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Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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"Celebrating and sharing God's Love in a welcoming community of faith, while serving others"

Gathering Song: *"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"* ELW 802

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is carried by the Soprano and Alto parts, while the piano provides harmonic support with chords and a steady bass line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead

through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,

On - ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
 Though to - day we sow no laugh-ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
 Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
 we are your own liv - ing mem-bers; where you live, there we shall be

full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid-ding.
 all dis - com-forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
 and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav-en.
 in your pres-ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.

Faith-ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
 Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
 Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
 Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Confession

Gracious God, left to ourselves we have taken matters into our own hands and, despite our best intentions, we have made a mess of things: our lives, the lives of others, and of your creation. In humility and with sorrow we confess.

Silence is kept for personal reflection.

We have caused hurt by what we have thought, said, and done.

We have looked away from injustice.

We have remained silent in the face of wrong.

We have done wrong.

Do not stand far off, O God.

Hear us when we call.

Enter into our conflicted and anxious lives and set things right.

In Jesus Christ, God has set things right and forgiven your sins. God sent the Word made flesh to mend what is broken, to heal what is sick, to find what is lost, and to remove every obstacle that stands between us and God.

Amen

Lamb of God

6 *p*

[C] Lamb of God, — your gen-tle-ness in-vites — us

6

The first system of musical notation for 'Lamb of God' is in 2/2 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a 6-measure rest, followed by a piano (*p*) dynamic marking and a melodic line. The bass staff also begins with a 6-measure rest and provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, — your gen-tle-ness in-vites — us' are written below the staves.

cresc. poco a poco

to lay down our bur - dens, — to rise and walk be -

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a *cresc. poco a poco* marking above it. The lyrics 'to lay down our bur - dens, — to rise and walk be -' are written below the staves.

side you, to sit down at your ta - ble.

ff
Oh, on earth and in hea - ven.

p
Lamb of God, your gen - tle - ness in - vites

us to take up your mer - cy,

to take up your vis - ion, to take up your

jus - tice. Oh, now and for -
 ev - er. Lamb of God,
 give us your peace.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

f

[C] Al - le - lu - ia, give us your Word. —

mp

Al - le - lu - ia, give us your Word. — The

mp

Word that gives light — and life, the Word that shat - ters — the

dark - ness, — the Word that rais - es — the

ff

dead to new life!

f

Al - le - lu - ia, give us your Word. Al - le - lu - ia,

give us your Word, give us your Word, al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Children’s Sermon Rev. Becky Sells

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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The Apostle's Creed

Let us declare our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Lift up leaders with powerful and prophetic voices. Free us from stagnant faith. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from abuse and pollution. Free us from apathy in our care of creation and direct us toward sustainable living. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the nations (especially the United States and Canada, celebrating their nationhood). Guide leaders in developing just policies and guide difficult conversations. Free us from the barriers raised, that hide and ignore our neighbor's pain and us from racing out in love. Help open our hearts to embracing the expansive love you hold and call us to engage in. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all in need. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed, especially those we name before you now. *(Pause)* Take their yoke upon you and ease their burdens. Give your consolation and free us from all that keeps us bound. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this congregation. Bless pastors, deacons, and congregational leaders. Energize church administrators and our volunteers who toil to make the Loads of Love Program and Garden ministries happen, along with all those who help to maintain our building and grounds, and the volunteers who keep us connected and produce online services each week. Shine in this place that we might notice the ways your love transforms our lives. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have died in faith, especially those we name before you now. *(Pause)* Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

Now is the point in our service where we are called to reflect on how we giving back to God for all the blessings God has given us. This includes continuing to financially support the church and its mission, along with considering how we might be called to also give and use our time and talents to further God's kingdom here on earth while we sing.

Offertory

mf

[C] Ev-er liv-ing God, ev-er giv-ing God, e-ven

feed-ing the ra - vens, cloth-ing lil - ies of the fields.

f

mf

It is your good plea-sure to give us all we need; you de-

mp

light to give us all that we have. We give

p *mf*

thanks to you. We give thanks to you. Ev-er

mf

liv-ing God, ev-er giv-ing God, giv-ing to us our dai-ly need,

f *mf*

cloth-ing peo-ple glo-r'ous - ly! It is your good plea-sure to

give us all we need; you de - light to give us all that we have.——

mp We give thanks to you.—— *p* We give thanks to you.——

mf [L] Bread in a-bun - dance, wa - ter now wine.
wa - ter now wine.
wa - ter now wine.

mf We are the leaves in Christ the true vine.——

mf Our sins for-giv - en, live life a - new.
live life a - new.
live life a - new.

f *pp*

Liv - ing the gos - pel in all that we do.

mf

It is your good plea - sure to give us all we need; you de -

mp

light to give us all that we have. We give

p

thanks to you. — We give thanks to you. —

Offertory Prayer

Let us join together in praying the offertory prayer,

Merciful God, we offer to you ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Signs of your gracious love. Help us to use these gifts creatively and boldly to further your mission and embody your presence in the world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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