

Victory of the Lamb Lutheran Church

Proclaiming the Victory of Jesus to All



Jesus Reigns All the Time!

Epiphany Sunday

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JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN. So do we! To make worship easier for them (and their parents!), we offer these options:

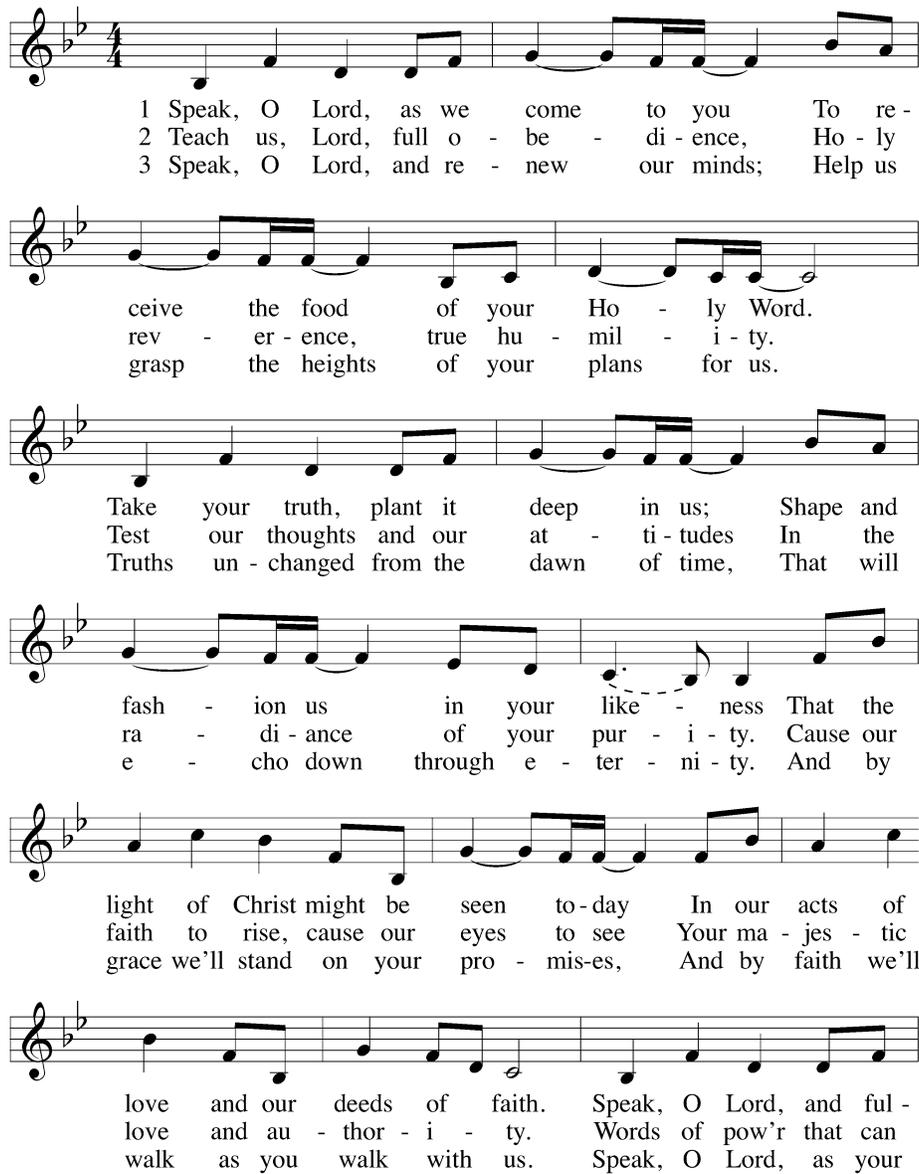
- Activity bags for children are available in the entryway. These bags have activities to occupy children during the service. Please return them on your way out.
- If your child is having a difficult day you may take them into the nursery. You can find our nursery down the hallway to the left, near the bathrooms. A speaker is on so that you are still able to listen to the service.

RESTROOMS are down the hallway to your left after you enter the church.

GUESTS – a special welcome for you! Thank you for your kindness in visiting us for worship. Please sign our connection card in the hymnal rack. We are honored to have you in our midst!

The Opening Hymn

Speak, O Lord



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us

ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will

fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll

love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your

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 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your
 fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre-vail o - ver
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your
 glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

Last time

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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: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie - Mark 10:47

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
 on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

The Absolution of Sins

L: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

L: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

The Song of Thanks

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.



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



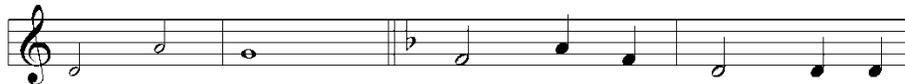
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -
 ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,
 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
 high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

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, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The First Reading

Numbers 24:15-17

Jesus Reigns All the Time! Satan works hard to destroy God's people.
But God has our back, whether we realize it or not!

See the sermon verses

Psalm of the Day

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
Red Hymnal #84 vs. 1,4,5

*This hymn is based on the words of Psalm 72. It's written by King Solomon,
asking the LORD to provide all afflicted ones with justice!*

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| <p>1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p> | <p>4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
The pris'ner leaps, unloosed his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.</p> |
| <p>5. Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Worship and honor to our King,
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.</p> | |

The Second Reading

Romans 11:32-36

Jesus Reigns All the Time! Nobody is God's counselor. He owes us nothing.
Yet, the depth of his wisdom and mercy is infinite! To HIM be the glory forever!

³² For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴ "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

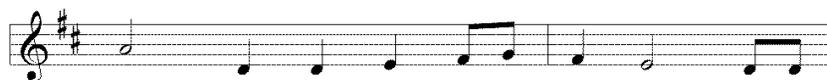
³⁵ "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?"

³⁶ For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

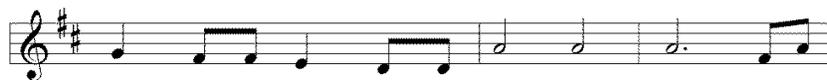
The Alleluia



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 Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Jesus Reigns All the Time! The magi from the east spared no time or expense to come and worship Jesus with great joy. Let's do the same!

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶"But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Red hymnal #341 vs. 1,2,4

**1. 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.**

**2. Crown him the Lord of love;
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wondering eye
At mysteries so bright.**

**4. Crown him the Lord of heaven,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n,
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.**

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 Garcia, Green and Guimaraes 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 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

There Is a Higher Throne

1 There is a high - er throne than all this
 2 And there we'll find our home, our life be -

world has known, Where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue
 fore the throne. We'll hon - or him in per - fect song

will one day come. Be - fore the Son we'll stand,
 where we be - long. He'll wipe each tear - stained eye

made fault - less through the Lamb; Be - liev - ing
 as thirst and hun - ger die. The Lamb be -

hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.
 comes our Shep - herd - King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain

Hear heav - en's voic - es sing; their thund - 'rous
 an - them rings. Through em - 'rald courts and sap - phire skies
 their prais - es rise. All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r,
 strength, thanks, and hon - or are to God our King who
 reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

The vivid imagery of our Lord's revelation to Saint John is elegantly summarized in this Irish hymn.

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Announcements

Opportunities to help in 2021. We're looking for help with providing **flowers on Sundays**, as well as with **communion set up and clean up**. Go to votl.org and click, "Help out" if you'd like to sign up. Thanks! Questions? Please talk to Amy Buege (832-472-9052).

Church directory update time. The annual VOTL Directory is being updated. Please check the copy on the narthex table to make sure your contact information is correct. If you'd like a new picture please talk to Amy Buege.

Upcoming Bible Studies starting in January!

Topic	Day and Time	First Session	Location
Genesis Highlights	Tuesdays 8:00-9:00p	Jan 5	Zoom
"Nothing New Under the Sun" Studying the Book of Ecclesiastes	Fridays 9:30-10:30a	Jan 8	VOTL Sanctuary and Zoom
World Religions	Sundays 10:45-11:30a	Jan 10	VOTL Sanctuary and Zoom
Bible 101*	Mondays, 7:00-8:15pm	Jan 11 (5 wks)	Zoom

** Bible 101 is a basic overview of the Bible's teachings. It is for all who are interested in joining Victory of the Lamb or just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. Bible 101 will be followed by Bible 201 (5 wks) and Bible 301 (5 wks). **If you are unable to make the scheduled day and time listed above, alternate options are available – please speak with Pastor Buege.***

Personal Bible Reading Schedules Starting NEW in January! Would you like to spend more time reading your Bible in 2021 than you did in 2020? Pick one of our two Bible reading plans to enjoy! Ask Pastor for the reading schedule, and consider joining a group chat where favorite verses are texted to the group as you read.

- Plan A – Read Through the Four Gospels 3 chapters/week Jan 3 – Aug 28
- Plan B – Read Through the New Testament 8 chapters/week Jan 3 – Aug 28

A Ministerial Education Door Offering will be collected in January! 100% of this offering will help with tuition costs for one of our VOTL students attending a ministerial education school. We'll be supporting Luther Prep high school students Ethan Buege, Breyton Zobac and Marissa Buege, Martin Luther College student Abby Buege, and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary student Erich Neumann. The goal for the offering is \$10,000. Give generously, as God has given to you!

The Week Ahead

Sun	1/10	8:00am 9:30am 10:45am	Worship Worship Sunday School for all ages - Both in-person and Zoom! PreK-8th: Samson Adults: World Religions
Tues	1/12	6:30 – 8:00pm	7 th and 8 th grade Confirmation Class on Zoom
Tues	1/12	8:00 – 9:00pm	“Highlights of Genesis” On Zoom
Wed	1/13	8:00 – 9:15pm	Bible 301 On Zoom
Thurs	1/14	6:00 – 7:00pm	6 th grade Bible History Class
Fri	1/15	9:30 - 10:30am	Bible Study – Nothing New Under the Sun – Both in-person and Zoom!
Sun	1/17	8:00am 9:30am 10:45am	Worship Worship Sunday School for all ages - Both in-person and Zoom! PreK-8th: Samson Adults: World Religions

Our Gifts for Jesus

General Fund Expected (Jul-Dec 2020).....\$146,562 General Fund Received (Jul -Dec 2020).....\$131,099
 Building Fund thru 12/31/20.....\$469,041

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

