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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

SEASON OF CREATION – 15 PENTECOST

***Jesus critiques capitalism, putting God and
neighbour first.***

September 21, 2025 – 10:00 AM

All Creation Sings

Holy Communion Setting Twelve

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Gathering Song
***All Who Are Thirsty* – No. 981**

[A leader sings the words in parentheses]

(All who are thirsty,) come to the waters.
(All who are hungry,) come here and eat.
(All who are thirsty,) come to the waters.
There's enough for all.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who looks upon us in compassion,
forgives our sin,
and heals our lives.

Amen.

Have mercy, O God,

**against you, you alone,
we have sinned.**

**In your compassion,
cleanse us from our sin
and take away our guilt.**

**Create in us a new heart
and give us a steadfast spirit.**

**Do not cast us away,
but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.**

Amen.

As tender as parent to child,
so deep is God's compassion for you.

As high as heaven is above earth,
so vast is God's love for you.

As far as east is from west,
so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

Blessed be God forever.

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

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

Hymn of Praise

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 79:1-9

¹ O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your ^l holy temple;
they have made Jerusalem a ^l heap of rubble.

² **They have given the bodies of your servants
as food for the birds ^l of the air,
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the
beasts ^l of the field.**

³ They have shed their blood like water on every
side ^l of Jerusalem, and there was no one to ^l bury
them.

**⁴ We have become a reproach [|] to our
neighbours, an object of scorn and derision
to [|] those around us.**

Refrain: ***Deliver us and forgive us our sins, for
your name's sake.***

**⁵ How long will you be an- [|] gry, O Lord?
Will your fury blaze like [|] fire forever?**

**⁶ Pour out your wrath upon the nations
who [|] have not known you
and upon the kingdoms that have not called
up- [|] on your name.**

⁷ For they have de- | voured Jacob
and made his dwell- | ing a ruin.

⁸ **Remember not our past sins; let your
compassion be | swift to meet us;
for we have been brought | very low.**

⁹ Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory | of your
name;
deliver us and forgive us our sins, | for your
name's sake.

Refrain: ***Deliver us and forgive us our sins, for
your name's sake.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13

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Hymn of the Day
Commonwealth Is God's Commandment
– No. 1036

Vs. 1 Commonwealth is God's commandment;
common goods are meant to share.
Tables set and doors wide open
welcome angels unaware.

Refrain: Plead for the peace of all creation.
Pray for a place where grace is found.
Shanti, pax, shalom, maslaha:
common good is holy ground.

Vs. 2 Sharing lavish gifts and blessings,
love that not one mite withholds,
stretch out arms to friends and strangers:
God has sheep of many folds.

Refrain: Plead for the peace of all creation.
Pray for a place where grace is found.
Shanti, pax, shalom, maslaha:
common good is holy ground.

Vs. 3 Genders, races, tribes, and nations,
hear the Holy One who calls,
biding all to work together,
bridging lives and breaching walls.

Refrain: Plead for the peace of all creation.

Pray for a place where grace is found.

Shanti, pax, shalom, maslaha:

common good is holy ground.

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
***There Is a Balm in Gilead* – No. 614**

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Vs. 1 Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Vs. 2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
if you cannot pray like Paul,
you can tell the love of Jesus
and say, "He died for all."

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Vs. 3 Don't ever be discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

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

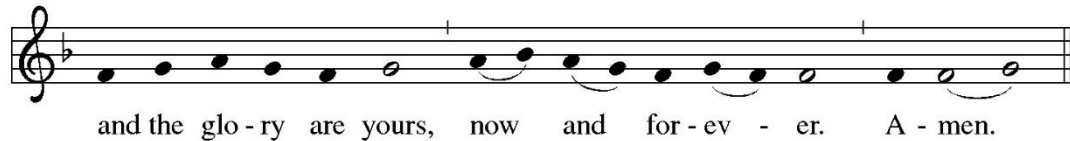
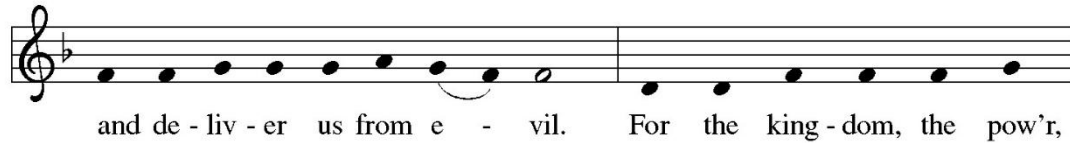
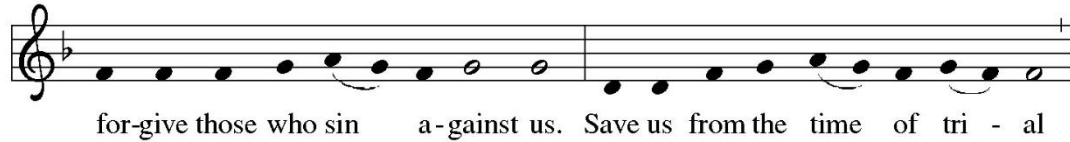
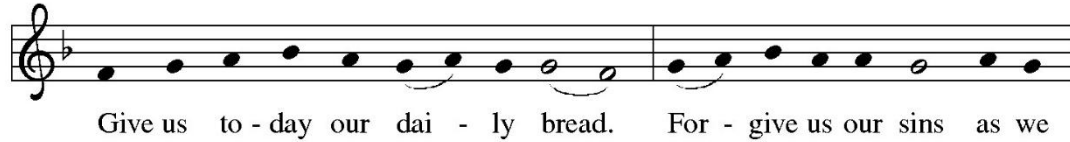
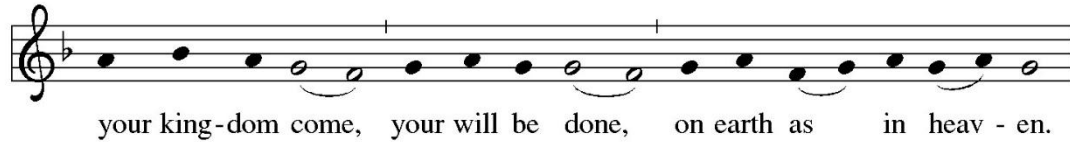
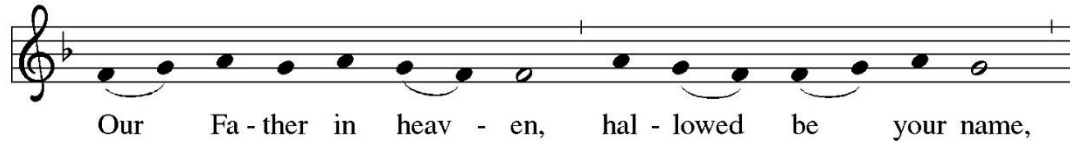
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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.



Lamb of God

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

***We Come to the Hungry Feast* – No. 479**

Vs. 1 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a word of peace.
To hungry hearts unsatisfied
the love of God is not denied.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

Vs. 2 We come to the hungry feast
hungry for a world released
from hungry folk of ev'ry kind,
the poor in body, poor in mind.
We come, we come to the hungry feast.

Vs. 3 We come to the hungry feast
hungry that the hunger cease,
and knowing, though we eat our fill,
the hunger will stay with us; still
we come, we come to the hungry feast.

***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.

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am – No. 814

Take, oh, take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

Sending Song

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending – No. 678

Vs. 1 God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Vs. 2 Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Vs. 3 Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Dismissal... Thanks be to God!

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