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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023 – 10:00 AM Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion

God given words of grace; words to live by every day; words of justice and joy!

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Gathering Song Thee We Adore, O Saviour – No. 476

Vs. 1 Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, God most true, thy glory clothed in bread and wine anew; our hearts to thee in true devotion bow, in humble awe, we hail thy presence now.

Vs. 2 O true remembrance of Christ crucified, the bread of life to us for whom he died; lend us this life then; feed and feast our mind, be thou the sweetness we were meant to find.

Vs. 3 Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God, cleanse us, O Christ, with thy most cleansing blood: increase our faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.

Vs. 4 Jesus, by faith we see thee here below; send us, we pray thee, what we thirst for so: some-day to gaze upon thy face in light, blest evermore with thy full glory's sight.

Amen.

<u>Greeting</u>

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the

unity of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

And also with you.

Song of Praise Gloria a Dios Glory to God – No. 911

Gloria_a Dios, gloria_a Dios, gloria_a Dios en los cielos.
Paz para ti, paz, para mí, paz para toda la tierra.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Peace be to you, peace be to me, peace be to all, peace to all the earth.

Psalm 15 LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill? vs. 1

¹LORD, who may dwell in your ¹ tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your ¹ holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do ¹ what is right, who speak the truth ¹ from their heart;

R: LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill?

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil ¹ to their friends; they do not cast discredit up- ¹ on a neighbour. ⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honour those who ¹ fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take ¹ back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- ¹ gainst the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be ¹ overthrown.

R: LORD, who may abide upon your holy hill?

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

...Glory to you, O God ...Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day Let Streams of Living Justice — No. 710

Vs. 1 Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth; give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth. The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights, the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.

Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron power; abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.

Vs. 2 For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end, for love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.

Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun; on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run. O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one; dye our texture with your radiance, light our colours with your sun.

Vs. 3 Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek; your harmony is language; we are the words you speak. Our faith we find in service, our hope in others' dreams, our love in hand of neighbour; our homeland brightly gleams. Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way--the path untried; your truth--the heart of stranger; your life--the Crucified.

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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Offering Song What Does the Lord Require of You? — No. 1057 Part I

What does the Lord require of you? What does the Lord require of you?

Part II

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

Part III

To seek justice and love kindness and walk humbly with your God.

Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy - No. 473

Holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you. My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.

Thanksgiving Prayer III Holy One,...

...Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...Come, Lord Jesus.

...Come, Holy Spirit

...Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

<u>O Lamb of God – No. 960</u>

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world;

grant us your peace, grant us your peace,

your peace,

<u>Communion Song</u> When the Poor Ones – No. 725

Vs. 1 When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving; when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share; when the wounded offer others strength and healing:

Vs. 2 When compassion gives the suffering consolation; when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost; when we choose love, not the hatred all around us;

Vs. 3 When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness; when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth; when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:

Vs. 4 When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings; when the nations work to change war into peace; when the stranger is accepted as our neighbour:

Song Holy God, Holy and Glorious – No. 637

Vs. 1 Holy God, holy and glorious, glory most sublime, you come as one among us into human time, and we behold your glory.

Vs. 2 Holy God, holy and powerful, power without peer, you bend to us in weakness; emptied you draw near, and we behold your power.

Vs. 3 Holy God, holy and beautiful, beauty unsurpassed, you are despised, rejected; scorned, you hold us fast, and we behold your beauty.

Vs. 4 Holy God, holy and only wise, wisdom of great price, you choose the way of folly:

God the crucified, and we behold your wisdom.

Vs. 5 Holy God, holy and living one, life that never ends, you show your love by dying, dying for your friends, and we behold you living.

Blessing

...Amen.

Sending Song The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve – No. 551

Vs. 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favour to proclaim.

Vs. 2 We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free; where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.

Vs. 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed and, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Vs. 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim. God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

Dismissal

...Thanks be to God

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

Thank you to Lorna Bjorklund, Gisela and Jack Braniff for hosting a reception for those present in person.

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