



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 27, 2025 - 10am

Reaching
out in the Spirit

GREETINGS AND FIRST VISION

*In a time of uncertainty and fear, God
contains all things from all time,
Alpha to Omega.*

Prelude

Gotha Handbell Choir

Opening Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

Hymn 434

- 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.
- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

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

Refrain

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my
 path. Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a
 light un-to my path. *Fine* When I feel a-fraid, and I
 think I've lost my way, still you're there right be - side me.
 Noth-ing will I fear as long as you are near.
 Please be near me to the end. *Dsus D7 to Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, You are the beginning and the end of all things, and in you we live and move and have our being. Open our hearts and minds that we might answer your invitation to know you more deeply, and to see you in the midst of an often troubling world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Welcome and Greeting

Gospel Acclamation *stand*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel Lesson

John 8:12-20

The gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." ¹³ Then the Pharisees said to him, "You are testifying on your own behalf; your testimony is not valid." ¹⁴ Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid because I know where I have come from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going." ¹⁵ You judge by human standards; I judge no one. ¹⁶ Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is valid, for it is not I alone who judge but I and the Father who sent me. ¹⁷ In your law it is written that the testimony of two witnesses is valid. ¹⁸ I testify on my own behalf, and the Father who sent me testifies on my behalf." ¹⁹ Then they said to him, "Where is your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither me nor my Father. If you knew me, you would know my Father also." ²⁰ He spoke these words while he was teaching in the treasury of the temple, but no one arrested him, because his hour had not yet come.

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

Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8

¹ The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place, and he made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.

³ Blessed is the one who reads the words of the prophecy, and blessed are those who hear and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him,

and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hymn 825

- 1 You servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!
- 2 Ascended on high, almighty to save, yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!
- 3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.
- 4 Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!

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

God Is There
Mary Shaner, soloist

-Jay Althouse

Offering

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

We give you thanks, Father..., in your holy church, 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. We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Love everyone always. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Chancel flowers today are given by Carolyn and Clyde Cramer with thanks and praise to God for their wedding anniversary.

Liturgical Ministers

Preacher & Presiding Minister: Pastor Steve Wachtman **Director of Equipping Ministers:** Laura Hudson
Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck **Director of Faith Formation:** Noelle Fox

