



The
LITURGY
OF THE
WORD
Sung



CHRIST *the* KING
EVANGELICAL
CHURCH
of the Lutheran Confessions

Christ's Love is Our Calling

THE ORDER FOR THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

PSALM 95 vs 1-7, may be said or sung

**C: O come, let us / sing unto the Lord,
Let us heartily rejoice in the strength /of our salvation.
Let us come before His / presence with thanksgiving,
And show ourselves /glad in Him with psalms.
For the Lord is a / great God,
And the great / King above all gods.
In His hand are all the / corners of the earth;
And the strength of the hills / is His also.
The sea is His, and He / made it;
And His hands / prepared the dry land.
Oh come, let us worship and / fall down;
And kneel before the / Lord our Maker.
For He is the / Lord our God,
And we are the people of His pasture,
And the sheep of His hand.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the / Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and / ever shall be;
world without /end.
Amen.**

OPENING Verses and Responses

P: This is the day that the Lord has made,

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

P: Better is one day in Your courts
than a thousand elsewhere,

**C: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the House of my
God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P: Make me to know Your ways O Lord,

C: Teach me Your paths.

P: Sanctify us in Your truth,

C: Your word is truth.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE

From Psalm 118, May be sung or may be said.

**The Lord God is my strength and my song,
And He has become my salvation.**

**With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation,
And you will say in that day,**

Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name.

**Make known His deeds among the peoples,
Proclaim that His name is exalted.**

**The Lord God is my strength and my song,
And He has become my salvation.
Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously,
Let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

**The Lord God is my strength and my song,
And He has become my salvation.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now
and will be forever, A-men.
The Lord God is my strength and my song,
And He has become my salvation.**

Readings from HOLY SCRIPTURE

*OLD TESTAMENT,
EPISTLE
AND HOLY THE GOSPEL*

After the Old Testament and Epistle reading

P: This is the Word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God.

Before the Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to...

C: Glory to You O Lord.

After the Gospel reading

P: Here ends the Gospel

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The MAGNIFICAT

*The song of Mary may be sung or said
from the Gospel of Luke 1:46-56*

**My soul now magnifies the Lord,
my spirit leaps for joy in Him.
He keeps me in His kind regard,
and I am blest for the time to come.**

**For He alone who shows such might,
Has done amazing things to me.
His mercy flows, His name like light,
Remains in time perpetually.**

**His arm is strong, His strength is great,
He scatters those of proud intent.
And casts them down from high estate,
Then gives the low His nourishment.**

**He feeds the hungry as His own,
The wealthy leave with empty hands.
He gives His help to Israel,
His gracious promise always stands.**

RESPONSES

**P: Forever, O Lord,
Your Word is firmly set in the heavens,
Blessed are those who hear the Word of God
and keep it,**

**C: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where your Glory dwells.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

The TEN COMMANDMENTS

P: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is One.
You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honour your father and mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony
against your neighbour.
You shall not covet your neighbour's house.
You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his
maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that
belongs to your neighbour.

Or OUR LORD'S SUMMARY of the Law may be said.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: When we examine our hearts and our consciences,
we will find we have lived as if God did not matter
and as if we have mattered most. We have not
honoured the Lord's name as we should; our worship
and prayers have faltered, our love for others has
failed. There are those whom we have hurt and failed
to help and our thoughts and desires have been soiled
with sin. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful
and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness. Having heard the Word of God,
let us confess our sins to Him, imploring Him for the
sake of His Son Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

CONFESSION OF SINS

C: O Almighty God, merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your Holy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have broken Your Holy Laws. We have done things should not have done and not done things we should have and there is no goodness in us in Your sight. But You are the same Lord whose promise is always to have mercy. We ask for Your forgiveness for the sake of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P: In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, know that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen

The APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life ✠ everlasting.
Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Hear us Heavenly Father

as Your Holy Son has taught us to pray...

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.

TODAY'S MESSAGE

OFFERATORY HYMN

Offerings of tithes and gifts for the work of Christ may placed in the offering plate on the credenza in the church entrance.

INTERCESSIONS

P: God our Father, Lord of heaven and earth,

who made the world and everything in it, we give

You thanks for all that You have created and for the

fruitfulness of the earth.

C: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: We give You thanks for the divine gift of peace

and pardon which comes only through the shed blood

of Christ, and ask that you protect His Holy Church

throughout the world and the calling of all to faith

in Christ's name.

C: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the people of world, and for this nation and our duly elected leaders, for our military, police, fire departments and all who care for our well being so that may live in peace and prosperity.

C: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the sick and dying, their caregivers, for those who are starving, homeless, widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison.

C: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: Finally, we pray for (*additional prayers for individual people and situations may be added here.*) Lord, You know what our own burdens, sorrows and joys are and so we lift them up to You.

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

COLLECTS FOR THE DAY

P: Almighty God, Your Holy Son Jesus Christ came into the world to free us all from sin and death. We pray that we may be raised each day to new life in Christ and serve You in holiness and righteousness all our days through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **C: Amen**

COLLECT FOR THE WORD AND THE CHURCH

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scripture to be written so that we may know and believe in You and the salvation You have brought into the world by Christ Jesus. We pray that we may truly and humbly serve you through our worship and charity to others through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

CLOSING PRAYER

P: We say together:

C: I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me safe this night from all harm and danger, and I pray that You would keep me this day from sin and every evil; that all my doings in life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me, in Christ's name I pray. Amen.

BLESSING and DISMISSAL

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always.

CLOSING HYMN