

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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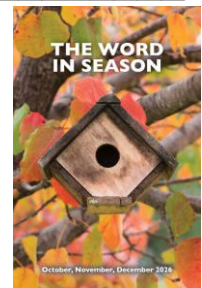
Sunday, October 4th
19th Sunday after Pentecost
WORSHIP – 10:30am

*Worship service also available
live on Facebook*

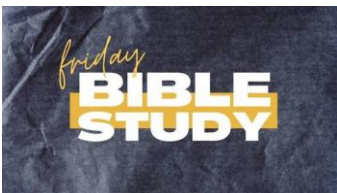


Reminders and Announcements

Word in Season and Christ in our Home devotional booklets for October – December are available in the narthex.



Adult Sunday School, studying Ephesians, will now begin October 11th at 9am. If you would like to join, please see Pastor to get a study book.



Friday Bible studies are starting – please see Pastor if you would like to join either group.

Friday, October 2nd – 10am

Friday, October 9th – 7pm

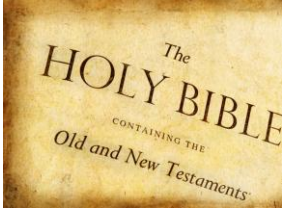
Tithes and offerings can be sent via Venmo at any time.
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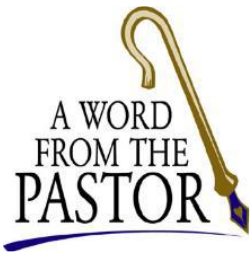


The Lessons for Sunday, October 4th – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 5:1-7
Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 21: 33-46

The Lessons for Sunday, October 11th – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:1-9
Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22: 1-14



Jesus, Cornerstone of Our Faith

God has showered humanity with gifts and blessings, but humanity continues to abuse those gifts. We have been entrusted with a creation to care for, and in our shortsightedness we abuse and pollute the earth, even bringing about the extinction of entire species. We abuse the gift of our bodies when we overindulge in food or alcohol or drugs. We have been

given the ability to create so many wonderful things, and even this gift we abuse as we gather and keep as much as we can for ourselves.

This is nothing new. Even in the days of Isaiah it was clear the people turned away from God's gifts. God expected righteousness and justice. Instead the people responded with bloodshed and suffering, turning away from God.

Even if you can think of all the ways you have not turned from God and all the ways you have been faithful, it does no good. As Paul reminds us in the reading from Philippians, "Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ" (Phil. 3:7). Even all of Paul's good and faithful acts add up to nothing. For Paul, and for us, all that matters is Jesus.

As Christ himself reminds us, he is our rock, our cornerstone. Jesus is the foundation for our faith and the foundation for our lives. Even as we turn from Jesus, even as we reject Jesus, he returns to us with love and forgiveness. This is the grace of God, the love of God coming into our world and into our lives. To our joy we discover the open arms of Jesus on the cross, bringing life into this world even where there is death; bringing hope where there is despair; and bringing resurrection to all creation.

Join us for Worship on Sunday.