

HEAVEN HELL AND HALLELUJAH



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Pastor Hans is determined to save his church through unconventional methods to expand its congregation.

Information

Original title: Himmel, Herrgott, Sakrament

Genre: Feel Good

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Country of origin: Germany

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Good to know...

The series, **based on Rainer Maria Schießler's book**, offers a **unique insight** into a pastor's **fight against declining church membership**.



Actor Stephan Zinner plays charismatic Pastor Hans Reiser...

...**using unconventional methods** to build a vibrant community.

Director Franz Xaver Bogner, known for **Munich 7'** and **'Café Meineid'**...



...delivers a series with **top-notch storylines** and compelling mise-en-scène.

Market share up to **27.9 %...**



...on **Bavaria's Public Broadcast Channel.**

The series' blend of **drama, humor, social issues, faith, friendship, and social justice**



is **entertaining and profound**, ensuring broad appeal.

Series Synopsis

After a happy stint as a rural pastor, Hans Reiser is posted to a struggling parish in Munich. Determined to reverse the trend of dwindling attendance, Reiser employs unconventional methods like serving free beer at church festivals, featuring animals in services, and giving young environmental activists a platform.

Single mother Lisa Kirchberger, initially not a regular churchgoer, is impressed by Reiser's bold approach, and a genuine friendship develops. Despite the renewed interest and vitality Reiser brings, Cardinal Georg Brunnenmayr grows increasingly troubled by his zeal for reform. However, it will take more than ecclesiastical opposition to deter the new pastor.



Hans Reiser

Pastor.

A determined and compassionate pastor, committed to revitalising his church by helping everyone, whoever they are.

Hans is passionate about his job as a pastor. However, when he is transferred to Munich from his beloved parish in Rosenheim, he is forced to start again from scratch. Hans has been drafted in to save his new church, which has been badly affected by declining membership. Hans is an energetic, helpful, warm-hearted soul who wants to help everyone he can through his role in the church. He tries to make sure that everyone is included – even the occasional animal. Modern-day issues such as climate change are equally important to him. Nevertheless, Hans' desire to help all and sundry may prove difficult to reconcile with his desire to remain true to his ideals and follow the rules.



Lisa Kirchberger

A romance for Hans.

A resilient single mother who wholeheartedly supports Hans Reiser's unconventional methods.

Lisa Kirchberger is a single mother and the daughter of city councillor Cornelia Vogelsang. Although her mother disapproves, Lisa finds herself drawn to Pastor Hans Reiser's unconventional methods and proactive approach. She is soon one of Hans' closest allies, helping him organise community events and tackle all kinds of challenges. Lisa's rebellious teenage daughter, Nathalie, doesn't make her life any easier, but Lisa remains supportive and understanding in spite of their differences. Over time, her friendship with Hans flourishes. Although Lisa is divorced and open to new relationships, Hans' commitment to his pastoral duties proves a challenge.





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