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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God grants us liberation and unity.

June 1, 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
***When Our Song Says Peace* – No. 709**

Vs. 1 When our song says peace and the world says
war, we will sing despite the world.
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
who breaks the spear and sword
and stills the storm of war.

Vs. 2 When our song says free and the world says
bound, we will sing despite the world.
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
who opens prison doors
and sets the captives free.

Vs. 3 When our song says home and the world says
lost, we will sing despite the world.
We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
who brings us home at last,
and gives a song to all.

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 97

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous.

¹ The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

² **Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the
foundations | of God's throne.**

³ Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on | every side.

**⁴Lightnings light | up the world;
the earth | sees and trembles.**

**⁵The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.**

**⁶The heavens declare your righteous- | ness,
O LORD,
and all the peoples | see your glory.**

Refrain: ***Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous.***

**⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and
delight | in false gods!**

Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.

**⁸ Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of
Ju- | dah rejoice,**

because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.

**⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over | all the
earth;**

you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.

¹⁰ You who love the | LORD, hate evil!

**God guards the lives of the saints and
rescues them from the hand | of the wicked.**

**¹¹ Light dawns | for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.**

**¹² Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's | holy name.**

Refrain: ***Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous***

Gospel Acclamation – Page 102

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

Gospel Reading

John 17:20-26

...Glory to you, O God

...Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day

To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold – No. 958

Vs. 1 To Christ belong, in Christ behold
God's wonders still unfold:
the buried grain springs forth again
with fruit one hundredfold.
Baptized into the death of Christ,
with Christ from death we rise,
drawn through the night by dawning light
into abundant life, into abundant life.

Vs. 2 The brooding Spirit moves unseen
as living waters stream
to quench all thirst and bring to birth
a new community.

The binding shroud is here released,
the veil of sin and grief,
and in their place a wreath of grace
and robes of joy and peace,
and robes of joy and peace.

Vs. 3 Rejoicing in God's promise strong,
our treasure and our song,
in faith we cling, and gladly sing:
to Christ we now belong.
In Christ abide, in Christ behold
the world beloved and whole.
In love remain, by love proclaim
God's wonders still untold,
God's wonders still untold.

The Nicene Creed – Page 104

Prayers of the People

God of hope and joy.

Hear our prayer, Alleluia!

Peace Sharing

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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Offering Song
Thanks Be To God

C. von Gluck – duet

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

***Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*— No. 901**

Vs. 1 Now the heavens start to whisper,
as the veil is growing thin.

Earth from slumber wakes to listen
to the stirring, faint within:

seed of promise, deeply planted,
child to spring from Jesse's stem!
Like the soil beneath the frostline,
hearts grow soft to welcome him.

Vs. 2 Heavy clouds that block the moonlight
now begin to drift away.

Diamond brilliance through the darkness
shines the hope of coming day.

Christ, the morning star of splendour,
gleams within a world grown dim.

Heaven's ember fans to fullness;
hearts grow warm to welcome him.

Vs. 3 Christ, eternal Sun of justice,
Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed,
come to bless with fire and fragrance
hours of yearning, hurt, and need.
In the lonely, in the stranger,
in the outcast, hid from view;
Child who comes to grace the manger,
teach our hearts to welcome you.

***One Bread, One Body* – No. 496**

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Vs. 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Vs. 2 Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain: One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Vs. 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.

Refrain

***Nothing Can Trouble* – No. 1033**

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

Sending Song
***Oh, Praise the Gracious Power* – No. 651**

Vs. 1 Oh, praise the gracious pow'r
that tumbles walls of fear
and gathers in one house of faith
all strangers far and near:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Vs. 2 Oh, praise persistent truth
that opens fisted minds
and eases from their anxious clutch
the prejudice that blinds:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Vs. 3 Oh, praise inclusive love,
encircling ev'ry race,
oblivious to gender, wealth,
to social rank or place:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Vs. 4 Oh, praise the word of faith
that claims us as God's own,
a living temple built on Christ,
our rock and cornerstone:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Vs. 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace
that laps at ev'ry shore
with visions of a world at peace,
no longer bled by war:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Vs. 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
the love, the word, the tide.
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
praise Christ the crucified:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Vs. 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
with faith's bright songful voice!
Announce the gospel to the world
and with these words rejoice:

Refrain: We praise you, Christ!
Your cross has made us one!

Dismissal ...Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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