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# **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**

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## **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

***What are ways you identify with Thomas as a  
follower of Christ?***

April 27, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

*Holy Communion, Setting 1*

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# **Easter Greeting**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **Gathering Song**

### ***That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* – No. 384**

**Vs. 1** That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!

**Vs. 2** O Jesus, king of gentleness,  
with constant love our hearts possess;  
to you our lips will ever raise  
the tribute of our grateful praise.

**Vs. 3** O Christ, you are the Lord of all  
in this our Easter festival,  
for you will be our strength and shield  
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.

**Vs. 4** All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

## **Greeting – Page 98**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## **Kyrie – Page 98**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**  
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us  
pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of  
the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray  
to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their  
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**



**Hymn of Praise**  
**This is the Feast – Page 101**

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Vs. 1** Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power and riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honour and blessing and glory are his.

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Vs. 2** Sing with all the people of God,  
join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honour, glory and might be to God  
and the Lamb forever. Amen.

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Vs. 3** For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

**Refrain:** This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## **Psalm 118:14-29**

***You are my God, and I will exalt you.***

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the  
tents | of the righteous:**

**“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!  
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”

**<sup>17</sup> I shall not | die, but live,  
and declare the works | of the LORD.**

Refrain: ***You are my God, and I will exalt you.***

<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

**<sup>19</sup> Open for me the | gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks | to  
the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup> “This is the gate | of the LORD;  
here the righ- | teous may enter.”

**<sup>21</sup> I give thanks to you, for you  
have | answered me  
and you have become | my salvation.**

Refrain: ***You are my God, and I will exalt you.***

**<sup>22</sup> The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.**

**<sup>23</sup> By the LORD has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

**<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the | LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.**

<sup>25</sup> **Hosanna! | O LORD, save us!**

**We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

Refrain: ***You are my God, and I will exalt you.***

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of  
the LORD;

we bless you from the house | of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> **The LORD is God and has giv- | en us light.  
Form a procession with branches up to the  
corners | of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and | I will thank you;  
you are my God, and I | will exalt you.

**<sup>29</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is  
good;**

**God's mercy endures forever.**

**Refrain: *You are my God, and I will exalt you.***



# **Gospel Acclamation – Page 102**

**Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Gospel Reading**

**John 20:19-31**

**...Glory to you, O God**

**...Praise to you, O Christ**

**Hymn of the Day**  
***Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers***  
**– No. 938**

**Vs. 1** Christ has risen while earth slumbers,  
Christ has risen where hope died,  
as he said and as he promised,  
as we doubted and denied.  
Let the moon embrace the blessing;  
let the sun sustain the cheer;  
let the world confirm the rumor:  
Christ is risen, God is here!

**Vs. 2** Christ has risen for the people  
whom he died to love and save;  
Christ has risen for the women  
bringing flow'rs to grace his grave.  
Christ has risen for disciples,  
huddled in an upstairs room.  
He whose word inspired creation  
can't be silenced by the tomb.

**Vs. 3** Christ has risen to companion  
former friends who fear the night,  
sensing loss and limitation  
where their faith had once burned bright.  
They bemoan what is no longer,  
they expect no hopeful sign  
till Christ ends their conversation,  
breaking bread and sharing wine.

**Vs. 4** Christ has risen and forever  
lives to challenge and to change  
all whose lives are messed or mangled,  
all who find religion strange.  
Christ is risen, Christ is present  
making us what he has been:  
evidence of transformation  
in which God is known and seen.

**Prayers of the People**

God of hope and joy.

**Hear our prayer, Alleluia!**

**Peace Sharing**

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## **Offering Song**

### ***Touch That Soothes and Heals – No. 939***

**Vs. 1** Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,  
hands that break a loaf of bread;  
steps that walk beside the weary,  
bearing burdens in their stead:

**Refrain:** "See my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
love arisen from the grave.

"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
"live as ones I died to save."



**Vs. 2** Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,  
visit ones in need of care,  
give the homeless warmth and shelter:  
Christ will find a welcome there.

**Refrain:** "See my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
"live as ones I died to save."

**Vs. 3** Love and serve without distinction  
all earth's people, first and least.  
Know within each act of kindness  
hope and wholeness are increased.

**Refrain:** "See my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
"live as ones I died to save."

**Vs. 4** Hands that beckon little children,  
bind a wound, prepare a meal,  
feet that rush to share good tidings,  
Christ arisen , still reveal.

**Refrain:** "See my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
"live as ones I died to save."

# Great Thanksgiving – Page 107

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 – Page 108**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,  
God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

## The Lord's Prayer – Page 112

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 112**

**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.**

**Amen.**

**Communion Songs**  
***Loaves Were Broken, Words Were  
Spoken – No. 966***

**Vs. 1** Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
by the Galilean shore.  
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven,  
was their food forevermore.

**Refrain:** By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,



Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

**Vs. 2** Loaves were broken, words were spoken  
in a quiet room one night.

In the bread and wine you gave them,  
Christ, you came as Light from Light.

**Refrain:** By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

**Vs. 3** Loaves are broken, words are spoken,  
as in faith we gather here.

Jesus speaks across the ages:  
"I am with you; do not fear!"

**Refrain:** By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

**Vs. 4** By the loaves you break and give us,  
send us in your name to share  
bread for which the millions hunger,  
words that tell your love and care.

**Refrain:** By your body broken for us,  
by your wine of life outpoured,  
Jesus, feed again your people.  
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

# ***Womb of Life and Source of Being – No. 948***

**Vs. 1** Womb of life and source of being,  
home of ev'ry restless heart,  
in your arms the worlds awakened;  
you have loved us from the start.  
We, your children, gather round you,  
at the table you prepare.  
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,  
we are nurtured by your care.

**Vs. 2** Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,  
born to bring us second birth,  
you have come to stand beside us,  
knowing weakness, knowing earth.  
Priest who shares our human struggles,  
Life of life and Death of death,  
risen Christ, come stand among us,  
send the Spirit by your breath.

**Vs. 3** Brooding Spirit, move among us;  
be our partner, be our friend.  
When our mem'ry fails, remind us  
whose we are, what we intend.  
Labor with us; aid the birthing  
of the new world yet to be,  
free of servant, lord, and master,  
free for love and unity.

**Vs. 4** Mother, Brother, holy Partner;  
Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
we would praise your name forever,  
One-in-Three and Three-in-One.  
We would share your life, your passion,  
share your word of world made new,  
ever singing, ever praising,  
one with all, and one with you.

## ***Be Not Afraid* – No. 388**

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!

Be not afraid, sing out for joy!

Christ is risen, alleluia!



**Sending Song**  
***The Risen Christ* – No. 390**

**Vs. 1** The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet  
from garden tomb through darkened city street,  
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,  
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.

**Vs. 2** The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,  
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide  
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;  
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.

**Vs. 3** The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand  
the bread for those who fail to understand,  
reveals himself, despite their ling'ring tears,  
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.

**Vs. 4** May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand  
with those oppressed in this and every land,  
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,  
restored in Christ to true humanity.

**Dismissal ...Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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