

Psalm 29:2, NRSV

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TO THE
LORD

the glory
of his name;

WORSHIP
THE
LORD

in holy splendor.



OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

“The Lord Brings Joy to My Heart, Peace to My Soul, and Praise to My Lips!”

August 27, 2023
End of Summer Worship

Sunday Worship: 9:30 am
Christian Education: 11:00 am

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Welcome to Our Redeemer . . .

The psalmist said it so well, “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord.’” May the Lord bless you as you worship him in his temple and praise him in his courts. If you are visiting, we extend a special welcome and invite you to worship again.

About our Worship . . .

The entire worship service is printed in this worship folder. The words of the hymns, the readings from the Psalms, and the responses by the congregation are printed along with any special instructions. If you are unfamiliar with the melodies, the hymns are also printed in the back of this folder.

Luther on the Importance of the Book of Psalms

“A human heart is like a ship on a wild sea, driven by the storm winds from the four corners of the world. Here it is stuck with fear and worry about impending disaster; there comes grief and sadness because of present evil. Here breathes a breeze of hope and of anticipated happiness; there blows security and joy in present blessings. These storm winds teach us to speak with earnestness, to open the heart and pour out what lies at the bottom of it. He who is stuck in fear and need speaks of misfortune quite differently from him who floats on joy; and he who floats on joy speaks and sings of joy quite differently from him who is stuck in fear. What is the greatest thing in the Psalter but this earnest speaking amid these storm winds of every kind? Where does one find finer words of joy than in the psalms of praise and thanksgiving?”

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

Welcome and Invocation

P: Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Praise the LORD with the harp; sing to him a new song.
For the word of the LORD is right and true;
he is faithful in all he does.
The LORD loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.
We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD,
even as we put our hope in you —
God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Christian Worship 411

The hymn is printed on pages 13 & 14 of the service folder

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

The Psalms are My Song of Comfort

When I Believe I am Alone

P: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint; O LORD, heal me, for my bones are agony. My soul is in anguish. How long, O LORD, how long?

C: Turn, O LORD, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love. No one remembers you when he is dead. Who praises you from the grave? I am worn out from groaning; all night long I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears. My eyes grow weak with sorrow. *Psalm 6:1-6*

P: Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish. Look upon my affliction and my distress and take away all my sins. Guard my life and rescue me; let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you. Redeem Israel, O God, from all their troubles! *Psalm 25:16-18, 29-31*

C: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent. O LORD, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me. Deliver my life from the sword. Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of wild oxen. *Psalm 22:1-2, 19-22*

The Lord is Never Far Away

Hymn

“Jesus, Lead Us On”

Christian Worship 422

The hymn is printed on page 15 of the service folder

Jesus, lead us on till our rest is won; And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow, calm and fearless. Guide us by your hand to our fatherland.

If the way be drear, if the foe be near, Let not faithless fears o’ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us, for through many a woe to our home we go.

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief, when temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring; show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

Jesus, still lead on till our rest is won. Heav'nly Leader, still direct us;
Still support, console, protect us till we safely stand in our fatherland.

Prayer

P: O Lord, be gracious and show your kindness in every time of trouble. Comfort us with your promise that in all things you work for the good of those who trust you. Help us see your loving hand in every time of guilt, sorrow, or loneliness. Rescue us from doubt. Relieve our anguish. Comfort us according to your Word and promise. Keep us faithful to you through every dark day with the light of your never-failing presence.

C: Amen

Hymn

“How Great Thou Art”

Christian Worship 256 st. 1, 3-4

The hymn is printed on pages 17 & 18 of the service folder

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim:
“My God how great thou art!”

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”

The Psalms are My Song of Joy

When Dangers and Uncertainty Plague Me

P: You showed favor to your land, O LORD; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins. You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger. Restore us again, O God, our Savior.

Psalm 85:1-3

P: If you make the Most High your dwelling—even the LORD, who is my refuge—then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will strike your foot against a stone.

Psalm 91:9-12

P: “Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.”

Psalm 91:14-15

C: God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

The Lord Never Abandons Me

Children’s Message

P: The LORD is my shepherd. I lack nothing. He causes me to lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23:1-4

Jesus Loves Me Dearly!

Hymn

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”

Christian Worship 432

The hymn is printed on page 19 of the service folder

I am Jesus’ little lamb; ever glad at heart I am,
For my shepherd gently guides me, knows my needs and well provides me,
Loves me ev’ry day the same, even calls my by my name.

Day by day, at home, away, Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me, into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst he bids be go where the quiet waters flow.

Who so happy as I am, even now the shepherd’s lamb?
And when my short life is ended, by his angel hosts attended,
He shall fold me to his breast, there within his arms to rest.

Prayer

P: O Lord God, source of lasting joy, we look to you seeking rest for our bodies and hope for our weary souls. We bring our sins to be forgiven. We bring our troubles to be removed. We bring our loneliness to be replaced by your presence. Draw us to your side. Wipe the tears from our eyes. Lift us from the gloom of this world that we may see your goodness and rejoice in every good and gracious gift.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Christian Worship 610

The hymn is printed on page 20 of the service folder

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother’s arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us

And keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

The Psalms are My Song of Hope

P: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

C: The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion. The LORD protects the simple-hearted; when I was in great need, he saved me. Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the LORD has been good to you.

Psalm 116:1-2, 5-7

P: Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways. May the LORD bless you from Zion all the days of your life; may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem, and may you live to see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel.

Psalm 128:1, 5-6

C: I have set the LORD always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made know to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Psalm 16:8-11

The Lord is My Unshakable Confidence

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

Prayers for the Day
Special Requests

The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Closing Psalm of Praise

Psalm 103

P: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

C: He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases and crowns me with love and compassion.

P: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever

C: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

P: Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word. Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

C: Praise the LORD, O my soul.

Benediction

Psalm 67:1-5

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us,
that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn

“To God Be the Glory”

Christian Worship 399

The hymn is printed on pages 21 & 22 of the service folder

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory— great things he has done!

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev’ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory — great things he has done!

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory — great things he has done!

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—In the name of our blessed and faithful God—welcome! May the blessing of our gracious God and the never-failing peace of his Son put a psalm of praise into your hearts and a song of joy on your lips.

- If you are visiting, please sign the guest book, then come and worship again with us, soon.
- Following the worship service we would like to invite everyone to lunch. Everything is prepared, but we do ask one favor. Please pick up a chair and bring it to the tables which will be set up right after the service.

Friday—Office Hours from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm.

Saturday—Clean—J. Schueler

- Lawn beginning September 3rd—J. Schueler

Sunday, September 3rd—Morning worship and live streaming at 9:30 am. This morning we turn to a familiar portion of Paul’s letter to the Romans where he wants us to compare everything in this world, and everything that happens in this world to what God has done for us through Jesus.

- Please remember, the Lord’s Supper will be offered in this service.
- Christian Education will follow the service and will focus on the exchange between Peter and Jesus. Peter thought he had only the best in mind for his Lord, but Jesus showed him his good intentions were something completely different.

Thank You for Your Service

We would like to everyone who offered their service to the Lord in order to makes this service possible and a blessing —

- Jim Brown and Josh Schueler for controlling the audio;
- Those who helped with set up and meal preparations;
- Those who helped with clean up at the end of the day; and
- Our faithful Lord and Savior who gives us every reason to praise him.



What's Happening . . .

In the coming weeks we will have a number of special opportunities through which we can invite others to come to know their Savior Jesus Christ and what he has done for them. Make sure you take the opportunity to “share the good news!”

Evening with Mike Novatny. On Tuesday evening we will have the privilege to host Pastor Mike Novatny from “Time of Grace” ministries. He will explain the blessings of this unique outreach ministry, and offer suggestions how it can be shared with our friends who need to know Jesus. A light dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. The presentation begins at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to either Karolyn Hanna or Sonja Todd by September 19th.

Fall Festival. The second annual festival is scheduled for October 14th from 4:00—6:00 pm. It will be similar to last year's, but there will be a few minor changes. What remains the same is the face painter, the tractor rides, the pumpkin carving, and an enjoyable afternoon. Watch for more information, and where you can help!

Celebration of the Reformation. We will have two opportunities again to remember the work the Lord accomplished through his service Martin Luther. The first will be our regular service at 9:30 am on October 29th. The second will be the Festival Service at St. Paul's First in North Hollywood which begins at 4:00 pm.

Pre-Thanksgiving Pot Luck. This is always a special evening of good food with good friends. Everything begins at 5:30 pm on November 19th. Plan on bringing something to the meal—main course, side dish, or dessert. Just as important, bring yourself and a friend!



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