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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

***Jesus meets the disciples for breakfast on the beach.
Today, he meets us breaking bread around the table.***

May 4, 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

Arise, My Soul, Arise! – No. 827

Vs. 1 Arise, my soul, arise!

Stretch forth to things eternal
and hasten to the feet of your redeemer God,
who, hid from mortal eyes,
yet dwells in light supernal;
so worship God in humbleness, your sov'reign Lord.

The banquet of love
awaits you above;
yet here you have a foretaste of the feast to come!

Rejoice, my soul, rejoice,
to heav'n lift up your voice:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs. 2 Now hear the harps of heav'n!
Oh, hear the song victorious,
the never-ending anthem sounding through the sky!
To mortals is not giv'n
to join in strains so glorious;
yet here on earth we too can sing our praises high!
Christ bought with his blood
the ransomed of God;
to him be everlasting pow'r and victory.
And let the great amen
resound through heav'n again.
Alleluia, alleluia, 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.

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 30

You have turned my wailing into dancing.

¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up

and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

² **O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

³ You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the
grave.

**⁴ Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.**

Refrain: *You have turned my wailing into dancing.*

**⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favour | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the
morning.**

**⁶ While I felt se- | cure, I said,
"I shall never | be disturbed.**

**⁷ You, LORD, with your favour, made me as
strong | as the mountains." Then you hid your face,
and I was | filled with fear.**

**⁸ I cried to | you, O LORD;
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**

**⁹ “What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to
the pit? Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your
faithfulness?**

**¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;
O LORD, | be my helper.”**

Refrain: *You have turned my wailing into dancing.*

**¹¹ You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me
with joy.**

**¹² Therefore my heart sings to you | without
ceasing;**

**O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks
forever.**

Refrain: *You have turned my wailing into dancing.*

Gospel Acclamation – Page 102

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

Gospel Reading

John 21:1-19

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

The Nicene Creed – Page 104

Prayers of the People

God of hope and joy.

Hear our prayer, Alleluia!

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Offering Song

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table – No. 977

Vs. 1 Look who gathers at Christ's table!
Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing;
some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited,
burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome.
There is room for ev'ryone.

Vs. 2 Clouds of light surround the table;
ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled
with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying
Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts
to obliterate the light.

Vs. 3 Their sad stories are repeated
in a thousand diff'rent ways,
but they share one thing in common:
they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited
north and south and east and west
to converge around this table,
where all life is fed and blest.

Vs. 4 Bring your joy and bring your sadness,
and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded,
who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it—
truth and manna from above!—
and then passes wine that wakens
in your heart the taste of love.

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

***What Wondrous Love Is This* – No. 666**

Vs. 1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

Vs. 2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown
for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

Vs. 3 To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

Vs. 4 And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.

I Love to Tell the Story – No. 661

Vs. 1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Vs. 2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word.

Refrain: I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Vs. 3 I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long.

Refrain: I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

***This Is Christ's Body* – No. 967**

This is Christ's body, broken and blest.

Feed us with mercy and love.

(with mercy and love.)

We are Christ's body, broken and blest.

Heal us and make us one.

Sending Song
***We Have Seen the Lord* – No. 869**

[A leader sings the words in parentheses.]

(Nimemwona Bwana.)

Nimemwona Bwana. (Nimemwona)

Nimemwona Bwana. (Nimemwona Bwana.)

Nimemwona Bwana, anapendeza.

(We have seen the Lord.)
We have seen the Lord. (God is mighty.)
We have seen the Lord. (God is powerful.)
We have seen the Lord, God with us, Jesus Christ.

(We have seen the Lord.)
We have seen the Lord. (God is lowly.)
We have seen the Lord. (God is merciful.)
We have seen the Lord, God with us, Jesus Christ.

(We have seen the Lord.)
We have seen the Lord. (God is gracious.)
We have seen the Lord. (God is wonderful.)
We have seen the Lord, God with us, Jesus Christ.

Dismissal ...Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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