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

***God's calendar is always clear for grace.***

August 24, 2025 – 10:00 AM  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
Holy Communion Setting Three

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**Gathering Song**  
***Morning Has Broken* – No. 556**

**Vs. 1** Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

**Vs. 2** Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

**Vs. 3** Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

# 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 71:1-6

<sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, have I | taken refuge;  
let me never be | put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> **In your righteousness, deliver me and | set  
me free; incline your ear to | me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;  
you are my crag | and my stronghold.

<sup>4</sup> **Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the  
wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer  
and | the oppressor.**

**Refrain:** *From my mother's womb you have been my strength.*

<sup>5</sup> For you are my hope, | O Lord God,  
my confidence since | I was young.

**<sup>6</sup> I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have | been my strength; my praise shall be al- | ways of you.**

**Refrain:** *From my mother's womb you have been my strength.*

# **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia.*

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 13:10-17

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## Hymn of the Day

### ***O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come – No. 610***

**Vs. 1** O Christ, the healer, we have come  
to pray for health, to plead for friends.

How can we fail to be restored  
when reached by love that never ends?

**Vs. 2** From ev'ry ailment flesh endures  
our bodies clamour to be freed;  
yet in our hearts we would confess  
that wholeness is our deepest need.

**Vs. 3** In conflicts that destroy our health  
we recognize the world's disease;  
our common life declares our ills.  
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

**Vs. 4** Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
in your community may find  
the wholeness that, enriching us,  
shall reach the whole of humankind.

## **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

### ***Touch That Soothes and Heals* – No. 939**

**Vs. 1** Touch that soothes and heals the hurting,  
hands that break a loaf of bread;  
steps that walk beside the weary,  
bearing burdens in their stead:

**Refrain:** "See my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
love arisen from the grave.

"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
"live as ones I died to save."

**Vs. 2** Feed the hungry, clothe the naked,  
visit ones in need of care,  
give the homeless warmth and shelter:  
Christ will find a welcome there.

**Refrain:** "See my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
"live as ones I died to save."

**Vs. 3** Love and serve without distinction  
all earth's people, first and least.  
Know within each act of kindness  
hope and wholeness are increased.

**Refrain:** "See my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
"live as ones I died to save."

**Vs. 4** Hands that beckon little children,  
bind a wound, prepare a meal,  
feet that rush to share good tidings,  
Christ arisen, still reveal.

**Refrain:** "See my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
love arisen from the grave.  
"Be my hands and feet," said Jesus,  
"live as ones I died to save."

# 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**  
***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.

# ***Now We Join in Celebration – No. 462***

**Vs. 1** Now we join in celebration  
at our Saviour's invitation,  
dressed no more in spirit somber,  
clothed instead in joy and wonder;  
for the Lord of all existence,  
putting off divine transcendence,  
stoops again in love to meet us,  
with his very life to feed us.

**Vs. 2** Lord, as round this feast we gather,  
fill our hearts with holy rapture!  
For this bread and cup of blessing  
are for us the sure possessing  
of your loving deed on Calv'ry,  
of your living self, our vict'ry,  
pledge of your unfailing presence,  
foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

**Vs. 3** Lord, we share in this communion  
as one fam'ly of God's children,  
reconciled through you, our brother,  
one in you with God our Father.  
Give us grace to live for others,  
serving all, both friends and strangers,  
seeking justice, love, and mercy  
till you come in final glory.

***Ubi caritas et amor* – No. 642**

Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Where true charity and love abide,  
God is dwelling there; God is dwelling there.

## Sending Song

### *Let My Spirit Always Sing* – No. 1020

**Vs. 1** Let my spirit always sing,  
though my heart be wintering,  
though the season of despair  
give no sign that you are there,  
God to whom my days belong,  
let there always be a song.

**Vs. 2** Though my body be confined,  
let your word engage my mind,  
let the inner eye discern  
how much more there is to learn,  
see a world becoming whole  
through the window of the soul.

**Vs. 3** Let your wisdom grace my years,  
choose my words and chase my fears,  
give me wit to welcome change,  
to accept, and not estrange,  
let my joy be full and deep  
in the knowledge that I keep.

**Vs. 4** Let my spirit always sing,  
to your Spirit answering,  
through the silence, through the pain  
know my hope is not in vain,  
like a feather on your breath  
trust your love, through life and death.

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

# **Worship Assistants**

**Presiding Minister:** Pr. Dave Lefsrud

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**Communion:** Ann Baty, Judy Bergbusch

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