



DOVE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Pastor Stephen Springer

PROLOGUE

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Andante, from Sonata no. 3 in D minor, BWV 527
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Johann Sebastian Bach's sonatas for organ are in the form of trios, where each hand and the feet play three separate, highly independent parts. These works are highly original and unique, and representative of Bach's innovative approach to organ composition. The first movement from the third sonata is both devout and stately, as the two upper voices engage in a conversation that uses a number of motives and key centers.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you.

We are not faithful in using your gifts.

We forget the least of our siblings.

We do not see your beautiful image in one another.

We are infected by sin

that divides your beloved community.

Open our hearts to your coming,

open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,

open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us

from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

CANTICLE: THIS IS THE FEAST

Setting IV

Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing

with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Let us pray.

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹¹Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

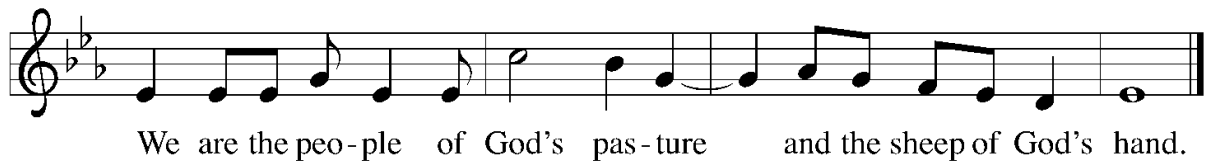
²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 95:1-7a

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.



Psalm 95:7

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¹Come, let us sing | to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

**²Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.**

³For you, Lord, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

**⁴In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours. REFRAIN**

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

**⁶Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | Lord our maker.**

^{7a}For the Lord | is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not

only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**ELW #169**



Cantor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an- | cestor David. (*Mark 11:9*)

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you,

just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

SERMON

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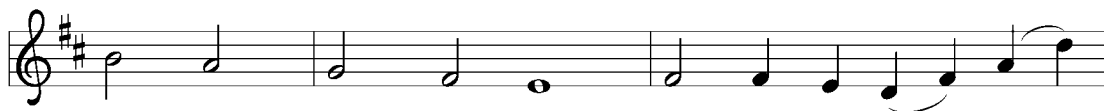
HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW #434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition: "Lord in your mercy," the assembly responds "Hear our prayer."

Let us pray, with one another and with people of every time and place.

O Gd our Lord,

let your sovereignty rule. Let it be the center, the core of our lives. Let it reign as head over all things, far above all other strivings and pretensions of power and authority.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Gd,

we pray for the church, that in life and in faith we, its people, be given the spirit of wisdom so that the eyes of our hearts be enlightened to know and embody the hope to which we have been called, that the way of Xp, your costly-holy-compassion, fill all that we say and mean and actually do.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Gd,

under your sovereignty, we pray for the world and its people. Inspire and hear the prayers of all nations and languages. With all people who turn to you, we pray, do what you only can do to mend what has been broken, to find the lost, to bring back the strayed, to bind up the injured and strengthen the weakened, to restrain the violent. And we pray, enable, equip us to do what we can to feed the hungry, relieve the oppressed, and set free those held captive to the powers and aggressions that do harm. O Gd, let the sovereignty of your life-giving way abide in our hearts and rule the day.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Gd,

we pray for those ill and those alone in these days of disease and uncertainty. Be with those who are frightened by the changes that have come. We pray be with all those in need, and hear our own prayer for those we know and love and would name before you.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Gd,

your sovereignty does reign.

Let our days, joined with saints and family here and away,

have a peace and thanksgiving

as the center, which you are,

holds, strong and sure.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

MEDITATION

Alleluia Bell Choir

Crown Him With Many Crowns
Setting by Douglas Wagner (b.1952)

This festive setting of the beloved hymn utilizes three different key signatures, building in dynamics and drama to capture the essence of Christ's triumphal enthronement as matchless king.

COMMISSION

Pastor Stephen Springer

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.



- 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,
 3 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—
 4 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.



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- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 on this terrestrial ball we at his feet may fall!
 to him all majesty ascribe We'll join the everlasting song
 and crown him Lord of all. and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6
 Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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Litanies, JA 119
Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

Jehan Alain was a French organist and composer who in his brief lifetime developed a unique and innovative musical language, incorporating classical, eastern, and jazz influences into his compositions. His life was tragically ended in the early stages of World War II. Alain was a motorcycle soldier with the French Army, and was on a patrol in the Loire Valley on a June day in 1940. He came upon a group of German soldiers, and attempted a one man ambush. He managed to kill 16 of the Germans before being killed himself, and was posthumously awarded the Croix de Guerre, the French military award for outstanding bravery. Litanies is perhaps his most famous composition, and it was written immediately after Alain was told of the death of his sister in 1937. On the first page of manuscript, Alain wrote this inscription: "When, in it's distress, the Christian soul can find no more words to invoke God's mercy, it repeats endlessly the same litany...for reason has reached it's limit; only faith can allow the soul to ascend." The piece begins with a brief motive on full organ, then repeats the motive in a number of permutations throughout the piece, until building to a thrilling conclusion. The final chord, on full organ, contains 13 different pitches (11 in the hands and 2 in the pedals)!!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Assisting Minister: John Hoelter
Lector: Dianne Huston
Cantor: Eric Holtan