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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***Serving with trust over fear, we encourage and build
one another up in Christ.***

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Confession and Forgiveness for Transgender Day of Remembrance

In the name of the Holy Trinity, Creator, Saviour +
and Spirit of life. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of
your people, and in particular your 2SLGBTQIA+
children, whom for too long the church was and is a
harmful place.... **Amen.**

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that**
we have turned from you and our trans and

other queer siblings and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done to the queer community and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, to the full vision of your dominion, and uphold us by your Spirit, who loves us and encourages us towards liberation, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

Gathering Song
***Come Now, O God* – No. 902**

Vs. 1 Come now, O God, when our love is forsaken.
Come, when our bedrock of faith has been shaken.
Come, when our deepest of hopes are mistaken.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Vs. 2 Come, when we squander the freedom you gave
us. Come, break the systems of sin that enslave us.
Come, though we wonder if you can still save us.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Vs. 3 Come, put an end to our self-serving madness.
Come, while the world is enshrouded in sadness.
Come, turn the tears of our mourning to gladness.
Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

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.

Psalm 123

¹To you I lift ^l up my eyes,
to you enthroned ^l in the heavens.

**²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of
their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the
hand ^l of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God,
until you show ^l us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O ^l LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough ^l of contempt,

**⁴too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,
and of the derision | of the proud. R**

***Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us
your mercy.***

Gospel Acclamation– Pg. 198
Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

...Glory to you, O God.

...Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending – No. 678

Vs. 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Vs. 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Vs. 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering Song
***In All Our Grief*— No. 615**

Vs. 1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.
O God, you know all that we think or do,
you know the pain we put each other through.

Refrain - Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord, grant us peace.

Vs. 2 Help us to put aside the angry word,
the clenching fist, the wish and will to hurt.
Teach us the way in which love best is served.

Refrain - Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord, grant us peace.

Vs. 3 You did not even spare your only Son.
He lived our griefs and bore all evil done,
but through his cross, redemption has been won.

Refrain - Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord, grant us peace.

Vs. 4 God, when we suffer all that we can bear,
then let us know that you in truth are near
and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

Refrain - Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord, grant us peace.

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Great Thanksgiving – Pg. 199

The Lord 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.

Preface

Holy – Pg. 200

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

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

Thanksgiving Prayer

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

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.**

Lamb of God – Pg. 201

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world;**

have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world;**

have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world;**

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs

***O God, Our Help in Ages Past* – No. 632**

Vs. 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Vs. 2 Under the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Vs. 3 Before the hills in order stood
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.

Vs. 4 A thousand ages in your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Vs. 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

Vs. 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly – No. 461

Vs. 1 All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Vs. 2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Vs. 3 All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

***Eat This Bread* – No. 472**

"Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst."

Sending Song

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand – No. 1024

Vs. 1 There's no other place I can hide
till the storm that rages subsides.

My voice cries to God from the flood,
and I'm saved because of his blood.

Refrain - Here on Jesus Christ I will stand.

He's the solid rock of my life.

He's the solid rock of my life.

He's the solid rock of my life.

Vs. 2 It is not the work of my hands
that has washed away all my sins.
I'm redeemed, and all of my days,
Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise.

Refrain - Here on Jesus Christ I will stand.
He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life.

Vs. 3 When my days on this earth are done,
and I stand at God's holy throne,
my heart will not have any fear;
in Christ's righteousness I am here.

Refrain - Here on Jesus Christ I will stand.
He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life.
He's the solid rock of my life.

Dismissal
...Thanks be to God!

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

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