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Luther's Rose

Celebrating 1700 years
From Nicea to the present
325 AD to 2025 AD

Luther's Rose

Grace and peace from the Lord. As you desire to know whether my painted seal, which you sent to me, has hit the mark, I shall answer most amiably and tell you my original thoughts and reason about why my seal is a symbol of my theology.

The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. "For one who believes from the heart will be justified" (Romans 10:10). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural colour. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17) but by faith in the crucified.

Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12).

Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolising that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed.

And around this field is a golden ring, symbolising that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal. This is my compendium theologiae [summary of theology].

I have wanted to show it to you in good friendship, hoping for your appreciation. May Christ, our beloved Lord, be with your spirit until the life hereafter. Amen.

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Luther's Works

Order of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Psalm 121:1-2

Where does our help come from?
Our help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Preparation for Worship

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

-Psalm 34:8, 15, 18

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Pastor Matt Figura

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

² Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn of Praise — All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Psalm 100)



1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheer-ful voice; him
2. The Lord ye know is God in - deed; with - out our aid he did us make; we
3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his courts un - to; praise,
4. For why? The Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for - e - ver sure; his



serve with fear, his praise forth - tell, come ye be - fore him and re - jice.
are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
laud, and bless his name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
truth at all times firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.

Prayer of Adoration

Pastor John Blevins

Hymn of Praise — Jesus Shall Reign (Psalm 72)



1. Je - sus shall reign wher-e'er the sun does it suc-cess-ive jour-neys run;
2. Bless-ings a - bound wher-e'er he reigns; the pris'-ner leaps to lose his chains.
3. Peo - ple and realms of e - v'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweet-est song,
4. Let e - v'ry crea - ture rise and bring bless-ing and ho - nor to our King.



his king-dom stretch from shore to shore, 'til suns shall rise and set no more.
The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, and all the sons of
and in - fant voi - ces shall pro-claim their ear - ly bless-ings
An-gels de - scend with songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the



want are blessed. To our King be high - est praise, ris-ing through e ter - nal days!
on his name.
loud a - men!



Just and faith - ful, he shall reign; Je - sus shall reign!

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Profession of Faith — Nicene Creed

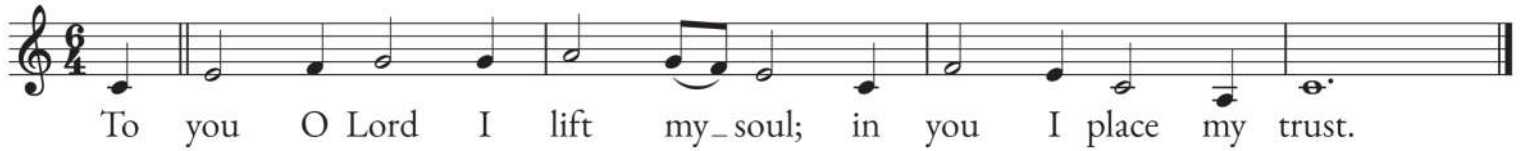
We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father.
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven;
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
and ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life.
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;

and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Psalm 25



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.
Amen.

The LORD is merciful and gracious,
 slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹ He will not always chide,
 nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
 nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
 so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

To all who have received the Gospel,
 know that in Christ, your sins are forgiven and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Rejoicing — Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come, our
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure; suf -
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - cieved her frame, from
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an e - v'ning gone; short
 5. The bu - sy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares, are
 6. Time, like an e - ver - roll - ing stream, bears all its sons a - way; they
 7. Our God, our help in a - gest past, our hope for years to come: O

shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
 - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 e - ver - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ri - sing sun.
 car - ried down - ward by your flood, and lost in foll' - wing years.
 fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the op' - ning day.
 be our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.

Sermon

Philippians 2:5-11
The God-Man: A Non-Negotiable of the Gospel

Pastor Sean Morris

Sermon Notes:

Song of Response – And Can It Be That I Should Gain



1. And can it be that I— should gain an in - t'rest in the—
 2. 'Tis my - st'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal— dies: who can— ex - plore his—
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so— in - fi -
 4. Long my im - pri - soned spi - rit— lay fast bound in— sin and
 5. No con-dem - na - tion now I— dread; Je - sus, and all in—



Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me,— who caused his pain? For
 strange de - sign? In vain the first - born se - raph tries to
 -nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self— (so great his love!), and
 na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused— a quick - 'ning ray; I
 him, is mine! A - live in him,— my liv - ing Head, and



me,— who him— to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How
 sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all! Let—
 bled for all— his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all, im -
 woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my—
 clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach th'e -



can it— be— that thou,— my God,— shouldst die— for me? A -
 earth a - dore,— let an - gel minds— in - quire— no more.
 - mense and free;— for, O— my God,— it found— out me.
 heart was free;— I rose,— went forth,— and fol - lowed thee.
 - ter - nal— throne, and claim— the crown, through Christ, my own.



-maz - ing love! How can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me?

For those who hold fast to the LORD Most High in love,
may he deliver you and protect you.
When you call to him, may he answer you,
be with you, rescue, and honor you;
and with long life may he satisfy you and show you his salvation.

