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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Holy Communion Setting Three

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Gathering Song

Wash O God, Our Sons and Daughters – No. 445

Vs. 1 Wash, Wash O God, our sons and daughters,
where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people;
bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;
compass them with love and light.
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,
holy dove and heart's delight.

Vs. 2 We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking
cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children, heirs.

Vs. 3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honour!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
waterwashed and Spirit-born.
By your grace, our lives we offer,
Recreate us, God transform.

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 50:1-8, 22-23

¹ The mighty one, God the ^l LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun ^l to its
setting.

² **Out of Zion, perfect ^l in its beauty,
God shines ^l forth in glory.**

³ Our God will come and will ^l not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about
a ^l raging storm.

**4 God calls the heavens and the earth | from
above**

to witness the judgment | of the people.

Refrain: ***To those who go the right way I will
show the salvation of God.***

**5 "Gather before me my | loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and
sealed | it with sacrifice."**

**6 The heavens declare the rightness | of God's
cause,
for it is God | who is judge.**

7^a Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will
bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.

**8 I do not accuse you because of your
sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before
me.**

Refrain: ***To those who go the right way I will
show the salvation of God.***

²² Consider this well, you | who forget God,
lest I tear you apart and there be none to
de- | liver you.

²³ **Whoever offers me a sacrifice of
thanksgiving | honours me;
I will show the salvation of God to those
who go | the right way."**

Refrain: ***To those who go the right way I will
show the salvation of God.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

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Hymn of the Day
What Is the World Like – No. 1047

Vs. 1 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Mustard seeds grow more than we can conceive:
roots thread the soil; branches reach for the sun.
This is how God moves us each to believe.

Vs. 2 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Witness the wandering child coming home;
watch as the parent breaks into a run.
This is how God longs for us when we roam.

Vs. 3 What is the world like when God's will is done?
No more is neighbour just ally or friend;
peace thrives in places where once there was none.
This is how God works when rivalries end.

Vs. 4 What is the world like when God's will is done?
Ready for feasting, we watch through the night,
tending our lamps till the new day's begun.
This is how God readies us for the light.

Vs. 5 These are the stories that Jesus imparts,
filled with the Spirit who joins us as one.
Born through our voices, our hands, and our hearts,
this is a new world where God's will is done.

Baptism of Aven Lyle K'sîwât'sô Corrie

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.***

On the third day he rose again;

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty

Baptism

Amen.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and
into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God and
bearing God's creative and
redeeming word to all the world.**

Baptismal Verse
***You Belong to Christ* – No. 212**

You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

River Flows in You – Yiruma – performed by Sorena Cook

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life* – No. 816**

Vs. 1 Come, my way, my truth, my life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

Vs. 2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

Vs. 3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth – No. 735

Vs. 1 Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Vs. 2 Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.

Vs. 3 Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flow'r, until I know.

Sending Song
***O Blessed Spring* – No. 447**

Vs. 1 O blessed spring, where word and sign
embrace us into Christ the Vine:
here Christ enjoins each one to be
a branch of this life-giving Tree.

Vs. 2 Through summer heat of youthful years,
uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
sustained by Christ's infusing rain,
the boughs will shout for joy again.

Vs. 3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
then through us, warm, the Christ will move
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

Vs. 4 As winter comes, as winters must,
we breathe our last, return to dust;
still held in Christ, our souls take wing
and trust the promise of the spring.

Vs. 5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
be praised for this blest mystery:
that word and water thus revive
and join us to your Tree of Life.

Dismissal ...Thanks be to God!

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister & Preacher: Ben Lukenchuk

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