



GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Christ the King/Stewardship Sunday
November 24, 2024 • 9:00 am

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DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE, **THE CONGREGATION JOINS IN RECITING THE BOLD TEXT.**

GATHERING

PRELUDE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. David Cherwien

WELCOME

The assembly is invited to rise in body and/or spirit.

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW 434

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.
Music: John Hatton, d. 1793

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: **Amen.**

L: Let us come in truth before the one who loves and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Eternal One,

C: **robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

L: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✚ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: **Amen.**



Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

GREETING

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

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD: They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them; they ate and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 145:10-18

The congregation joins in reciting the Psalm at the bold text.

All your works shall praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.
You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

The assembly is invited to rise in body and/or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW page 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 28:16-20

L: A reading from the Gospel of Saint Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

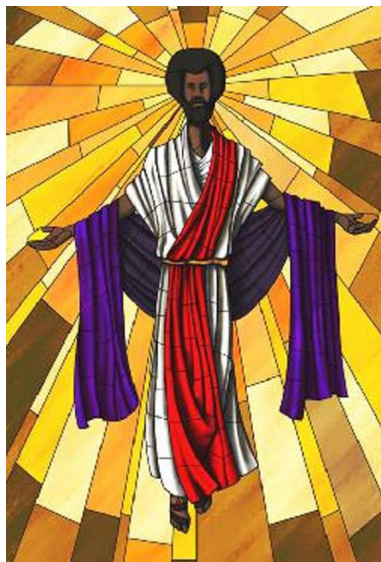
L: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

MESSAGE

The Rev. Ruthie Mhanga



1. Re - joyce, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2. Je - sus, the Sa - vior, reigns, The God of truth and love;
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4. Re - joyce in glo rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come

Re - joyce, give thanks and sing, And tri - umph e - ver -
 When He has purged our stains, He took his seat a -
 The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus
 And take His ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal

more. Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re -
 bove; Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re -
 giv'n: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re -
 home: Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Re -

joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!
 joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!
 joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!
 joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

Text: Charles Wesley, d. 1770
 Music: Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1875-1947

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THE NICENE CREED

C: 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 truly 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Each petition ends with

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

L: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

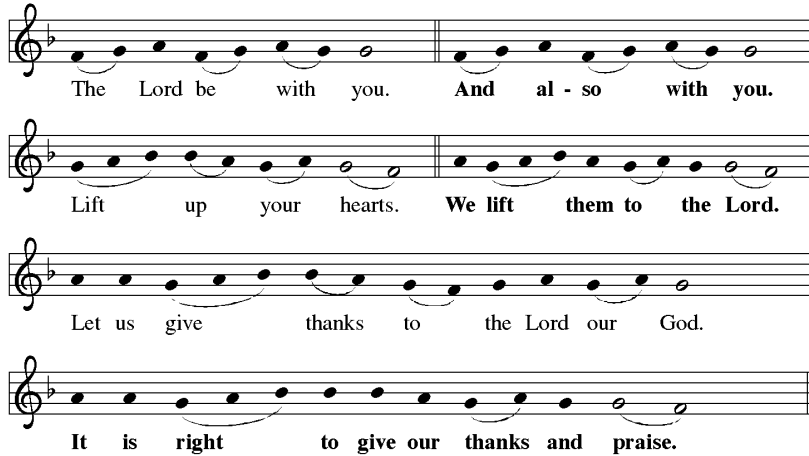
*You may also say **Peace be to you** or use similar words.*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

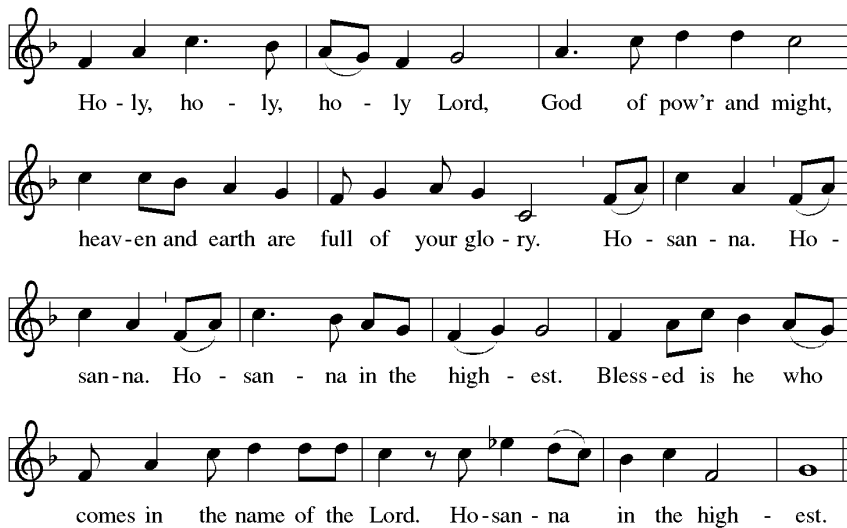
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GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God...and join their unending hymn.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: In the night in which he was betrayed...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Let us pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING AND PLEDGE COLLECTION

Your offering here is an act of worship that support's Christ's mission through Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church. In addition to our ministry of worship, your gifts teach the story to all ages, keep the lights shining bright, serve our neighbors in need, and support our partners in mission. These partners include Merrick Community Services, Every Meal, Lutheran Social Services and many others. This month's special concern giving supports The Giving Tree benefitting LSS shelter residents.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to join in this meal of God's mercy for all people...as Lutherans, we simply set the table. The invitation to share in this meal comes from God. The ushers will direct you to a serving station. If going forward is difficult for you, please remain seated and a pastor will come to you.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN

Lamb of God

ELW page 154

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 peace.

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing
Gustavus Adolphus Chancel Choir

by Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even to the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of his name,

Make his praise to be glorious.

HYMN

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-1977
Music: Irish tune

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Fill us with your abundance. Thank you for cultivating generosity in this congregation through our pledges. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly is invited to rise in body and/or spirit.

L: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.



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
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

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.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4
 Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

DISMISSAL

L: People of God. Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

by Oliver Holden



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TO BE
GENEROUS



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