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# **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**

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## **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

***Following Jesus is risky business, rooted in trust.***

June 29, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

*Holy Communion*

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## **Gathering Song**

### ***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.

# Greeting

The grace of the risen Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you  
always.

**And also with you.**



**Kyrie**  
**No. 153**

Come, Holy Spirit,  
descend on us, descend on us.  
We gather here in Jesus' name.

# **Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.  
to God be glory forever.  
Alleluia, amen.

## Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

<sup>1</sup> I will cry a- | loud to God;

I will cry aloud, and | God will hear me.

<sup>2</sup> **In the day of my trouble I | sought the Lord;  
my hand was stretched out by night and did  
not tire; I refused | to be comforted.**

<sup>11</sup> I will remember the works | of the LORD,  
and call to mind your won- | ders of old.

<sup>12</sup> **I will meditate on | all your acts  
and ponder your | mighty deeds.**

<sup>13</sup> Your way, O <sup>l</sup> God, is holy;  
who is so great a god <sup>l</sup> as our God?

<sup>14</sup> **You are the God <sup>l</sup> who works wonders  
and have declared your power a- <sup>l</sup> mong the  
peoples.**

**Refrain:** By your strength you have redeemed  
your people.

<sup>15</sup> By your strength you have re- <sup>l</sup> deemed your  
people,  
the descendants of Ja- <sup>l</sup> cob and Joseph.

**<sup>16</sup> The waters saw you, O God; the waters  
saw | you and trembled;  
the very | depths were shaken.**

<sup>17</sup> The clouds poured out water; | the skies  
thundered; your lightning bolts flashed | to and fro;

**<sup>18</sup> the sound of your thunder was in the  
whirlwind; your lightnings lit | up the world;  
the earth trem- | bled and shook.**

<sup>19</sup> Your way was in the sea, and your paths in | the  
great waters,  
yet your footsteps | were not seen.

**<sup>20</sup> You led your people | like a flock  
by the hand of Mo- | ses and Aaron.**

**Refrain:** By your strength you have redeemed  
your people.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

***Alleluia, amen.***

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 9:51-62

**Hymn of the Day**  
***Spirit, Open My Heart* – No. 1043**

**Refrain:** Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

**Vs. 1** God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender.



**Refrain:** Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

**Vs. 2** Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory.

**Refrain:** Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

**Vs. 3** May I weep with those who weep;  
share the joy of friend and neighbour.  
As I live from day to day,  
love will be my finest labour.

**Refrain:** Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of  
living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in  
giving. Spirit, open my heart.

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## **Prayers of the People**

We pray,  
**Come Holy Spirit. Alleluia!**

## **Peace Sharing**

The peace of Christ's Spirit be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**Offering Song**  
***Will You Come and Follow Me – No. 798***

**Vs. 1** "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?"

**Vs. 2** "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?

**Vs. 3** "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

**Vs. 4** "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"



**Vs. 5** Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

# Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God. **It is right to give our  
thanks and praise.**

## **Holy, Holy, Holy – No. 473**

Holy, holy, holy,  
my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart is glad to say the words:  
You are holy, God.

## **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.

## **O Lamb of God – No. 198**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace.

**Communion Songs**  
***As the Grains of Wheat* – No. 465**

**Refrain:** As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

**Vs. 1** As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love.

**Refrain:** As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

**Vs. 2** Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you.

**Refrain:** As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

## ***In This Feast of Love – No. 962***

**Vs. 1** In this feast of love,  
in this feast of love,  
Lord, you share your blood and your body,  
Jesus, Lamb of God.

**Vs. 2** In this bread and wine,  
in this bread and wine,  
you have promised, Lord, to be with us,  
Lamb of God divine.



**Vs. 3** Grant us peace, O Lord,  
grant us peace, O Lord;  
fill us with the joy of your Spirit,  
ever-living Word.

# ***God Is Love* – No. 1041**

God is love. God is love;  
let us love one another as God first loved us.  
God is love. God is love.  
God is love.

**Sending Song**  
***For All Your Saints, O Lord – No. 427***

**Vs. 1** For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to live,  
who followed you, obeyed, adored,  
our grateful hymn receive.

**Vs. 2** For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to die,  
who counted you their great reward,  
accept our thankful cry.

**Vs. 3** They all in life and death,  
with you, their Lord, in view,  
learned from your Holy Spirit's breath  
to suffer and to do.

**Vs. 4** For this, your name we bless  
and humbly pray anew  
that we like them in holiness  
may live and die in you.

**Vs. 5** To God, the Father, Son,  
and Spirit, ever blest,  
the One in Three, the Three in One,  
be endless praise addressed.

**Dismissal ...Thanks be to God!**

# **Worship Assistants**

**Assisting Minister:** Michelle Couture

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**Musician:** Karen Johnson-Lefsrud

**Choral Scholar:** DJ McGrath

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