

Gustaf Adolf Lutheran Church – E.L.C.A



Today's Christ the King liturgy marks the conclusion of the church year. Today we will be marking this festival by singing our way through the church year using Scripture and hymns to bring to mind the events of Christ's life and the Church's call to mission. The order of service today is based not only on the hymns of the church year, but also on the themes of the Gospel for today, *Matthew 25:31-46*

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(stand)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

All: Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn *Crown Him With Many Crowns* ELW #855 v. 1, 2
(*Be seated*)

Psalm 138

Gospel Reading *Matthew 25:31-46*

ADVENT **...I was hungry and you fed me**

Advent is a time of expectation, preparation, restoration, and anticipation. It's the anticipation of the arrival of an important guest.

ADVENT HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* ELW #257 v. 1, 2, 7

CHRISTMAS **...I was thirsty and you gave me drink**

During the season of Christmas we celebrate that the light overcomes darkness and that Christ quenches the thirst for justice.

CHRISTMAS HYMN *What Child is This?* ELW #296 v. 1, 2

EPIPHANY **...I was a stranger and you welcomed me**

Christ's identity is revealed to us during Epiphany. Our relationship to and in Christ is revealed to us as well. In Jesus' baptism we are welcomed no longer as strangers, but as family. We are one with Christ in the one Baptism that we share in him.

EPIPHANY HYMN *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ELW #310 v. 1, 4

LENT **...I was naked and you clothed me**

During Lent we are laid bare. Our sin is revealed to us and makes us feel naked. In this nakedness we long for the clothing of baptism that unites us with Christ.

LENT HYMN *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* ELW #338

EASTER **...I was sick and you took care of me**

During Easter we celebrate the gift of healing and the promise of resurrection into Christ's body when our earthly bodies die. We celebrate that death does not have the last word – Jesus does!

COMMUNION

EASTER HYMN *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* ELW #365 v. 1, 3, 4

SEASON OF PENTECOST **...I was in prison and you visited me**

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. But God sends the Holy Spirit upon us, within us, and around us, to show us the way to our freedom. The Holy Spirit is sent to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is given to us in our Baptism which we live out in our daily lives.

PENTECOST HYMN *Spirit of Gentleness* ELW #396 v. 3, 4

PRAYERS

L: Called together into the Spirit's loving embrace, let us pray for the renewal of the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. We pray, holy God, for the unity of the church universal: Draw your church together into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you send us. Lord, in your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer

L: We pray, all-knowing God, for the well-being of creation: We give you thanks for transforming the chaotic waters of creation into saving waters that nourish and sustain our earth. Renew us every day by your water and word. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

L: We pray, righteous God, for peace and justice in the world: Lead the nations of the world away from the wilderness of sin and evil, and toward the light of love and peace. Give us a thirst for justice for all. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

L: We pray, compassionate God, for all in need: To those who are thirsty for love, for justice, for peace, for belonging, give the water of life. For those who are suffering or in pain, bring healing balm and peace. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

L: We pray, faithful God, for the renewal of all life: Refresh us with your living water and anoint us with your Holy Spirit. Embolden us with your promise and your presence. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

L: Receive our thanksgiving, eternal God, for all who have died in the faith: For the fervent witness and testimony of the woman at the well. May we know the fullness of the new life that you prepare for us in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer

L: All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Jesus Christ. **All: Amen**

OFFERING

PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

L: God of grace, you have showered us with abundance and entrusted to us the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and our prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your Spirit, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied. **C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns

ELW #855 v. 3,4,5

BENEDICTION AND DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: To share the Good News of God's Word and to serve the community and the world. Thanks be to God.

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