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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

Jesus' reign overturns reign by worldly power and might.

November 23, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Holy Communion Setting Nine

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Gathering Song
Holy God, Holy and Glorious – No. 637

Vs. 1 Holy God, holy and glorious,
glory most sublime,
you come as one among us
into human time,
and we behold your glory.

Vs. 2 Holy God, holy and powerful,
power without peer,
you bend to us in weakness;
emptied you draw near,
and we behold your power.

Vs. 3 Holy God, holy and beautiful,
beauty unsurpassed,
you are despised, rejected;
scorned, you hold us fast,
and we behold your beauty.

Vs. 4 Holy God, holy and only wise,
wisdom of great price,
you choose the way of folly:
God the crucified,
and we behold your wisdom.

Vs. 5 Holy God, holy and living one,
life that never ends,
you show your love by dying,
dying for your friends,
and we behold you living.

Greeting

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

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,

and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

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

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honour, blessing, and glory are his.

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

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honour, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Luke 1:68-79

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the ^l God of Israel,
you have come to your people and ^l set them
free.

⁶⁹ **You have raised up for us a ^l mighty
Saviour,
born of the house of your ^l servant David.**
Refrain: ***You have raised up for us a mighty
Saviour.***

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old
to save us | from our enemies,

⁷¹from the hands of | all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy | to our forebears,
and to remember your | holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our | father
Abraham:

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,
free to worship you | without fear,

⁷⁵**holy and righteous before you, all the
days | of our life.**

Refrain: ***You have raised up for us a mighty
Saviour.***

⁷⁶ And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the
Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the
way,

⁷⁷ **to give God's people knowledge | of
salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins.**

⁷⁸ In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

**79 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and
in the shad- | ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the | way of
peace.**

**Refrain: *You have raised up for us a mighty
Saviour.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:33-43

Hymn of the Day
***How Shall I Sing That Majesty* – No. 1095**

Vs. 1 How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heav'nly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

Vs. 2 Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
inflame it with love's fire,
then shall I sing and take my part
with that celestial choir.

They sing, because thou art their sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heav'n is but once begun,
there alleluias be.

Vs. 3 How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep;
thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is ev'rywhere.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,

begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering Song

A Time for All Things - D.E. Wagner – Choir

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Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our
thanks and praise.**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Lamb of God

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, grant us peace.

Communion Songs
***Beautiful Saviour* – No. 838**

Vs. 1 Beautiful Saviour,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Vs. 2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Vs. 3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

Vs. 4 Beautiful Saviour,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honour,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

By Your Hand You Feed Your People – No. 469

Vs. 1 By your hand you feed your people,
food of angels, heaven's bread.
For these gifts we did not labour,
by your grace have we been fed:

Refrain: Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.

Vs. 2 In this meal we taste your sweetness,
bread for hunger, wine of peace.
Holy word and holy wisdom
satisfy our deepest needs.

Refrain: Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.

Vs. 3 Send us now with faith and courage
to the hungry, lost, bereaved.
In our living and our dying,
we become what we receive:

Refrain: Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.

Jesus, Remember Me – No. 616

Jesus, remember me when you come into your
kingdom.

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kingdom.

Sending Song

***Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* – No 435**

Vs. 1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for our salvation slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
join to sing the glad refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ the Lord returns to reign.

Vs. 2 Now redemption, long-expected,
comes in solemn splendour near;
all the saints this world rejected
thrill the trumpet sound to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
See the day of God appear!

Vs. 3 Yea, amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the pow'r and glory,
claim the kingdom as thine own.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone!

Dismissal... Thanks be to God!

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