



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH November 23, 2025 - 10am

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY JEREMIAH'S LETTER TO THE EXILES God provides a future full of hope.

Prelude	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	-Philips
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Opening Hymn	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	Hymn 660
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Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*
- 2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain*
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain*
- 4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for-give us; in your prom-ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, **Consoling God**, when troubles surround, we can find ourselves questioning the past and anxious for the future, leaving us unsure about your will for our lives. Grant us patience to accept the present, wisdom to discern your will in all circumstances, and courage to carry it out. In all things, help us to trust that you are our guide, and will lead us home. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Gospel Acclamation *stand*



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel Lesson

John 14:25-31

The gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy

Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe. ³⁰ I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no power over me, ³¹ but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Lesson

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

¹ These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ⁴ Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. ⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. ⁸ For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to your dreams that you dream, ⁹ for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

¹⁰ For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn

Evening and Morning

Hymn 761

- 1 Evening and morning,
sunset and dawning,
wealth, peace, and gladness,
comfort in sadness:
these are your works, rich in glory divine!
Times without number,
awake or in slumber,
your eye observes us,
from danger preserves us,
causing your mercy upon us to shine.
- 2 Gracious Lord, hear me,
pardon and spare me;
calm all my terrors,
blot out my errors,
that justified in your sight I may stand.
Order my goings,
direct all my doings;

guard me and guide me
and stay close beside me;
all I commit to your fatherly hand.

- 3 Ills that still grieve me
soon are to leave me;
though billows tower,
and winds gain power,
after the storm the fair sun shows its face.
Joys e'er increasing
and peace never ceasing:
these shall I treasure
and share in full measure
when in your mansions you grant me a place.
- 4 To God in heaven
all praise be given!
O God, we offer
and gladly proffer
gifts from your hand; these alone you will prize:
hearts that receive you
and faith to believe you;
hymns that adore you
are precious before you
and to your throne like sweet incense arise.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Ministry Announcements

Prayers of Intercession **Response:** hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE MEAL

Offertory

A Gaelic Blessing

-John Rutter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you*

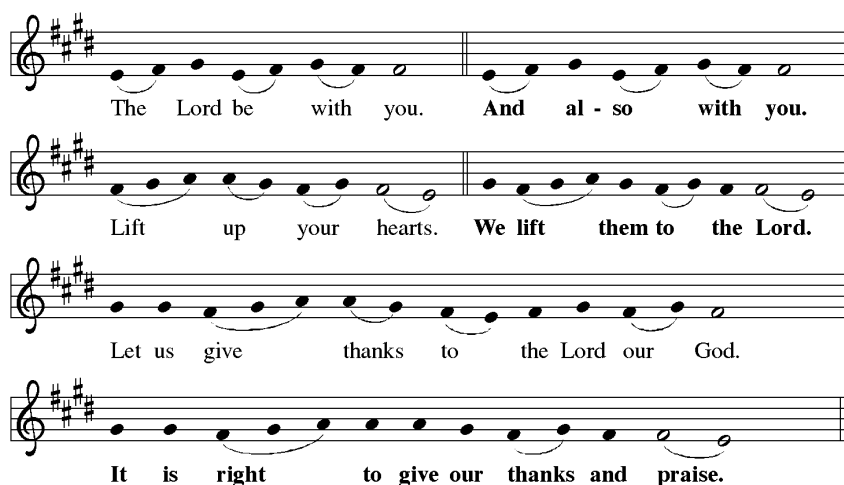
*Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you*

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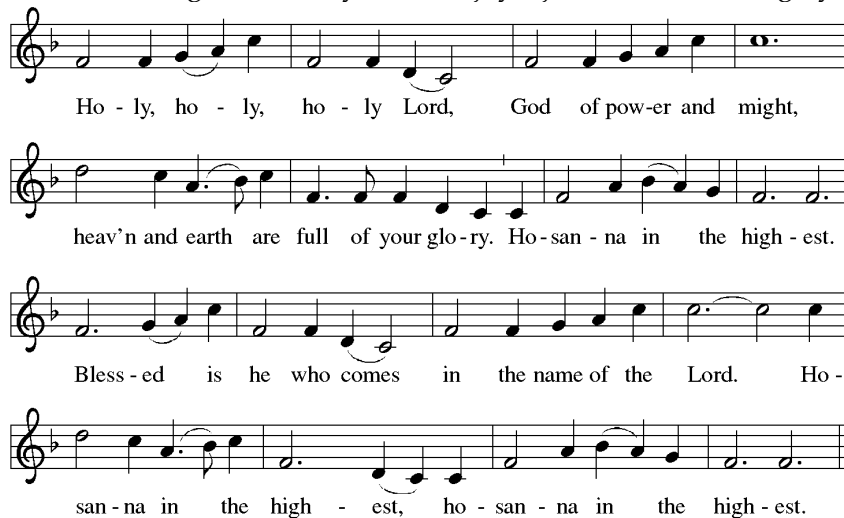
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Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...join their unending hymn:



Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, ... both now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Communion

*All baptized believers of Christ as their Savior are invited to the table. Please approach the table as you are ready.
Children are invited to receive a blessing. You may request gluten-free bread or grape juice by raising a finger to the communion server.*

Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymn 855

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly 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 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.
- 3 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 burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.
- 4 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.
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name. **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace, together in Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Chancel flowers today are given by Beth and Doug Myser in memory of Betty Sauer, Beth

Myser's and Christine Buehner's mother, and Blaire Myser, Doug Myser's mother.

Liturgical Ministers

Preacher & Presiding Minister: Pastor Steve Wachtman
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