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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020

LIGHT OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship: Sundays at 10:30 am

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Welcome

The Church is militant: first the cross, then the crown. Christ tells us that going God's way means death must come before life. He calls on us to deny ourselves and follow him on the way of the cross. Those words offend our sinful flesh and make our sinful nature cry with Peter, "Never!" They make us accuse God with Jeremiah. So we pray for the never-failing mercy of Christ that we might avoid such wicked and harmful thoughts and instead be guided on the cross-laden path to salvation. Then, and only then, do these words of Christ cease offending our flesh and become a joy and delight for our heart.

Visitors

We are so thankful that you joined us for worship! We would be thrilled to share more about what we teach, preach, and believe with you. Please leave your contact information with Pastor Klein or fill out our [online guestbook](#) on our church website. If there is any other way that we can serve you, please let us know. God bless your worship!

Information

Worship is hosted at youtube.com/lotvlayton and facebook.com/lotvlayton.

Worship Folders & Children's Bulletins are available to you by download on our website under the "Worship" tab.

Offerings can be given electronically using GivePlus from Vanco on our church website under the "Worship" tab or you can download it from your app store. Contact our Financial Secretary, Ben Heidfeld (finsec@lotvlayton.org; 435-740-0643), if you need help setting this up or need alternative giving options.

Prayer Requests can be made by contacting the pastor or Luther Kromschroeder at luthaprez@gmail.com.

Serving in Worship

Worship Leader: Pastor Jon Klein



Light of the Valley is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).

Order of Worship

*In our worship, God comes to us in his Word and his Sacraments, and we respond with our praise and thanksgiving to him. All are welcome to participate as indicated. The parts marked **M** are spoken or sung by the minister, and the parts marked **C** are spoken or sung by everyone in the congregation.*

Opening Hymn



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you. Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion. Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession & Absolution of Sins

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me

away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: O Lord, my God, I called to you for help, and you answered me. I thank you for the love you have shown me in Jesus Christ, my Savior. Through him you have rescued me from the guilt of my sin and given me the peace of forgiveness. Help me fight against temptation, correct whatever wrongs I can, and serve you and those around me with love and good works. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word of God

This section is the heart and high point of our service. What follows is not the uncertain word of untrustworthy human beings. It is the Word of God that has called us to faith and strengthens our faith in Jesus as our Savior from sin, death, and the devil.

First Bible Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. ¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails.

¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. ²¹ "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

Second Bible Reading: Romans 8:18-25

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-26

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save

their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia!

Sermon

The sermon, for the most part, is a one-sided conversation from the pastor meant to apply God's Word to your life. In order to help with this application, consider these questions during or after the sermon.

- 1) Of what complaints do I need to repent?

- 2) How will I deny myself and take up my cross instead of complaining? What will be my prayer to the Lord as I do so?



Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

The Creed is a summary of the Christian faith and a confession of the whole Christian Church on earth concerning the teachings of Scripture and especially of the person of Jesus Christ. Believers join their voices with one another and the whole Christian Church on earth to confess God's truth.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Thank Offering to God

The offering is an opportunity for us to return thanks to God. Prompted by the forgiveness of sins given to us through our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ, we give of our time, talents, and treasures, which also support the Gospel ministry done at Light of the Valley. You can place your offering in the offering plates on a stool outside the doors to the sanctuary. You can also set up electronic giving with GivePlus from Vanco, which you can find on our website (www.lotvlayton.org) under the "Worship" tab or download it from any app store and start using it today. Another way is to "Give By Text" by texting to 833-946-1361 the amount you wish to donate, using the \$ before the amount; then follow the instructions in the reply text. If you encounter any problems, contact our Financial Secretary, Ben Heidfeld (435-740-0643; finsec@lotvlayton.org).



Prayer of the Church

The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances. He promises to listen to them and respond according to his will in a way that is best for us. With that in mind, we approach our God with confidence and faith in him and his promises.

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare, as Jesus taught us...

Lord's Prayer

The following prayer is what Jesus himself taught his disciples. (Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4)

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.

Blessing

As we close our worship service, we leave with direct blessings from our Lord and God, using the words that God gave to Aaron the High Priest to bless the Israelites (Numbers 6:22-27).

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

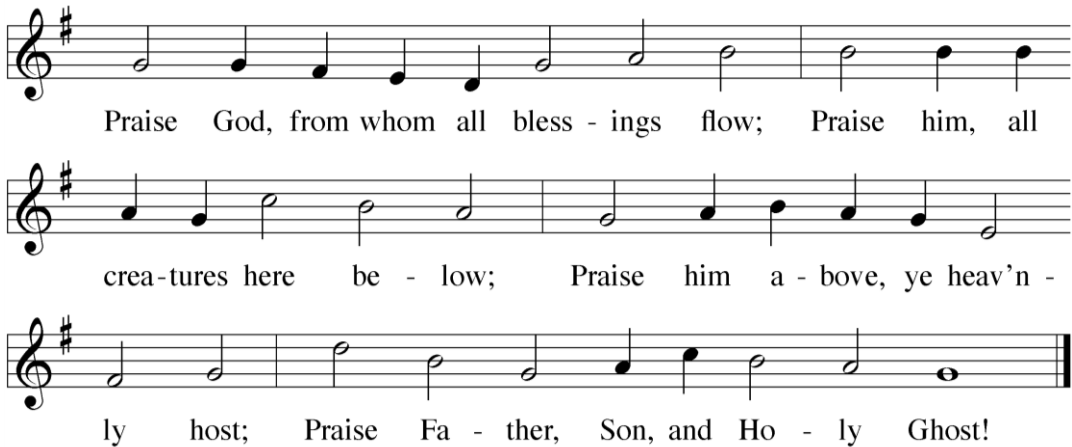
The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CW 334 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all
crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -
ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

*Take a moment to reflect on today's message, one of the Bible readings, or on a hymn during the service.
Have a blessed week!*

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Announcements

In-person Worship Resumes

Next Sunday, September 6, all our in-person worship and gatherings at church resume.

September Calendar

The September calendar is available on the information table by the bulletin board between the restrooms, when you come back to church. You can also download it on our church website (www.lotvlayton.org) under the calendar tab.

Exodus Bible Study

Assuming that we finish our study of Amos on August 30, we will plan on studying *Exodus* starting Sunday, September 6 at 9:15 am. You can join in person at church or via Google Meet (meet.google.com/pqv-rkqb-zjo). These study sessions are uploaded on our Youtube channel and Facebook page afterwards.

Kids' Bible Study

Kids' in-person Bible study (Sunday School) for all ages resumes on Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 am. Contact Wendy Klein (wnk1029@gmail.com) for details. If you wish to learn from home, Northwestern Publishing House is producing video lessons by WELS teachers here: www.youtube.com/c/NorthwesternPublishingHouseMilwaukee/videos

Arts & Crafts

Ending our two week suspension of in-person gatherings, you are invited to join in for an afternoon of art and craft projects and fellowship on Tuesday, September 1 starting at 1:00 pm. Contact Brenda Kidd (sahrow@yahoo.com; 801-663-0015) to RSVP and find out about upcoming projects.

Meditations Daily Devotions

The latest edition of our daily devotional booklet *Meditations*, which its devotions start August 30, is here and is on the member information table by the bulletin board between the restrooms. When you come to church, help yourself to a copy and maybe another to share with a friend. If you would like a copy mailed to you, let Pastor Klein know.

August Edition of *Forward In Christ*

Forward in Christ is a magazine produced by our national church body with news, devotions, faith stories, and more. Copies are available on the information table in the fellowship hall. Pick up this month's edition today! If you wish, Pastor Klein can mail this to you as well

Book Club

Our LOTV book club talking about what books everyone is currently reading meets next on Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 pm via Google Meet. Contact Wendy (wnk1029@gmail.com) for details and to get an official invite.

Lutheran Recovery Group

On Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm, we have a recovery support group meet to strengthen and encourage each other through God's Word. Contact Faith York (920-691-2332; gizmo619@sbcglobal.net) to join these meetings in-person or online.



This Week at LOTV

Sunday, August 30	9:15 am	Bible Study (Google Meet)
	10:30 am	Worship (Youtube & Facebook)
Tuesday, September 1	1:00 pm	Arts & Crafts
	7:00 pm	Lutheran Recovery Group
Thursday, September 3	7:00 pm	AA Meeting
Sunday, September 6	8:00 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	9:15 am	Bible Study
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

Church Membership: What Does it Mean?



There are over 80 member households at Light of the Valley (LOTV). Church membership is the tangible connection to the family of faith that is our congregation. It is a connection consisting of *unity* in the Bible’s teachings and *commitment* to the mission, ministry, and members of this congregation. Participation in the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at LOTV says, among other things, that you are so united and committed to this congregation.

Our Bible Information Class (BIC) explains the Bible’s teachings as confessed by our Lutheran church. It also explains the mission and ministry of this congregation so that inquirers can decide if they want to be committed members of it. Contact Pastor Klein for details on the next class offering. You can also listen the lessons on our church website by clicking on the “Learn” and then the “Bible Information Class” tabs on the main front-page menu.