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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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SEASON OF CREATION

- SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Holy Baptism and Holy Communion

October 2, 2022 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship and *Tree of Life* Setting

Faith, in the grace of God passed down from ancestors, through water and words and a spirit of power and love and discipline, is our hope.

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Gathering Song

Beneath the Tree of Life – Page 3

Refrain: Come and gather beneath the tree of life.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life
root of wisdom, branch of peace,
fruit of healing and release.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.

Vs. 1 Here we raise the saving cross of Jesus,
singing praise to him
who leads us on from death into new life.

Refrain: Come and gather beneath the tree of life.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life
root of wisdom, branch of peace,
fruit of healing and release.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.

Vs. 2 Flowing from this tree of grace and passion,
Oh how sweet the taste,
how deep and rich the wellspring of your love.

Refrain: Come and gather beneath the tree of life.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life
root of wisdom, branch of peace,
fruit of healing and release.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.

Vs. 3 Come and drink the waters of salvation,
come and die to sin,
rise up to life within the reign of God.

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root of wisdom, branch of peace,
fruit of healing and release.
Come and gather beneath the tree of life.

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Lamentations 3:19-26

Great is your faithfulness, O LORD (La. 3:23)

¹⁹The thought of my affliction | and my homelessness
is worm- | wood and gall!

²⁰**My soul continually | thinks of it
and is bowed | down within me.**

Refrain: Great is your faithfulness, O LORD

²¹But this I | call to mind,
and therefore | I have hope:

**²²The steadfast love of the LORD¹ never ceases,
God's mercies never come ¹ to an end;
Refrain: Great is your faithfulness, O LORD**

**²³they are new ¹ every morning;
great ¹ is your faithfulness.**

**²⁴"You are all that I have," ¹ says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in ¹ you, O LORD."**

**²⁵You are good to those who ¹ wait for you,
to all that ¹ search for you.**

²⁶**It is good that one | should wait quietly
for the salvation | of the LORD.**

Refrain: Great is your faithfulness, O LORD

Gospel Acclamation – Page 10

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
For you have the words, you have the words,
the words of eternal life, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:5-10

...Glory to you, O God

...Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day
We Walk by Faith – No. 635

Vs. 1 We walk by faith, and not by sight;
with gracious words draw near,
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:
"My peace be with you here."

Vs. 2 We may not touch your hands and side,
nor follow where you trod,
but in your promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Vs. 3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near
and seek where you are found:

Vs. 4 For you, O resurrected Lord,
are found in means divine:
beneath the water and the word,
beneath the bread and wine.

Vs. 5 And when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
may we behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

Holy Baptism of Isla Grace Froyland – Page 227

People of God, do you promise to support Isla and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Baptism Verse

You Belong to Christ – No. 212

You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and
into the mission we share:**

**join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word
to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession

For the healing of creation;
Hear our prayer.

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

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Offering Song

What Is the World Like – No. 1047

Vs. 1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

Vs. 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

Vs. 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbour just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

Vs. 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.

Vs. 5 These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done.

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving – Page 14

God 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.

Holy – Page 14

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord,
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer – Page 17

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Save us from the time of trial and
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Lamb of God – Page 17

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the
world; grant us your peace,
grant us your peace.**

Communion Song

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth – No. 735

Vs. 1 Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Vs. 2 Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain...of life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.

Vs. 3 Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower,
until I know.

Song

Come to the Water of Life – No. 955

Vs. 1 All who are thirsty for mercy,
all who are thirsty for love;
all who are thirsty for love, for mercy,
come: come to the Water of life.

Vs. 2 All who are thirsty for healing,
all who are thirsty for touch;
all who are thirsty for touch, for healing,
come: come to the Water of life.

Vs. 3 All who are thirsty for beauty,
all who are thirsty for truth;
all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty,
come: come to the Water of life.

Vs. 4 All who are thirsty for justice,
all who are thirsty for peace;
all who are thirsty for peace, for justice,
come: come to the Water of life.

Song
I Received the Living God – No. 477

Refrain: I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

Vs. 1 Jesus said: I am the bread,
kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me
need not ever fear to die.

Refrain: I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

Vs. 2 Jesus said: I am the way,
and my Father longs for you;
so I come to bring you home
to be one with us anew.

Refrain: I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

Vs. 3 Jesus said: I am the truth;
come and follow close to me.
You will know me in your heart,
and my word shall make you free.

Refrain: I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

Vs. 4 Jesus said: I am the life,
far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread,
and my Spirit you shall know.

Refrain: I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.
I received the living God,
and my heart is full of joy.

Sending Song

Baptized in Water – No. 456

Vs. 1 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Vs. 2 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:
one with his rising, freed and forgiven,
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Vs. 3 Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our king:
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Dismissal

...Thanks be to God!

The flowers in worship today are from Jan and Don Storch. Thank you, Jan and Don.

Thank you to everyone who has joined in worship in-person and online. We hope you worship with us again.

*A time of hospitality follows worship.
Thank you to Gail and Grant Froyland for hosting.*

Worship Assistants

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Kantor: Nathan McDonald

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