



Reign of Christ

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WELCOME & CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(Pause in silence)*

Have mercy, O God,

against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin, and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit, and restore your joy within us. Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you,

renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

HYMN: *Beautiful Savior* (ELW 838)

GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE (p. 184 ELW)

Refrain

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;
for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. ***Refrain***
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. ***Refrain***
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;
for life and for love, for our work and our play,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. ***Refrain***
4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. ***Refrain***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: Shepherding God, hear our prayer, as Jesus heard the plea of the criminal crucified with him. Gather into Christ's holy reign, the broken, the sorrowing, and the sinner, that all may know wholeness, joy, and forgiveness. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

EPISTLE: *Colossians 1:11-20*

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF ZECHARIAH: *Luke 1:68-79*

⁶⁸Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.**

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of all who hate us,

⁷²**to show mercy to our forebears,
and to remember your holy covenant.**

⁷³This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:
⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**free to worship you without fear,
⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.**

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

⁷⁷**to give God's people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

⁷⁹**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

GOSPEL: *Luke 23:33-43*

The Gospel according to Luke, the 23rd chapter.

Glory to you O Lord.

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *You, Lord, Are Both The Lamb And Shepherd* (ACS 954)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Especially we pray for Abby Mandris as she works to bring together and build community among Lutheran Youth in Ottawa. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader’s heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people; especially we pray for Lutheran delegations who attended the COP27 meetings in Egypt; that their labour bear fruit for your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who suffer and all who long for healing in any way. Especially we pray for Marie, Margareta, Sylvia, Lyndon, Yvonne, Jennifer and Cindy, Bowen, Bettina, Luke, Eleanor, Ken and Engel, Victoria. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Kylie Niman, Ken Roeske, Elsie Swendsen, Anay Moonsammy, Patty Schroeder. May they and their loved ones rejoice in the gift of life. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn, especially Andrew, Bettina, John, Peter and all family and friends of Emilie. Comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

GATHERING OF THE GIFTS *(For those gathering in person, a basket/offering plate is left near the doors of the sanctuary for you to offer your gift as you leave; for those watching online, you are welcome to support the ministry of Faith Lutheran Church by clicking on the 'donate' button at our website or mailing your cheque to the church address. Thank you.)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kin-dom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also 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.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(ELW p. 190)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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.**

DISTRIBUTION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of peace and joy.

These are the gifts of God for the whole people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *Jesus Remember Me* (ELW 616); *The Head That Once Was Crowned* (ELW 432)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL 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.

SENDING HYMN: *Crown Him With Many Crowns* (ELW 855)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbour.

Thanks be to God.

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