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# **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**

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## **SEASON OF CREATION – 13 PENTECOST**

***Today we are challenged by the words of Jesus to consider our readiness to pay the high cost of discipleship in a spiritually impoverished world.***

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All Creation Sings

Holy Communion Setting Twelve

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**Gathering Song**  
***God's Work, Our Hands* – No. 1000**

**Vs. 1** God's work, our hands: working together,  
building a future, repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.  
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

**Vs. 2** God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,  
following Jesus to places unknown,  
walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
running the race with God's future the goal.  
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

**Vs. 3** God's work, our voice: singing together,  
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
praying for peace, shouting for justice,  
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

**Vs. 4** God is at work in and around us:  
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!  
Washed and set free, humbled and honoured,  
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.  
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

## Confession and Forgiveness – Page 29

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**  
**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about your grace to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found.**

**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**



## **Greeting**

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 31**

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.  
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.  
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

## **Hymn of Praise – Page 31**

**Vs. 1** Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth.  
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;  
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

**Vs. 2** Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.  
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed;  
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

**Vs. 3** Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
yours the anointing, the radiant worth.

Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;  
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.  
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;  
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

## **Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18**

<sup>1</sup> LORD, you have | searched me out;  
O LORD, you | have known me.

<sup>2</sup> **You know my sitting down and my | rising  
up; you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

<sup>3</sup> You trace my journeys and my | resting-places  
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> **Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,  
but you, O LORD, know it | altogether.**

Refrain: ***You have searched me out and  
known me.***

<sup>5</sup> You encompass me, behind I and before, and lay  
your I hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup> **Such knowledge is too wonder- I ful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot at- I tain to it.**

<sup>13</sup> For you yourself created my I inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my I mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> **I will thank you because I am  
mar- I velously made; your works are  
wonderful, and I I know it well.**

<sup>15</sup> My body was not hid- I den from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in  
the depths I of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> **Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished  
in the womb; all of them were written I in your  
book; my days were fashioned before  
they I came to be.**

<sup>17</sup> How deep I find your I thoughts, O God!  
How great is the I sum of them!



**<sup>18</sup> If I were to count them, they would be  
more in number <sup>1</sup> than the sand;  
to count them all, my life span would need  
to <sup>1</sup> be like yours.**

**Refrain: *You have searched me out and  
known me.***

# **Gospel Acclamation**

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

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 14:25-33

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**Hymn of the Day**  
***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.



## **Prayers of the People**

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

## **Peace Sharing**

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

## **Offering Song**

### ***Where Charity and Love Are Shown* – No. 931**

**Refrain:** Where charity and love are shown,  
our God is there made known,  
our God is there made known.

**Vs. 1** One assembly at one table;  
one the cup, the bread, the wine;  
in one love we are companions, and in unity we dine.  
Brought together by the presence  
and the promise of God's Word,  
here in joy and in remembrance  
we receive our loving Lord.

**Refrain:** Where charity and love are shown,  
our God is there made known,  
our God is there made known.

**Vs. 2** At the table we are welcomed  
to the banquet from above.

We recall the Lord's commandment  
that we live and grow in love.

As the gifts of God are given, Jesus' body and his  
blood, so we give ourselves to others  
and we seek our neighbour's good.

**Refrain:** Where charity and love are shown,  
our God is there made known,  
our God is there made known.

**Vs. 3** This, the bread of life eternal;  
this, the saving cup we claim,  
draw us close within one fam'ly,  
make us one in Jesus' name.

Let us tell the living story of his suff'ring and his pain,  
and proclaim the holy myst'ry:  
Christ has died yet lives to reign.

**Refrain:** Where charity and love are shown,  
our God is there made known,  
our God is there made known.

# 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 36**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## **The Lord's Prayer – Page 39**

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 40**

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.

**Communion Songs**  
***What Feast of Love – No. 487***

**Vs. 1** What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!

**Vs. 2** What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!

**Vs. 3** What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!

## ***Deep Peace* – No. 1018**

Deep peace of the running waves,  
deep peace of the flowing air,  
deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
deep peace of the quiet earth.

***As Rivers Flow from a Distant Spring***  
**– No. 1046**

**Vs. 1** As rivers flow from a distant spring  
to quench our thirst and feed the earth,  
so let our lives flow from you, our Source,  
to counter death and nurture birth.

**Vs. 2** As trees rise up from the forest floor  
by roots that feed each limb above,  
so let our lives rise in praise to you  
from hearts we root in your deep love.

**Vs. 3** As woods make shelter within its shade  
for beasts to feed and birds to nest,  
so let our lives be a sheltered space,  
a refuge for the worn to rest.

**Vs. 4** So let us praise you, Creator God,  
for worlds that witness to your care,  
that show your presence in ev'ry place,  
your glory shining ev'rywhere.

## **Sending Song**

### ***Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song – No. 808***

**Vs. 1** Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

**Vs. 2** Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.



**Vs. 3** As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and  
tears. For you saved me by giving your body and  
blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

**Vs. 4** I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by  
my side. And with all of the family you saved by your  
love, we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our  
journey.

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

# **Worship Assistants**

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