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**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**  
Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor  
**ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY – 16 PENTECOST**

***We uplift Orange Shirt Sunday, reflecting on our complicity in residential schools and remembering that Every Child Matters.***

September 28, 2025 – 10:00 AM  
All Creation Sings  
Holy Communion Setting Twelve

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**Gathering Song**  
***In Deepest Night* – No. 699**

**Vs. 1** In deepest night, in darkest days,  
when harps are hung, no songs we raise,  
when silence must suffice as praise,  
yet sounding in us quietly  
there is the song of God.

**Vs. 2** When friend was lost, when love deceived,  
dear Jesus wept, God was bereaved;  
so with us in our grief God grieves,  
and round about us mournfully  
there are the tears of God.

**Vs. 3** When through the waters winds our path,  
around us pain, around us death:  
deep calls to deep, a saving breath,  
and found beside us faithfully  
there is the love of God.

## Lament for Orange Shirt Sunday

The sins of racism and colonization hurt Indigenous people...God's saving love calls and leads us toward rooting out the racism that continues to infect the body. Within the whole human family, Indigenous people have experienced both interpersonal aggression and structural oppression instead of abundant life. We recognize and lament the harm racism has caused Indigenous neighbours. We cry out to you,

**hear our lament, O God.**

We lied saying we were building schools for Indigenous children. Instead they were part of a cultural genocide that destroyed languages, traditions, and lives. We cry out to you,

**hear our lament, O God.**

We have used language and images in ways that degrade Indigenous art and culture, claiming that European ways are better. We cry out to you,

**hear our lament, O God.**

We have accepted practices in our churches and in our society that privilege whiteness over diversity and equity. We have been complicit in how racism continues to exclude and harm Indigenous people today. We cry out to you,  
**hear our lament, O God.**

When one part of the body of Christ hurts, the whole body hurts.

As we listen to people who are harmed by hate, we call to you,  
**open our hearts, O God.**

As we reflect on our daily interactions with Indigenous  
people,

we call to you,

**open our hearts, O God.**

As we reconsider what we have been taught about  
colonial history,

we call to you,

**open our hearts, O God.**

As we contemplate what we have done and what we  
have left undone,

we call to you,



**open our hearts, O God.**

As we labour to create a loving and safe community  
for Indigenous neighbours, we call to you,

**open our hearts, O God.**

Holy and merciful God, as your people we recommit  
ourselves to loving one another as you have loved us.  
Prepare us for this time of listening and reconciliation.

We pray in the name of the one who has made us  
one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Adapted from Lament for Racism, All Creation Sings.*

## **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 91**

### ***On Eagle's Wings* – No. 787**

**Vs. 1** You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
who abide in this shadow for life,  
say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain:** And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

**Vs. 2** The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear;  
under God's wings your refuge,  
with faithfulness your shield.

**Refrain:** And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.



**Vs. 3** You need not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day;  
though thousands fall about you,  
near you it shall not come.

**Refrain:** And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand.

**Vs. 4** For to the angels God's given a command  
to guard you in all of your ways;  
upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

**Refrain:** And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of his hand;  
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

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

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 16:19-31

## **Hymn of the Day**

### ***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.

## **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**

*Creation Will Be At Peace* - A.L. Page – Choir

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# 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**

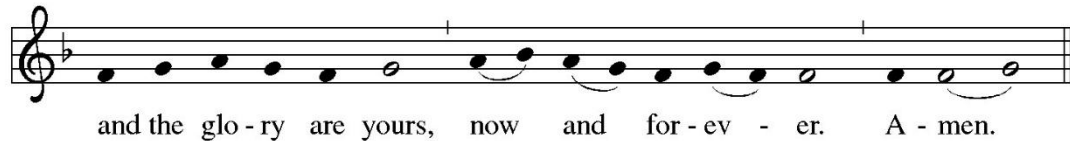
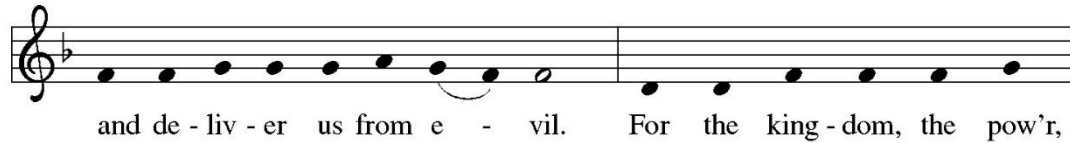
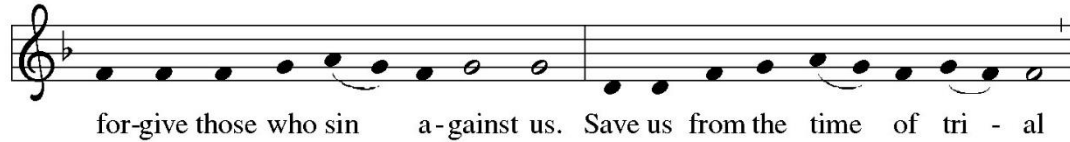
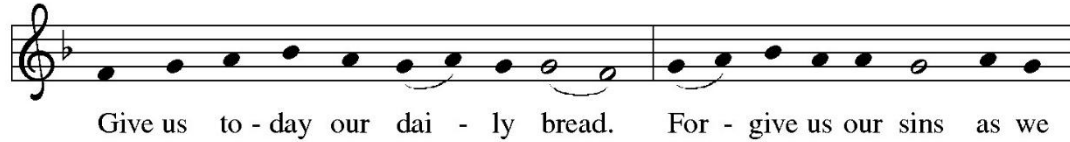
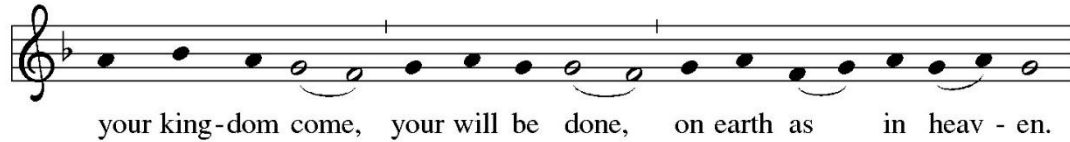
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of pow'r and God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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**  
***Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service***  
**– No. 712**

**Vs. 1** Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
ev'ry gift which you impart.

**Vs. 2** Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.

**Vs. 3** As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.

**Vs. 4** Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go,  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.



## ***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.

## ***When the Poor Ones – No. 725***

**Vs. 1** When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving; when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share; when the wounded offer others strength and healing:

**Refrain:** We see God, here by our side, walking our way; we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

**Vs. 2** When compassion gives the suff'ring  
consolation; when expecting brings to birth hope that  
was lost; when we choose love, not the hatred  
all around us:

**Refrain:** We see God, here by our side, walking our  
way; we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

**Vs. 3** When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness; when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth; when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:

**Refrain:** We see God, here by our side, walking our way; we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

**Vs. 4** When the goodness poured from heaven  
fills our dwellings; when the nations work to change  
war into peace; when the stranger is accepted as our  
neighbour:

**Refrain:** We see God, here by our side, walking our  
way; we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

**Sending Song**  
***Canticle of the Turning* – No. 723**

**Vs. 1** My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?

**Refrain:** My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

**Vs. 2** Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn.

**Refrain:** My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

**Vs. 3** From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn.



**Refrain:** My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

**Vs. 4** Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.

**Refrain:** My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

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

# **Worship Assistants**

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