

Victory of the Lamb Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Victory of Jesus to All



First the Cross; Then the Crown

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The Opening Hymn

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Red hymnal #462

**1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!**

**3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget your way,
Restore your wand'ring sheep.**

**2. Order my footsteps by your Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.**

**4. Make me to walk in your commands,--
'Tis a delightful road,--
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.**

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: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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

Jeremiah 15:15-21

First the Cross; Then the Crown! Jeremiah's main goal: to speak God's holy truth in love, and trust that he will be rescued and saved, regardless of the response.

¹⁵ You understand, O LORD; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake.

¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O LORD God Almighty. ¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails?

¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD.

²¹ "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel."

1. As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you

Refrain:

You alone are my strength, my shield.
To you alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship you.

2. You're my friend, and you're my brother,
Even though You are a King.
I love You more than any other,
So much more than anything
Refrain

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:18-25

First the Cross; Then the Crown! Our present sufferings might be many. But their weight is not worth comparing to the massive glory that will be revealed in us, in the Lord's time!

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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 16:21-26

First the Cross; Then the Crown! You can't worship both Jesus and yourself.
Deny self! Pick up your cross! Follow Jesus!

See the sermon verses

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

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Red hymnal #474 v. 1,4

**1. Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross!
Lift high his royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army shall he lead,
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.**

**4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.**

“First the Cross; Then the Crown!”

²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

As you listen to the sermon message, see if you can answer the following questions.

1. What sin do these Scripture verses point out to me?

2. Where in these Scripture verses do I see God’s plan of forgiveness through Jesus?

3. What is one attitude adjustment these Scripture verses help me to have?

The Nicene Creed

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

**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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

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 Salce, Schiefer and Schoeneck families, and the families of all our guests who are 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 Preface to the Sacrament

The opening words of the communion liturgy mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

L: The LORD be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the LORD.

L: Let us give thanks and praise to the LORD our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times, and in all places, give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Sanctus

Tune: ELLACOMBE

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To
count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -
save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -
in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

The Words of Institution

Matthew 26:26-28; I Corinthians 11:24,25

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: **Amen.**

Lamb of God

Jesus is God's Lamb, who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all. (John 1:29)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Note: If you've never taken communion with us before, **would you please wait for today** and speak with our pastor first? That way, you can learn how to have communing fellowship with us.

Thanks for your kindness and patience...we can't wait to commune with you in the future!

A non-alcoholic option is available in the middle of the tray.

The Song of Thanksgiving

Song of Simeon

Tune: Kuortane



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace, as -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the



sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -



car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -



light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une



crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Refrain

Do not let your hearts be trou - bled; have
 faith in God and faith in me. I will go
 forth to pre - pare a place for you; then I'll come
 back to take you with me, that where I
 am, you may al - so be.

1-3 *To verses*

Last time *Verses*

be. 1 In God's
2 I am the
3 The words I

house there are man - y plac - es For you a -
 Way, the Truth, and the Life; On - ly through
 speak are not on - ly of my - self; It is your

lone to dwell in safe - ty. You know the
 me can you know what I know. If you knew
 God who lives with - in me. If you be -

way to where I'll lead you; If you are
me, you would know the Fa - ther; If you see
lieve that your God and I are one, I will pro-

To Refrain

lost, I will show the way.
me, you see your God.
vide when you call my name.

Text: John 14:1-3,6,7,10-14; alt. David Haas, b. 1957
Tune: DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED (88 11 99 99 99)
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The Week Ahead

Sun	10/4	8:00am 9:30am	Worship Worship
		11:00am	Sunday School on Zoom – for all ages! Adults: Psalms – Digging Deeper! PreK-8th: The First Passover High School: Cain and Abel
Tues	10/6	8:00 – 9:00pm	Highlights of Genesis
Wed	10/7	8:00 – 9:15pm	Bible 101
Thurs	10/8	6:30 – 8:00pm	Confirmation Class
Fri	10/9	9:30-10:30am	“Knocking on Heaven’s Door” – Studying 2 Timothy
Sun	10/11	8:00am 9:30am 11:00am	Worship Worship Sunday School on Zoom – for all ages! Adults: Psalms – Digging Deeper! PreK-8th: Crossing the Red Sea High School: The Flood

Our Gifts for Jesus

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