.  
The Rescue for sinners, The Ransom from heaven;  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.**

bridge: **All our hope is in You, All our hope is in You;  
All the glory to You, God, The Light of the world. (*refrain*)  
  
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.  
The Lord of all! The Lord of all.**

**Litany Trusting God’s Faithfulness In A New Beginning, based on Psalm 25**

Pastor: Today, we trust anew, Jesus Messiah, blesses us with a new beginning in real wisdom and grace, so we worship in the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: People of God: Jesus knows our transgressions; our sins are ever before him. Against Jesus alone have we sinned, yet, The Lord is mindful of his steadfast love. Let us take a moment of silence to confess our sins and those times we have failed to trust God’s wisdom and grace. (*silence for reflection*) Friends in Christ, the wisdom and hope and grace in our life is this: Jesus saves; Jesus forgives you all your sins. Go and make known in new ways, Jesus Messiah, the Lord of all!

## Prayer of the Day

**All: Loving God, as we trust anew your power and wisdom in our life, increase our faith. Let now be the time you grant us a new beginning. By your Holy Spirit you give us real wisdom, to say yes to your call: to go where we are sent, to care for all you have provided and entrusted into our care, to share all our blessings, to make you and our neighbors first in new ways, to make known we are saved and anew in your grace alone. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

## Hearing The Word of God

### Gospel

**Matthew 21:23-32**

**(all read bold print)**

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to Jesus as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "**We do not know.**" And he said to them, "neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things." "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "**The first.**" Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him." (New Revised Standard Version)

## "Jesus Loves Me" & Children's Sermon

**Sermon "A New Beginning, In Real Wisdom, Every Day!"**

**Pastor Jamie Thompson**

**Song Anew In Grace "I Will Follow"**

*Tomlin*

vs. 1 **Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow.  
All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You alone.  
Higher than my sight, high above my life; I will trust in You alone.**

ref: **Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.  
Whom You love, I'll love; how You serve, I'll serve;  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.**

bridge: **In You, there's life everlasting.  
In You, there's freedom for my soul.  
In You, there's joy, unending joy; and I will follow. (refrain)  
I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.**

### **Sharing Our Needs and Joys with God in Prayer**

Pastor: ...as we pray to you, Jesus,

**All: Give us a new beginning in your power and hope and grace.**

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you see we need, grant to us we pray, for into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **We Receive the Gifts of Life from God in Holy Communion**

#### **The Words of Institution**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

### **Strengthened to Live Today, and All Our Days, In The Grace of Christ**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, as you trust each new beginning in the grace of Jesus Christ. In the name of The Father, and of The Son, and of The Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us go in the peace of Christ, celebrating the love of God, blessed to be God's people and God's Church, together serving The Lord of life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **Going Anew in Light & Grace      "Build Your Kingdom Here"**

- vs. 1    **Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.  
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,  
Like wildfire in our very souls;  
Holy Spirit, come, invade us now.  
We are Your church; We need Your pow'r in us.**
- vs. 2    **We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;  
Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captives' hearts released;  
The hurt, the sick, the poor, at peace.  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.  
We are Your church; We pray, revive this earth.**

ref: **Build Your kingdom here; Let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand; Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire; Win this nation back.  
Change the atmosphere; Build Your kingdom here, we pray!**

vs. 3 **Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop Your beauty, changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this;  
Awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.  
We are Your church; We are the hope on earth. (refrain)**

**Song During Holy Communion "Lord, Reign In Me"**

vs. 1 **Over all the earth, You reign on high.  
Ev'ry mountain stream, Ev'ry sunset sky.  
But my one request, Lord, my only aim,  
Is that You'd reign in me again.**

ref: **Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r,  
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour;  
You are the Lord of all I am. So won't you reign in me again?**

vs. 2 **Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word,  
May my life reflect, the beauty of my Lord;  
'Cause You mean more to me, than any earthly thing.  
So won't You reign in me again? (refrain twice)**

**Won't You reign in me again? Won't You reign in me again?**

*A special thank you to one and all who shared in our outdoor worship!*

*Join us next Sunday, October 4, for our first week of indoor worship!  
The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost, "Signs of Love ... Bearing Fruit!"  
Worship to include a Children's Message and a Sermon from Pastor Jamie!  
Worship to be 30 minutes, and to conclude with Holy Communion!*

*As we begin indoor worship once again, we are seeking volunteers to assist  
with greeting, ushering, serving communion,  
live streaming, AV ministry, set up, clean up, worship leaders, and more!  
You can access details and ways to sign up on our website and Facebook page! Thank you!*

*Friends, today as always, all who proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, are welcome to  
God's table of grace as we share Holy Communion. Communion will be brought to you  
following the closing song, as we share pre-packaged single servings of communion, including  
a wafer and grape juice. Carefully pull back the first tab to expose the host, the body of Christ,  
given for you; then pull back the second tab to expose the blood of Christ, shed for you!  
Please ask for assistance or clarification as you are served!*

***For those sharing their generosity today, we thank you for your faithful giving!  
Offering is collected in small apple baskets by parking lot volunteers as you exit the parking lot.  
For those who wish to volunteer to serve on future Sundays, please see the Signup Genius links  
in the LINK, and on our Facebook page. Thank you for giving in this blessed way!***

***For those who are not able to join us for worship, you are invited to receive drive-through  
communion, available Sundays, 10:15-10:30 a.m. at the front curb near the church entrance.  
Watch your email and our Facebook page for updates regarding our outdoor services.***

***We hope having the service provided for you in this way, will touch you, comfort you,  
reassure you, and grace you in some way! If you believe others you know would be blessed in  
any way to receive this bulletin and the sermon notes that follow, please forward this to them.***

***In this time of social distancing, please trust that we are committed to doing everything possible  
to slow the spread of the coronavirus, and yet, please also trust that we are equally committed  
to keeping us socially and spiritually connected!***

***On behalf of the Kingdom of God, thank you for the ways you make God and neighbor first!***

***A most holy and blessed Sunday to each of you and your loved ones!***

***From everyone on every level of leadership and service, please know during these days,  
days filled with new opportunities, possibilities, information to process and evaluate, and yet,  
still so many questions, we continue to pray for you and to give thanks to God for each of you!  
Please contact Pastor Jamie if he can serve you in any way: [jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org](mailto:jamie.thompson@lordoflifemn.org)***

***We pray The Holy Spirit breathes anew on us to be God's people and to be God's Church,  
as together we make known and we trust anew***

***God's gifts of hope, peace, justice, clarity, calm, and comfort forever break forth in new ways  
for you and your loved ones, today, and as we share every gentle breeze of God's grace!***

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**OUTDOOR WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**  
**THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13; MATTHEW 21:23-32**  
**Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.**

**Do you like riddles and brain teasers? Do you like to try and figure them out for yourself, or would you rather just know the answer? Life is filled with challenging questions. Sometimes the answers are fairly clear; at other times, the answers are not so clear. Sometimes, once we know the answer, trusting the answer, and then doing something about it requires us to be determined and obedient and wise. The chief priests and the elders had a riddle for Jesus: ‘By whose authority are you doing these things?’ Jesus had his own brain teaser: ‘Where did the baptism of John come from, God or humanity?’ Some of the questions that riddle our spiritual journey are these: ‘What is the number one authority in our life?’ And ‘Do we trust the power of God in our baptism?’ Just because we follow Jesus, we are not promised easy or clear answers to all of life's questions. When you cannot figure it all out by yourself, stand firm anew each day, in the One who is the Answer, the One who provides wisdom, real wisdom, for Jesus blesses you every day, with a new beginning in wisdom and grace!**

1. Many people in society try to claim positions of authority and wisdom.  
Philippians 2:3-5; Matthew 21:24-27
  - A. Who do you see claiming authority and wisdom?
  - B. Authority is also given. Who do you give authority?
  - C. It is a real brain teaser: We know, yet we do not listen or follow. Wisdom, real wisdom every day in Christ, is grace!
  - D. It is a real brain teaser, though we do not always surrender to Jesus’ authority and wisdom, Jesus still calls us, loves us, makes us new! Believing, believing in grace, is grace; this is real wisdom!
  
2. Do those around you know what authority you answer to, the wisdom, the grace, that you call on every day? Philippians 2:10-13; Matthew 21:23
  - A. They might think they know. You might think they know. This is old wisdom; this is not very wise! Matthew 21:23, 27
  - B. Is it clear to others, Who is your authority, Who is true wisdom for you, Who is grace, in your life? Matthew 21:31

- C. It is a real brain teaser that we know Who our authority is, and then we do not answer, or act, or tell, or share with others the real wisdom and grace in our life every day! Matthew 21:28-32
3. It is a real brain teaser that Jesus knows who we are, and who we too often look to as authorities and wisdom in our lives, and he still saves us!  
Philippians 2:5-9; Matthew 21:25-26
- A. This wisdom is so new to us, being made new, being blessed anew, is all so foreign to us, beyond what we know, giving us love and life and hope and grace every day!
  - B. We may at times wonder why God obediently acts on our behalf. Trust it does not take that much to believe anew the power of Jesus in our life every day ... this is real wisdom!
  - C. We may have questions or doubts. We may find it impossible to understand Jesus and his authority, and yet our wisdom is revealed as we surrender to Wisdom, The One who is the Answer, The One who blesses us with a new beginning in real wisdom and grace, each and every day!