

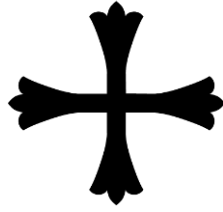
Divine Service

CHRIST THE KING



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION

NOVEMBER 22, 2020 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.



PRELUDE

Prelude on "Kremser"

Flor Peeters

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 525

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem,
down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

- 5 **Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 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." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

Matthew 28:18b-19; Mark 16:16a; 1 Peter 3:21

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses the candidate:

P How are you named?

R *Luka Hobbes.*

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:

P Luka Hobbes, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drown hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Luka according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

- P** Beloved in the Lord, from ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

The pastor addresses the sponsor of the candidate with the following question:

- P** Grayson, is it your intention to serve Luka as a sponsor in the Christian faith?
R Yes, with the help of God.

After the sponsor has been addressed, the pastor continues with the following:

- P** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C Amen.

- P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, grant Your blessing upon this faithful Christian, Grayson, who has pledged himself to Luka as a sponsor in Holy Baptism and catechesis. Pour upon him Your Word and Spirit that he may faithfully confess the faith to Luka, support and encourage him in his instruction and nurture, and pray for him that he might not fall away from Christ. Enable this sponsor to be an example of prayer and faithfulness in hearing the Word of God, receiving the Sacraments, confessing sin, and living by faith in Christ's forgiveness with love toward others. Grant that Luka might learn from him to suffer under the cross of persecution and affliction with steadfastness, patience, and joy, to the glory of the only true God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

- P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

Mark 10:13-16 NKJV

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

"Happy is our sacrament of water, in that, by washing away the sins of our early blindness, we are set free and admitted into eternal life!"
Tertullian (155 – 240 A.D.)

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying:

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;
 and forgive us our trespasses
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and 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.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth
and even ✠ forevermore.

C **Amen.**

Sitting

The pastor addresses the candidate and asks the following questions:

P Luka, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

R *Yes, believe.*

P Luka, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:

P Luka Hobbes, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

The pastor places anoints the head of the newly baptized with oil while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C **Amen.**

The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:

A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

Standing

While remaining at the font, the pastor prays the following:

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Luka the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Peace † be with you.

C **Amen.**

All return to their places.



BAPTISMAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 605

"Father Welcomes"

Refrain



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.

1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly

is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Refrain

Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated. The lyrics are as follows:

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

A The Old Testament Reading for Christ the King Sunday is from Ezekiel, chapter 34.

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the

Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon

Composer: Jonathan Mueller

Cantor introduces first time, then congregation sings second time:

These — are they who have come out of the
great trib - u - la - tion; they have washed their robes and
made them white — in the blood of the Lamb. —
Bless - ed are those whose strength is in you, bless - ed are those whose
strength is in you. who have set their hearts on pilgrim - age. —



- L** Oh come, let us sing | to the LORD;*
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - | vation!
- C** Let us come into his presence with thanks - | giving;*
let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!
- L** For the LORD is a | great God,*
and a great King a - | bove all gods.
- C** In his hand are the depths | of the earth;*
the heights of the mountains are his | also.
- L** The sea is his, for he | made it,*
and his hands formed the | dry land.
- C** Oh come, let us worship and | bow down;*
let us kneel before the LORD, our | Maker!



- L For he | is our God,*
 And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.

- C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

- C *Antiphon*

EPISTLE

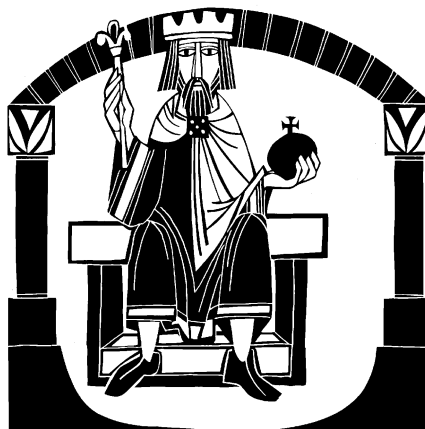
1 Corinthians 15:20-28

- A The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter fifteen.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For

he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸ When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 815 (stanzas 1-2)

“All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”



1 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;



Didst yield the glo - ry that of right was Thine,
By Thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;



That in our dark - ened hearts Thy grace might shine.
And by Thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.



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

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P [Jesus said:] ³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and

you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

P ⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did

we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”


P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.


GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

Lutheran Service Book 815 (stanzas 3-4)


“All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”



3 Let this mind be in us which was in Thee,
4 Where-fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, Thou



Who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
Art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,



Hum-bling Thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow.



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

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“How unfair we are to ourselves if we do not think of heaven, the one and only true treasure, and ours forever! We shall have more courage if we think of it. We shall rejoice and forge ahead enthusiastically!”
Blessed James Alberione

- P** What does such baptizing with water indicate?
C It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.
- P** Where is this written?
C St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."
Romans 6:4

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 508 (stanzas 1-6)

"The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
 And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!

6 May Christ our intercessor be
 And through His blood and merit
 Read from His book that we are free
 With all who life inherit.
 Then we shall see Him face to face,
 With all His saints in that blest place
 Which He has purchased for us.

SERMON

Standing

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

P For the faithful proclamation of Christ, our King, and for the strengthening of God's people in this true faith and their baptismal life in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Christ's holy, catholic and apostolic Church; for all who faithfully confess the saving name of Christ; and for the protection of the Lord to extend over us against the devil, the world and our own sinful selves, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For God's people in this place, for the mission and work God has given us to do, and for the unity of the Spirit and a spirit of cooperation and harmony in our life together, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all the schools of our church body, for the seminaries where our pastors are being trained for Your service, and for the campuses where our young are prepared for their occupations by their vocation as God's people by Baptism and faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who have wandered from the flock of God, for the faithful shepherds who gather them in through the voice of God's Word, for our forgiveness, and for our willingness to forgive others in Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For a right reception of the true body and blood of Christ, for grace to use well what we receive here in Christ's name, and for the day when no division of doctrine and faith will hinder our communion together at the Lord's altar, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Donald, our president; Brian, our governor; and all in authority over us, that they may not abuse the trust and power placed in their hands but use it honorably and for the good of all people, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all artists and artisans; for science and invention; for those who serve us in the medical arts; for tradespeople and laborers; and for those who serve and protect us as police, firefighters and military personnel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the hungry and homeless, for the unemployed and underemployed, for those who work in disaster relief, and for the social-service agencies of our church, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For a giving spirit, that we may not neglect the poor nor fail to provide resources to the Church to fulfill the Lord's bidding and spread the Gospel to every place, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those afflicted by illness of body or mind and for those who care for them, [*especially _____,*] that with God's strength they may be kept through patience and delivered to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the grieving, that they may have hope, [*especially _____,*] and for those near the end of their earthly lives, that they may be sustained in faith to everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sitting

OFFERING

MUSIC

Jubilation

Deb Ramsey Dickensheets

MEDITATION

Matthew 25:44 – "Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'" With this parable Jesus once again emphasizes that our good works come from who we are, not the other way around. Sheep do sheep works, and goats do goat works. So, first things first. If we want to live more faithfully, let us come to Jesus, receive His gifts, and ask him to increase our faith.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

2 Timothy 4:22

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

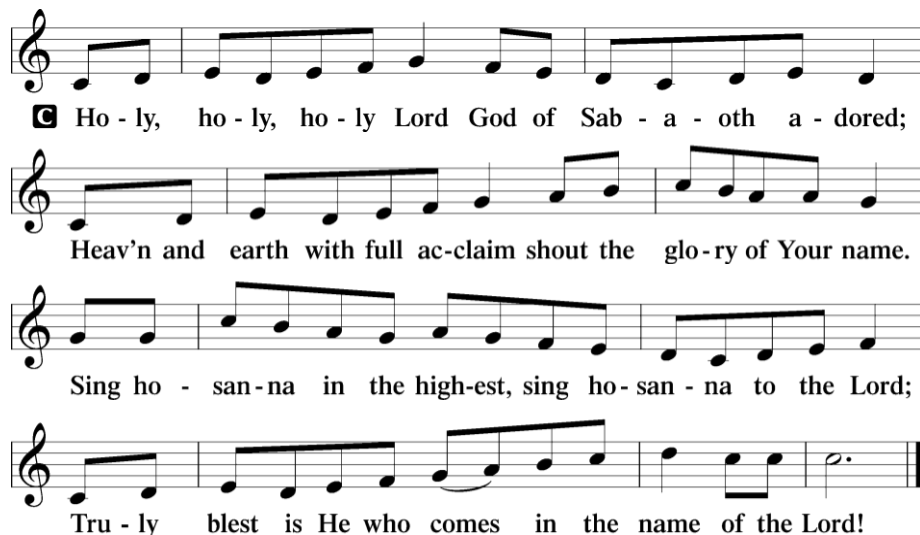
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from *Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper*, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*

"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

MUSIC FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 602

"The Gifts Christ Freely Gives"



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

**5 The gifts are in the feast,
Gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine
Is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood
Remove our ev'ry sin;
We leave His presence in
His peace, renewed again.**

**6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!**



Standing

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the one true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Please remain standing and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 527

“O Savior, Precious Savior”



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, Whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
3 In Thee all full - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 O grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love;



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring,



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee, Our Sav - ior and our King!

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POSTLUDE

Nun danket all Gott (Now Thank We All Our God)

Sigfried Karg-Elert

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Organist

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

Altar Guild

Caitlin East/Lucie Woolery

Usher(s)

Richard Drachenberg/Brian Beckman

SERVING NEXT WEEK

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Usher(s)

Grayson Beckman/Greg Ison

Making Christ Known

CALENDAR		
Sunday 11/22	Christ the King Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The Epistles of Peter</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Baptismal Celebration Luncheon Divine Service with Holy Communion	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Noon
Monday 11/23	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 11/24	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 11/25	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM
Thursday 11/26	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 11/27	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 11/28	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 11/29	First Sunday in Advent Nursery available Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Divine Service with Holy Communion	9:30 – 11:30 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Noon

Truth ~ GROWING IN HIS WORD

✦ Adult Bible Study and Sunday School Cancellations

Theme: Due to the upcoming holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year, we will suspend the 9:00 A.M. education hour for the Sundays following each occasion. When we resume, we look forward to seeing you back in class!

Dates: Cancellations: November 29; December 27; January 3

✦ Adult Bible Study: *The Epistles of Peter*

Theme: It was to St. Peter that the Lord Jesus Christ called, "Follow Me." And it is through the two Petrine epistles that the Lord Jesus Christ still calls us today to be His disciples. Hear that calling like never before, and discover what it really means to follow Him with this compelling Bible study.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M.

Location: Church fellowship hall

✦ Women's Group Bible Study: *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions*

Theme: Come, delve into the great hymns of our church as they're informed by God's Word! The Ascension Women's Group is taking on a new hymn each month using the book *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions* by Timothy Shoup. It's available for purchase on Amazon for \$13 or through Concordia Publishing House for \$18, and the book "features introductions to 14 hymns with devotions based on each stanza, helping readers learn the biblical basis of the words the authors chose."

If you've never joined this group for a book study before, now is a great time – since the ladies will be studying a different hymn each month, you're free to come when you can and not stress if you can't commit to every meeting. Childcare is provided!

Day & Time: Saturday, December 5 at 10:30 A.M.

Location: Church narthex

✦ **Adult Bible Study: *Paul's Epistle to the Romans***

Theme: Law and Gospel. Judgment and grace. Freedom and bondage. These are just a few of the powerful themes St. Paul mentions in his letter to the Christians at Rome. Masterfully, he uses such images to paint a vivid portrait of salvation in Christ Jesus. Come, uncover the beautiful picture of what life now looks like on account of your Savior.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning January 10

Location: Church fellowship hall

Beauty ~ WORSHIPING OUR GOD

✦ **Additional Divine Service**

Theme: A second Divine Service sung a cappella is available every Sunday for those who would prefer a smaller gathering.

Day & Time: Sundays at noon, except for December 6

Location: Church sanctuary

✦ **Christmas Poinsettias for Sale**

Theme: Believe it or not, Christmas is already just around the corner. In a little over a month, we will be celebrating the birth of our newborn Savior. To add color and festivity to the coming holiday services, you're welcome to purchase one or more red poinsettias. For a week during the Advent season and all through the Christmas services, they will adorn the chancel. Whether you attend the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service, you may take home your purchased poinsettia(s). All poinsettia arrangements are available for \$16 apiece, and are payable by check or cash in a clearly marked envelope in the offering plate. Please indicate on the enclosed order form if you'd like to dedicate your poinsettia in the memory or honor of a special loved one.

Day & Time: Deadline: Sunday, December 6

Goodness ~ SERVING IN HIS NAME

✦ 1-1-1 Mission Campaign

Theme: 1-1-1 is a campaign of the English District to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone can give toward the district's mission efforts. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, those missions are focusing on district ministries on college campuses. Please consider playing a part in this special mission! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

✦ Baptismal Celebration Luncheon

Theme: The Baptism of Luka Hobbes Beckman, son of Isaac and Bekah Beckman, will take place Sunday, November 22. You're invited to attend a special luncheon in celebration of the joyous occasion. The food is being catered at no cost to you. All you need to bring is *you!*

Day & Time: Sunday, November 22 immediately following the Divine Service

Location: Church fellowship hall

✦ Angel Tree: Providing Christmas Joy to Children in Need

Theme: Through the Angel Tree program, our congregation has adopted two children, Keyatta and Edwin. If you would like to contribute to providing them with Christmas gifts, you may do so in one of two ways. You may either provide a financial donation toward Ascension's Angel Tree efforts, in which case we will do the shopping for you, or you may purchase the items yourself and include a gift receipt with your purchase. Should you purchase actual gifts, the Salvation Army asks that you please not wrap them. Here are the requested items:

Keyatta (girl, age 10): LOL Dolls; tablet; doll house

Shirt size: X-Large

Pants size: 15

Shoe size: 8.5

Edwin (boy, age 11): Winter clothes; hoodie; remote control car; tablet (loves Batman)

Shirt size: N/A

Pants size: 11/11

Shoe size: 2.5

Day & Time: Deadline: Sunday, November 29

Location: Drop off: Church office

✝ Christmas Decorating Party

Theme: Join the Ascension family for our annual Christmas Decorating Party. It is a fun time of trimming the trees, hanging the garlands, and enjoying each other's company. Although not required, all are welcome to bring a snack and/or beverage to share. Don't miss this time-honored tradition!

Day & Time: Sunday, December 6 immediately following the Divine Service

Location: Church sanctuary

✝ Stewardship Sunday

Theme: It is the nature of our God to give. At creation, He gave us the world. At redemption, He gave us His only Son. In sanctification, He gives us His Holy Word and Sacraments. Now, recreated in the image and likeness of our God, we ourselves give. It is our new nature to give of our time, talent, and treasure to the Lord and His purposes. In 2021, what will that look like as you give of yourself to the ministry of Lutheran Church of the Ascension? In the mail, you will receive a packet to help you think through some opportunities. And on Stewardship Sunday, you will be invited to present your pledge to the Lord.

Day & Time: Sunday, December 13 during the Divine Service

Location: Church sanctuary

✝ Volunteer as a Church Officer

Theme: You are an important instrument of our Lord. He uses your personal gifts and abilities to bless and serve your neighbor, just as He has surrounded you with special people who enrich your life. We call each of these various roles a *vocation* (Latin for "calling"). One of your callings from God is to serve your church family. Perhaps He's even calling you to serve as an officer. Would you consider volunteering as Congregational Secretary or Chair of Stewardship? Please prayerfully deliberate this opportunity to contribute to Ascension's ministry. You may contact Pastor Miller for more information.

Day & Time: Deadline: Sunday, December 13

LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

Birthdays

- ✝ Grayson Beckman, 11/28
- ✝ Arlene Kateen, 11/28

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

- ✝ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries

- ✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries

- ✝ Christina Schoellen, 11/23

In Need

Recent Requests

For persecuted Christians:

- ✝ Nigeria

For comfort, health, and healing:

- ✝ Edith Bohannon (mother of Caitlin East's friend)
- ✝ Edwin Fisher (friend of the congregation)
- ✝ Brandon Irwin (friend of Lauren Morr)
- ✝ The unborn child of Lauren and J.P. Morr
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- ✝ The unborn child of Luke Voss (former neighbor of the Schoellens)
- ✝ All impacted by COVID-19

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- ✝ Terrie Dowling (aunt of Caitlin East)
- ✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden
- ✝ Rev. David Heller (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA)
- ✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr)
- ✝ Adi Murphy (former neighbor of the Beckmans)
- ✝ Jimmy Murray (friend of Adrian Popescu)
- ✝ Lourdes Rosnoski (mother-in-law of Martin Kunkel)
- ✝ Homero Salgado (Maintenance Manager)

For the leaders of Church and state:

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins & Open Arms Board
- ✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



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