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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

***Jesus reminds us our lives and riches are gifts
from God.***

August 3, 2025 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Holy Communion Setting Three

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Gathering Song

Build a Longer Table – No. 1062

Vs. 1 Build a longer table, not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.

Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

Vs. 2 Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.

For any place where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

Vs. 3 Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.
When we embrace compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

Vs. 4 When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.
So must our tables welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

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 – Page 138

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 – Page 139

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good,
for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

² **Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand | of
the foe,**

³ gathering them in | from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north
and | from the south.

⁴ **Some wandered in | desert wastes;**

**they found no path to a city where | they
might dwell.**

⁵ They were hun- | gry and thirsty;
their spirits lan- | guished within them.

⁶ **Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD,
and you delivered them from | their
distress.**

Refrain: ***We give thanks to you, Lord, for your
wonderful works.***

⁷ You led them | on a straight path
to go to a city where | they might dwell.

**⁸ Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for
your | steadfast love
and your wonderful works | for all people.**

**⁹ For you satisfy the | thirsty soul
and fill the hungry | with good things.**

**⁴³ Whoever is wise will pon- | der these things,
and consider well the LORD's | steadfast
love.**

Refrain: ***We give thanks to you, Lord, for your
wonderful works.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Hymn of the Day
***Faith Begins by Letting Go* – No. 1004**

Vs. 1 Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.

Vs. 2 Faith endures by holding on,
keeping mem'ry's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.

Vs. 3 Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.

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Prayers of the People

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Peace Sharing

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

Offering Song

Sing Praise to God - G. Wonacott - choir

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 – Page 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer – Page 145

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 146

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.

Communion Songs
***Son of God, Eternal Saviour* – No. 655**

Vs. 1 Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory,
for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity,
heal our wrong, and help our need.

Vs. 2 As you, Lord, have lived for others,
so may we for others live.

Freely have your gifts been granted;
freely may your servants give.

Yours the gold and yours the silver,
yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty
held in solemn trust will be.

Vs. 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling,
by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
stem our selfish greed of gain.

Vs. 4 Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing
that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
here on earth your will be done.

Jesus, Priceless Treasure – No. 775

Vs. 1 Jesus, priceless treasure,
source of purest pleasure,
truest friend to me:
ah, how long I've panted,
and my heart has fainted,
thirsting, Lord, for thee!
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb;
nothing in this world can hide thee,
naught I ask beside thee.

Vs. 2 In thine arm I rest me;
foes who would molest me
cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
every heart be quaking,
Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash and thunders crash;
yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.

Vs. 3 Hence, all fears and sadness,
for the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
God, who dearly loves us,
from all trial saves us,
gives sweet peace within.
I have borne this worldly scorn;
still in thee lies purest pleasure:
Jesus, priceless treasure!

Sending Song

***We Know That Christ Is Raised* – No. 449**

Vs. 1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!

Vs. 2 We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
as living members of our Saviour Christ.
Hallelujah!

Vs. 3 The Father's splendour clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah!

Vs. 4 A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!

Dismissal ...Thanks be to God!

Worship Assistants

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