

Victory of the Lamb Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Victory of Jesus to All



A Big Message for a Big Moment!

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The Opening Hymn

Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying
Red hymnal #573 vs. 1,4

1. Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting;
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth,
Rich reward he offers free;
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me"?
4. Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying,
And the Master calls for you:
Take the task he gives you gladly;
Let his work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when he calleth,
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

The Confession of Sins

L(eader): In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C(ongregation): Amen.

- L: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
- C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

The Absolution of Sins

The use of the keys (the power to forgive sins) is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners (See John 20:21-23).

- L: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**

The Song of Thanks

Gloria in Excelsis

Tune: Old Hundredth

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
We praise you for your peace and grace,
For all, O Fath - er, you have done
Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.

The Prayer of the Day

This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship and marks the beginning of the Word and sacrament sections of the service. The Prayer of the Day asks God to help us in an area that is tied to the theme of our worship service today.

L: Let us pray:

L: Almighty and everlasting God, assure us that you have not given us a spirit of timidity, but instead fuel us with a spirit of power, love and self-discipline. Make us brave to share the light of your life and immortality! We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Lesson

Romans 8:28-39

A Big Message for a Big Moment! If God is for us, who can be against us?

We are more than conquerors as we spread Christ's inseparable love to the world.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:16-20

A Big Message for a Big Moment! Go! Teach! Without rank, and almost with reckless abandon, Jesus commands us to take his gospel to the ends of the earth.

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Children's Message

The Hymn of the Day is assigned because of its rich content and connection to the Scriptures that the sermon is based upon.

The Hymn of the Day

We All Are One in Mission

Red hymnal #566

**1. We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
Compels us from above
To plan and work together
That all may know Christ's love.**

**2. We all are called to service
To witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent,
Our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others
With God's surprising grace
So ev'ry folk and nation
May feel God's warm embrace.**

**3. Now let us be united
And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission,
We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all.**

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances. Each week we'll regularly include a few from our church family in this prayer. Today, that's the Parker, Parr and Patterson families, and all our guests worshipping with us this morning.

- L: Pastor speaks the prayer of the church, ending with...Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake, for it is in his name that we join to pray:
- C: **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. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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.**

The Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on (them), and I will bless them"(Numbers 6:27).

- L: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor, and give you peace.



The Closing Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

Red hymnal #562

- 1. I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory,
Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do.
I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.**
- 2. I love to tell the story;
For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting
To hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story,
That I have loved so long.
I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
Of Jesus and his love.**

Announcements

NEW THIS FALL – “Psalms Read & Share” Bible Reading Plan! Most of us have been spending more time at home lately than usual. There’s so much unhealthy noise out there in the world. Wouldn’t you say that taking a couple of quiet minutes each day to read your Bible is more important than ever? **Join us for “Psalms Read & Share” this fall!** The steps are simple:

- 1) Sign up by telling Pastor you’d like to join a “Psalms Read & Share” group.
- 2) Download Whatsapp to your phone. (Whatsapp is for group chats with many different devices.) You’ll be placed in a group chat with 15-20 other members.
- 3) Read ten psalms or so, according to the weekly plan.
- 4) Share a favorite verse, when one resonates with you. Others will do the same!

This all started on Sunday, August 30, it’s not to late to join!

NEW Fall Bible Studies Starting Soon!

Topic	Day and Time	Location	First Session?
Psalms Read & Share: DIGGING DEEPER	Sundays 11:00-11:45a	Zoom	Sunday, August 30
Highlights of Genesis	Tuesdays 8:00-9:00p	Zoom	Tuesday, September 1
Knocking on Heaven’s Door: Paul’s last letter, 2 Timothy	Fridays 9:30-10:30a	Zoom	Friday, September 4

Psalms Read & Share: DIGGING DEEPER: We’ll take one of the psalms from the weekly personal Psalms reading schedule, and dig deeper into the comforting truth it offers. Questions about what you’ve been reading are welcomed!

Highlights of Genesis: Starting with Creation, and working our way through the life of Abraham, we will enjoy a closer look at the first several chapters of the Bible.

Knocking on Heaven’s Door: The Apostle Paul was in prison. Any day could be "Execution Day." As he was nearing his trip to heaven, what would he tell young Pastor Timothy, whom he had mentored for many years? Let’s study 2 Timothy, the last letter Paul wrote, and find out.

NEW – Houston Mission Launch! VOTL Members Commissioned for Hope Lutheran Church, 610 Loop! We’re very excited that starting next Sunday, September 13, weekly worship will begin for Hope Lutheran Church in the Heights area of Houston! Four of our VOTL families will be joining this mission church’s effort to hold out the word of life in a new area of Houston. Today, Sunday, September 6, we want to commission them during the Sunday School hour. Join us on Zoom for this joyous event!

The Week Ahead

Sun	9/6	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Worship Worship Sunday School on Zoom – for all ages! Adults: Psalms – Digging Deeper into Psalm 9 PreK-8th: The Fall and The Promise High School: God’s Plan Commissioning of Members for Hope Lutheran Mission
Tues	9/8	8:00 – 9:00pm	Highlights of Genesis
Wed	9/9	7:00-8:15pm	Bible 301
Fri	9/11	9:30-10:30am	“Knocking on Heaven’s Door” – Studying 2 Timothy
Sun	9/13	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Worship Worship Sunday School on Zoom – for all ages! Adults: Psalms – Digging Deeper! PreK-8th: The Birth of Moses High School: Our Purpose

Our Gifts for Jesus

General Fund Expected (Jul-Aug 2020).....\$48,856 General Fund Received (Jul -Aug 2020).....\$37,193
 Building Fund thru 8/31/20.....\$457,141

Take God at his Word! Trust him, and give generously to him, as he has given to you.