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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Peter receives a vision for evangelism - inviting others into community who are different than the dominant group.

May 18, 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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – No. 631

Vs. 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Vs. 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Vs. 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Vs. 4 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee!
Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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 148

The splendour of the Lord is over earth and heaven.

¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.

² **Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

³ Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.

⁴ **Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵ Let them praise the name ¹ of the LORD,
who commanded, and they ¹ were created,
⁶ **who made them stand fast forev- ¹ er and
ever,
giving them a law that shall not ¹ pass
away.**

Refrain: ***The splendour of the Lord is over earth
and heaven.***

⁷ Praise the LORD ¹ from the earth,
you sea monsters ¹ and all deeps;

⁸ **fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**
⁹ mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
¹⁰ **wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**
¹¹ sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
¹² **young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.**

Refrain: ***The splendour of the Lord is over earth
and heaven.***

¹³ Let them praise the name ¹ of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendour is
over ¹ earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **The LORD has raised up strength for the
people and praise for all ¹ faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near
the LORD. ¹ Hallelujah!**

Refrain: ***The splendour of the Lord is over earth
and heaven.***

Gospel Acclamation – Page 102

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

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

...Glory to you, O God

...Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day

God, We Gather as Your People – No. 1038

Vs. 1 God, we gather as your people to raise our song
above, and we dare to claim the promise of your love.
Though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon
will be, when your children will be free.

Refrain: Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.

May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.

Vs. 2 Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day
they be free; and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are
blest.

May they, in your love, find rest.

Refrain: Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.

May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.

Vs. 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame, so afraid of who they are and whom they love.

May the message now be banished that your love is for the few; may their faith in you renew.

Refrain: Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened, fling the church doors open wide.

May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.

Vs. 4 God, we're working for the future when children
far and wide can live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature, may they join
us hand in hand,
as against all hate we stand.

Refrain: Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.

The Nicene Creed – Page 104

Prayers of the People

God of hope and joy.

Hear our prayer, Alleluia!

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Offering Song

Where Charity and Love Are Shown – No. 931

Refrain: Where charity and love are shown,
our God is there made known,
our God is there made known.

Vs. 1 One assembly at one table;
one the cup, the bread, the wine;
in one love we are companions,
and in unity we dine.

Brought together by the presence
and the promise of God's Word,
here in joy and in remembrance
we receive our loving Lord.

Refrain: Where charity and love are shown,
our God is there made known,
our God is there made known.

Vs. 2 At the table we are welcomed
to the banquet from above.

We recall the Lord's commandment
that we live and grow in love.

As the gifts of God are given,
Jesus' body and his blood,
so we give ourselves to others
and we seek our neighbour's good.

Refrain: Where charity and love are shown,
our God is there made known,
our God is there made known.

Vs. 3 This, the bread of life eternal;
this, the saving cup we claim,
draw us close within one fam'ly,
make us one in Jesus' name.

Let us tell the living story
of his suff'ring and his pain,
and proclaim the holy myst'ry:
Christ has died, yet lives to reign.

Refrain: Where charity and love are shown,
our God is there made known,
our God is there made known.

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

***Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* – No. 365**

Vs. 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Vs. 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Vs. 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Vs. 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

***Christ Is Living* – No. 934**

Vs. 1 Christ is living! Gone with sorrow!
Tears and terror, be no more.
Death and grave, you now are nothing;
Christ is free of ev'ry pow'r.
Why then seek the living Saviour
in the haunts of death and fear?
Christ is risen! Shout the good news
so that all the world may hear.

Vs. 2 For if Christ is not arisen
there is nothing to believe.
Jesus' promise is accomplished:
"Since I live, you too shall live."
Dust we are, to dust returning,
but in Christ we are restored.
Doubt dispelling, claim the triumph:
Jesus is the living Lord!

Vs. 3 Death is swallowed up in vict'ry;
sin has lost its poison sting.

Life will blossom from the grain sown,
Christ the first fruits of the spring.

For the sureness of salvation
let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"

Christ is risen! We are living!
Spread the word of grace abroad.

Ubi caritas et amor – No. 642

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Where true charity and love abide,
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.

Sending Song
***O God, Who Gives Us Life* – No. 1086**

Vs. 1 O God, who gives us life and breath,
who shapes us in the womb,
who guards our lives from birth to death,
then leads us from the tomb:
deliver us from fears that kill
the life we have from you.
Help us to know your Spirit still
is making all things new.

Vs. 2 O God, who calls your people out
to venture and to dare,
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt
and find you even there:
when we despair in wandering
through wastes of empty lies,
refresh us with the living spring
of hope that never dies.

Vs. 3 O God of covenant and law,
revealed in cloud and flame,
your mighty deeds evoke our awe;
we dare not speak your name.
Yet we by faith are drawn to you
and will your people prove,
as on our hearts you write anew
the covenant of love.

Dismissal ...Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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