



ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH
OCEAN CITY, NJ

Welcome to ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married,
divorced, LGBTQ+, rich, poor, black, brown or white.

We extend a special welcome to crying newborns, squirming children,
and frazzled moms and dads.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like some of us,
who can't carry a note in a bucket.

You're welcome here if you're "just browsing", joining us on YouTube,
just woke up, or just got out of jail.

We don't care if you're more Lutheran than Martin Luther or haven't
been in church since little Joey's Baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not
grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.

We welcome starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians
and junk-food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.

We welcome you if you're having problems, down in the dumps or if
you don't like "organized religion"; we've been there too.

We offer a special welcome to those who are left-wing, right-wing, or
middle of the road.

If you are here only because you are visiting grandma and she wanted
you to go to church with her, we welcome you.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both.

We welcome those in flip flops or three-piece suits.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right
now.

We welcome vacationers, snowbirds, year-rounder's, seekers,
doubters....and you!

We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church because we are a
"house for all sinners and saints."

We are saved by Grace through Faith to Share God's Love!

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH

ALL CREATION SINGS – HOLY COMMUNION Setting 12

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP 9:30 AM SUNDAY

PRELUDE

(stand)

INVOCATION

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

AMEN

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *(kneel if able)*

(silence is kept for reflection)

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.

(stand)

ENTRANCE HYMN

GREETING

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

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

KYRIE

A Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Chris - te e - lei - son. **C** Christ, have mer - cy.

A Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Celebrate

(sit)


FIRST READING

Celebrate

SECOND READING

Celebrate

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (stand)



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. This is followed by a dotted quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. After another quarter rest, there is a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, and a half note C5.



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

Repeat alleluia

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It starts with a whole note G4. After a bar line, there is a whole note G4. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

GOSPEL

Celebrate

(sit)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

(stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I BELIEVE IN GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S 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 TO THE DEAD.

ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,

HE IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER, AND 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 THE LIFE EVERLASTING.

AMEN.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Celebrate

(sit)

CHOIR ANTHEM

(stand)

OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Doxology Hymn #885

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of goodness and growth,

ALL CREATION IS YOURS, AND YOUR FAITHFULNESS IS SURE. WORD AND WATER, WINE AND BREAD: THESE ARE SIGNS OF YOUR ABUNDANT GRACE. RECEIVE THE GIFTS WE BRING, AND NOURISH US TO PROCLAIM YOUR ABIDING LOVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND IN THE WORLD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR STRENGTH AND OUR SONG. AMEN.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

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:



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

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.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

CHRIST HAS DIED. CHRIST HAS RISEN. CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

AMEN.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

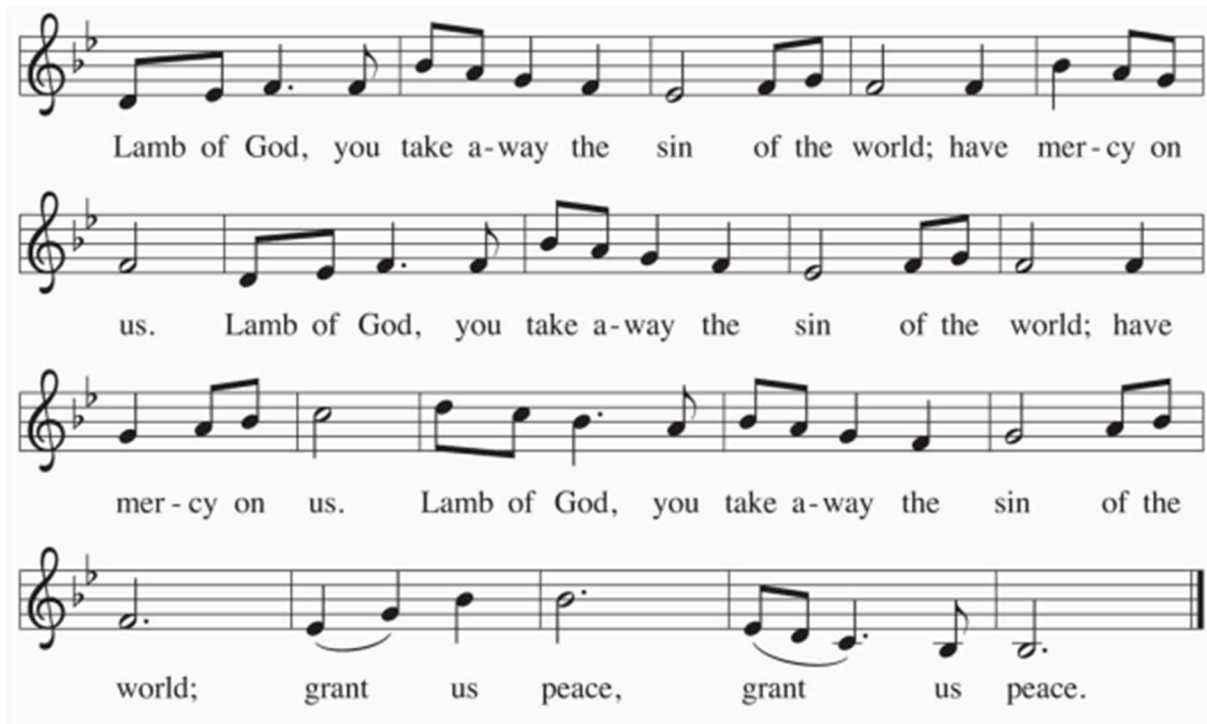


Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-against us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

THANKS BE TO GOD



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, grant us peace.

(sit)

All are welcome at the Lord's Table, trusting that Jesus Christ is truly present with us as he promised in this sacrament.

(stand)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We thank you, O God,

THAT YOU HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR HEARTS THROUGH THIS FEAST OF LIFE AND SALVATION. SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ON OUR PATH, THAT WE MAY DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOU, NOW AND FOREVER. AMEN

BLESSING

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in ☩ Christ Jesus.

AMEN

CLOSING HYMN

DISMISSAL

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

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