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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTER



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Easter Greeting

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering Song

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – No. 807

Vs. 1

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**

Vs. 2

**Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**

Vs. 3

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

Kyrie

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Song Of Praise

This is the Feast – Page 193

Refrain

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

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

Shepherd me, O God – No. 780

Refrain

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Vs. 1

**God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. *Refrain***

Vs.2

**Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name. *Refrain***

Vs. 3

**Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. *Refrain***

Vs. 4

**You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to hold. *Refrain***

Vs. 5

**Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Jesus says, I am | the good shepherd.* I know my own and my | own know me. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Word of God, word of life.
Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd – No. 954

Vs. 1

**You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, whom we both scorn and crave.**

Vs. 2

**Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggared by a soldier's toss,
you, the everlasting instant;
you, who are both gift and cost.**

Vs. 3

**You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.**

**You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.**

**You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our pilgrim guide.**

Vs. 4

Worthy is our earthly Jesus!

Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

**Worthy your defeat and vict'ry;
worthy still your peace and strife.**

**You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our death and life.**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Merciful God,
Receive our prayer

Peace Sharing

The peace of the risen Christ
be with you always.

And also with you.



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Offering Song

Shepherd of My Heart - F.P. O'Brien - choir

Great Thanksgiving

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.

Holy

**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

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

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.

Lamb of God

**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

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart – No. 484

Refrain You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.

Vs. 1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
they know and heed his voice;
so when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*

Vs. 2 With joyful lips we sing to you
our praise and gratitude
that you should count us worthy, Lord,
to share this heav'nly food. *Refrain*

Vs. 3

**Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain***

Vs. 4

**The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain***

Vs. 5

**You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,
to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *Refrain***

Refrain

**You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.**

God Bestows on Every Sense – No. 1069

Vs. 1

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us; we are yours.**

Vs.2

**We are yours; in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.**

Vs. 3

**You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.**

Vs. 4

**Early let us seek your favor, early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

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

**Earth, earth, awake! Your praises sing! Alleluia!
Greet with the dawn your risen King! Alleluia!
Bright suns and stars, your homage pay! Alleluia!
Life reigns again this Easter day! Alleluia!**

Vs. 2

**All nature sings of hope reborn! Alleluia!
Christ lives to comfort those who mourn! Alleluia!
First fruit of all the dead who sleep! Alleluia!
Promise of joy for all who weep! Alleluia!**

Vs. 3

Winter is past; the night is gone! Alleluia!

Christ's light, triumphant, brings the dawn! Alleluia!

Creation spreads its springtime bloom! Alleluia!

Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb! Alleluia!

Vs. 4

Praise we the Father, Spirit, Son! Alleluia!

Praise we the vict'ry God has won! Alleluia!

Praise we the Lamb who reigns above! Alleluia!

Praise we the King whose rule is love! Alleluia!

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