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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 13, 2024 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Holy Communion Setting One

We celebrate the Thanksgiving of God's grace and gift of baptism.

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Baptismal Verse

Blessed Be God, the Source of All Life – No. 209

Blessed be God, the source of all life,
the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.
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word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Gathering Song
Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded –
No. 933

Vs. 1 Day of delight and beauty unbounded,
tell the news, the gospel spread!

Day of all wonder, day of all splendour,
praise Christ risen from the dead!

Sing of the sun from darkness appearing;
sing of the seed from barren earth greening;
sing of creation, alleluia!

Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing;
sing of the saints in water made holy;
sing of salvation, alleluia!

Vs. 2 Day of delight and beauty unbounded,
tell the news, the gospel spread!

Day of all wonder, day of all splendour,
praise Christ risen from the dead!

Sing now of mourning turned into dancing;
sing now the myst'ry, hope of our glory;
sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!

Sing now of fasting turned into feasting;
sing the Lord's favour lasting forever;
sing, all things living, alleluia!

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.

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, and join us 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

Psalm 90:12-17

Refrain: ***So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.***

¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?
Be gracious | to your servants.**

Refrain: ***So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.***

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you
af- | flicted us
and as many years as we suf- | fered
adversity.**

¹⁶Show your ser- | vants your works,
and your splendour | to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God ¹ be
upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; pros- ¹ per
our handiwork.

Refrain: ***So teach us to number our days that we
may apply our hearts to wisdom.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:25-33

...Glory to you, O God
...Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day

***We Plow the Fields and Scatter* – No. 680**

Vs. 1 We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand,
who sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Vs. 2 You only are the maker
of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread.

Vs. 3 We thank you, our creator,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts
but what you most would treasure—
our humble, thankful hearts.

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
Gabriel's Oboe

E. Morricone – Solo

Offering Prayer – Page 106

Great Thanksgiving – Page 107

Holy, Holy, 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

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

***Now Thank We All Our God* – No. 840**

Vs. 1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Vs. 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

Vs. 3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

***I Come with Joy* – No. 482**

Vs. 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.

Vs. 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

Vs. 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

Vs. 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

Vs. 5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Down to the River to Pray – trad.

Solo

Sending Song
***Neither Death nor Life* – No. 622**

Refrain: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come, neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Vs. 1 Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead; though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise through the Spirit who brings you to life.

Refrain: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come, neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Vs. 2 All who are led by the Spirit shall live as children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus, God's adopted and chosen and loved.

Refrain: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come, neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Vs. 3 All of the suff'ring we now must endure is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed when creation itself is set free.

Refrain: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come, neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Vs. 4 All of creation awaits the new birth, the fullness of redemption, through labour pains of love, and so we wait in patience and hope.

Refrain: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come, neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Vs. 5 Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?

Refrain: Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come, neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation can ever separate us from the love of God poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Worship Leaders and Assistants

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