

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

Vision Statement: to love God and His creation as a Christ-centered/family-oriented ministry

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Sunday, May 26 6th Sunday of Easter Reminders & Announcements

WORSHIP – 9:30 am



UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS



Begin Summer Service Schedule

May 26 – one Service at 9:30 am

Friday, May 31, 10:00 am – Church Workday To remove and clean window screens.



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

New Members Class – June 2 following 9:30 Service. All who would like to become members with us at Lord of Life are welcome to attend. Please contact Karen at parishadminlol@gmail.com or see Pastor.

Ladies Summer Dinners out (our annual tradition)

begins on Wed., June 5, 6:30 pm. Please join us for dinner at Never Enough Thyme. Sign-ups are in the Narthex along with copies of our schedule for you to take home. All ladies of the church are invited.



Baby Shower for Ben & Alison Read – June 9 following 9:30 Service.

Look for details and sign up coming soon.

June 23rd – Save the date! That is when we celebrate Pastor Thalacker's 40th Anniversary of his Ordination! Service at 9:30 with reception to follow. Dr. Ben Moravitz, assistant to the Bishop of the Southeast Synod will be with us that morning.

40th
Anniversary



Summer camps are being offering by the Preschool this summer. Registration forms are available outside the church office.

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WAYS TO HELP THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT - Don't forget, we continue to collect food items for those in need. Donations are taken to The Place in Cumming and North Fulton Charities. Bring something special this week as part of your offering. Thank you for sharing from the heart!!!



Pennies for Pentecost – today is the last Sunday to help fill our penny container. All proceeds will go the Barnyard Fund. June 2 and June 9, you will have the opportunity to guess the number of pennies in the container. The winner who comes closest to the amount, will win lunch with Pastor.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 26 – 6th Sunday of Easter
Begin Summer Worship Schedule

9:15 am meditation time

9:30 am Worship

Mon, May 27 Memorial Day – Office Closed

6:00 pm Men's Support Group

Fri, May 31 10:00 am Church Work Day

Sunday, Jun 2 – 7th Sunday of Easter

9:15 am meditation time

9:30 am Worship

Choir Practice following Worship Service

10:30 am New Members Class

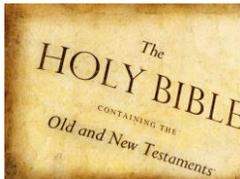
Mon, Jun 3 6:00 pm Men's Support Group

Sun, Jun 9 10:30 Baby Shower – Ben & Allison Read

From Memorial Day through Labor Day all Bible Studies, Adult Bible Hour, Catechism and Sunday School will take a Summer Break.

Summer Choir Practice – following Sunday Service.

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.



The Lessons for Sunday, Sunday, May 26 – 6th Sunday of Easter

First Lesson - Acts 16:9-15

Second Lesson - Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

Gospel Lesson - John 14:23-29

The Lessons for Sunday, June 2 – 7th Sunday of Easter

First Lesson - Acts 16:16-34

Second Lesson - Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Gospel Lesson - John 17:20-26

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Our Home-making God

Into the midst of our anxiety and alarm we are offered a vision of a glorious future filled with promise—the promise that God will make a home with us. This is a promise of an ultimate future home—a New Jerusalem!—but also a promise of God’s daily home-making presence in the hearts of all who believe. Paul has a vision of a cry for help from Macedonia, and his beloved church at Philippi is founded in the home and household of Lydia. In Revelation, John, turning from the lake of fire, is carried up in a vision and sees the New Jerusalem coming down, centered on the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. But no longer is there separation from God, weeping, or mourning, but now a restored creation where God and God’s people are at home together. Jesus promises that though he is going away, he will come to his disciples in the power of an advocate, the Holy Spirit, and that both he and the Father will make their home in all who believe. The gathering of the faithful assembly to receive Christ’s word and sacrament is a foretaste of that New Jerusalem, where God will finally and ultimately be at home with us, even as the Holy Trinity makes a home now in the hearts of all who believe. Into the anxieties and uncertainties of our everyday life we are offered both a vision of a glorious future when God will be at home with us and we will be at home with God, and a living foretaste of that same future: “We will come to them and make our home with them. . . . Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (John 14:23b, 27a).

This Sunday falls on Memorial Day weekend in the United States, the federal holiday dedicated to remembering those who died while serving in the nation’s armed forces. Even as prayers are lifted up remembering the beloved dead, it is a gift to remember God’s promises. As the city of Jerusalem is described we learn, “On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations” (Rev. 22:2). From the nations of antiquity to these days, this world needs healing, and once more God provides. God’s promise is not just peace between individuals, but a peace among the nations; a peace that passes all understanding throughout the world. Once again the risen Christ extends **peace** to the assembled believers.

Most of us at some time in our life will be that **invalid**, lying helplessly, hoping for healing. May we trust, not in some hazy legend, but in the power of Christ’s resurrection.

Many religions include stories of the legendary **tree of life**. To see the universal interest across time and place in this image, spend some time on Google Images, “tree of life.” In the Bible, the reason that God expels Adam and Eve from the garden is to prohibit their enjoying the fruit of the tree of life. Yet later Jewish scholars called the Torah itself the tree of life. That tree returns in the last chapter of the Bible, its fruits miraculously ripening all twelve months of the year, and its soothing leaves healing the nations. Christian tradition has superimposed the cross onto such a tree, and countless churches display art in which the crucifix is a flowering fruited tree. Traditionally biblical scholars have described Luke as particularly positive about the ministry of **women**. More recently some scholars have noted that Luke praises especially women who are supportive of male leadership, either by their attitude (for example, the mother of Jesus) or by their considerable resources (for example, Lydia). In either case, Lydia offers us an image of a faithful believer and an independent woman who was not identified by any connection to a male. Historians have confirmed that from its origins the Christian movement attracted such women: among the biblical examples are Mary of Magdala, Mary and Martha of Bethany, Susanna, Dorcas, Phoebe, Mary (Rom. 16:6), Junia, Tryphaena, Tryphosa, Persis, Julia. During early centuries, some Christian men were ridiculed for their faith, given a perception that Christianity was a women’s religion.