

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Observing the Last Sunday in the Church Year

Inspired by Christ • Serving under Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ

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OPENING HYMN

"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

LSB 848

**The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.**

**Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.**

**Oh, brighter than the rising morn when Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lone-some place of death despite the rage of foes.**

**Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race,
The day when Christ in splendor comes and we shall see His face.**

**The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty bring.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness. O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you. Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool! Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: ♪ Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“This is the Feast of Victory”

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, And honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain Has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14:

⁹“As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened”. . . ¹³“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

Daniel 12:1-3:

¹“At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSONS

Jude 20–25:

²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. ²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Revelation 1:4b-8:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE ALLELUIA

C: ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13th chapter.

C: ♪ Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24–37

²⁴“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **♪ Praise to you, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending”

LSB 336

**Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for every sinner slain;
Thousand-thousand saints attending swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold Him, robed in glorious majesty;
Those who set at naught and sold Him, pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of His passion still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation to His ransomed worshipers;
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture Gaze we on those glorious scars.**

**Yea, amen! let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom as Thine own:
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone.**

SERMON: “Stay Awake!” “Watch!” Text: Mark 13:24-37

1. “Stay Alert!”
2. “Stay on Task!”
3. “In Christ We Are Prepared, Ready and Watching!”
4. “Cling to God’s Eternal Word of Truth, Promise and Power!”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **♪ And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **♪ We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to

put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen.

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

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“At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierc-ed side. Alleluia!**

**Praise we Him, whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!**

**Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!**

**Praise we Christ, Whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!**

**Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**

**Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, and Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's power, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!**

**Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

LSB 525

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns, all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown Him the Lord of love, behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heaven, enthroned in worlds above.
Crown Him the king to whom is given the wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns, as thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, for He is king of all.**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of
Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of
His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom**

which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You"

LSB 941

**We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"**

**The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song;
"O all majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter – forever Three in One!"**

**You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet, You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ry one:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.**

**You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!**