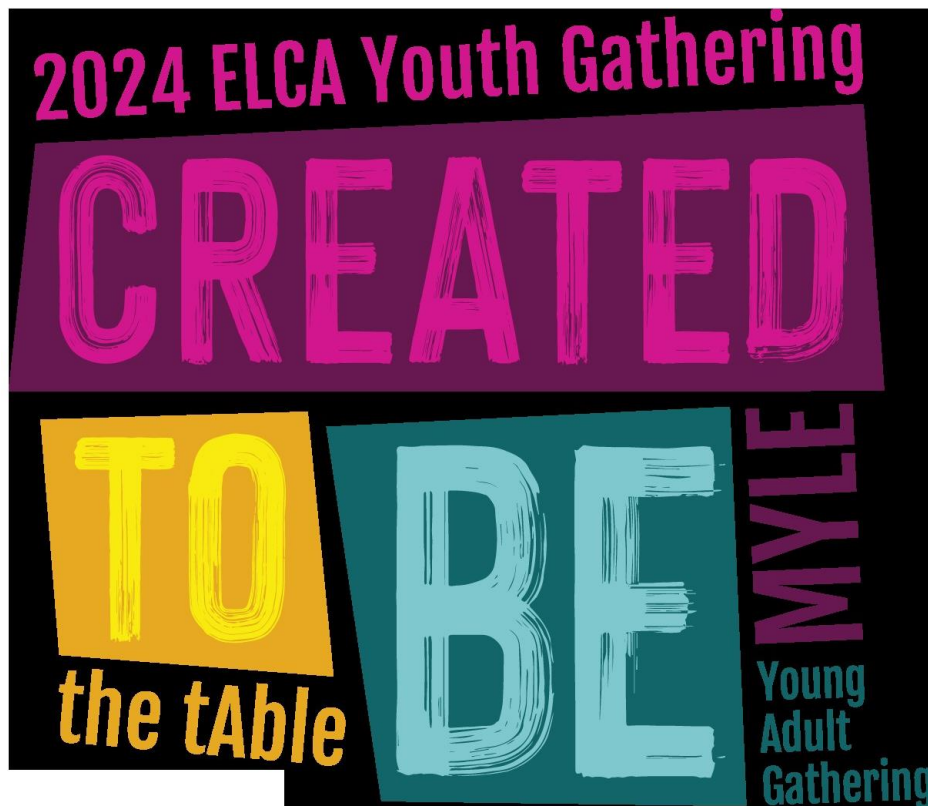


*9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 21, 2024*

*Youth Trip Presentation Sunday*



*Lord of Love Lutheran Church (ELCA)  
10405 Fort St., Omaha, NE 68134*

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

*Worship 9:00 a.m.*

*Bold type indicates Congregational responses.*

***ELCA Youth Gathering Verse:***

*I praise you because I AM FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. –Psalm 139:14*

***-We are created to be: BRAVE, AUTHENTIC, FREE, DISRUPTIVE DISICIPLES!***

***Prelude***

***Announcements***

***Ringling of the Bell***

**\*Gathering Song: "Ten Thousand Reasons" .....**ACS 1097

*Refrain*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,

O my soul; I'll wor-ship your ho - ly name.

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;  
 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your  
 3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the

... it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may  
 name... is ... great, and your heart is kind. For all .. your  
 end .. draws near, and my time has come; ... still, my

pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be  
 good-ness, I will keep .. on .. sing-ing— ten thou-sand  
 soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand

*Refrain*

sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.  
 rea - sons for my heart to find.  
 years and then for - ev - er - more!

**\*Greeting**

P: 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 and Forgiveness**

P: 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 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 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.**

**\*Kyrie** ..... The Lord of Love Liturgy, p. 2

**\*Prayer of the Day**

L: Let us pray.

**O God, Help us to live out our baptismal calling to be the brave, authentic, free, disruptive disciples you have created us to be. As you have chosen to see us and be with us, help us to boldly proclaim the good news of your love and grace to all the world, through the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**Psalm: Psalm 139: 1-18**

O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

You search out my path and my lying down,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O LORD, you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

Where can I go from your spirit?

Or where can I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

If I take the wings of the morning  
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
**even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"  
**even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.**

My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
In your book were written**

**all the days that were formed for me,  
when none of them as yet existed.**

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

**I try to count them — they are more than the sand;  
I come to the end — I am still with you.**

Word of God, Word of Life,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*\*\*Other readings will be taken from texts shared at the Youth Gathering**

**\*Gospel Verse (Lent)**.....The Lord of Love Liturgy, p. 14

**\*Gospel:**\_\_\_\_\_

P: The Holy Gospel according to \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

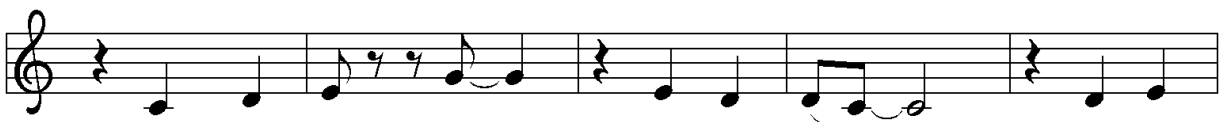
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**..... Rev. Becky Sells

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Hymn of the Day: "Build Us Up, Lord" ..... ELW 670



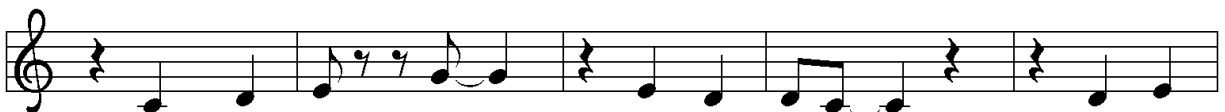
1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
 2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our



us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
 lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
 doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
 Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us



guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
 bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
 sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*



Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!

### ***\*The Apostles' Creed***

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**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***

L: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For all creation: Grant us favorable weather and protect the land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends their sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. Heal those who are sick. We especially pray for those on our prayer list and the names of those we lift up to you in our heart now... In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for those who have died: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **\*Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*Please share signs of peace with one another.  
Please be seated.*

### **Offering**

*Gifts may be placed in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary or given electronically at [www.lord-of-love.org](http://www.lord-of-love.org). Children may come forward to put their offering in the noise jar during this song. Communion servers, please come forward during the offertory song.*

**Offertory** ..... The Lord of Love Liturgy, p. 16

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

P: Let us pray. Merciful God,  
**strengthen us for work in the world, that all may come to know your grace and love. We offer to you ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use them as you will. Amen.**



***\*The Great Thanksgiving***

P: The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

***\*Words of Institution***

You, O God, create and sustain all that we see, all that we touch, all that we taste. You have blessed your people through all time with good gifts: gifts of kindness and compassion, gifts of celebration and silence. You sent your Son, Jesus Christ, the best gift of all, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, to experience our life and suffering, reaching out to us with your love, washing away our sins.

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat. this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

***\*The Lord's Prayer***

P: Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

***Communion Invitation***

P: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, all are welcome.

***Lamb of God***..... The Lord of Love Liturgy, p. 24

***Communion***

***\*Post-Communion Prayer***

P: Loving God, we give you thanks for this gift of yourself. Unite us with all those you love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

***\*Benediction***

P: Almighty God, Creator, † Redeemer, and Comforter, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

***\*Post-Communion Song of Rejoicing***..... The Lord of Love Liturgy, p. 27

***\*Dismissal***

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

***Ringing of the Bell***

***Postlude***

*Please join us in the fellowship hall for a thank you breakfast put on by the youth!*

**Ten Thousand Reasons**

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