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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

***Today, we remember the faithful departed, surrounding those
who mourn with comfort.***

November 2, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Holy Communion Setting Nine

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Gathering Song

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table – No. 977

Vs. 1 Look who gathers at Christ's table!
Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing;
some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited,
burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome.
There is room for ev'ryone.

Vs. 2 Clouds of light surround the table;
ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled
with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying
Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts
to obliterate the light.

Vs. 3 Their sad stories are repeated
in a thousand diff'rent ways,
but they share one thing in common:
they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited
north and south and east and west
to converge around this table,
where all life is fed and blest.

Vs. 4 Bring your joy and bring your sadness,
and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded,
who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it—
truth and manna from above!—
and then passes wine that wakens
in your heart the taste of love.

Greeting

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

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

This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honour, blessing, and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
Alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honour, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm 149

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song,
God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.

² **Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their
ruler.**

³ Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.

⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people
and adorns the | poor with victory.**

Refrain: ***Sing the Lord's praise in the assembly of the faithful.***

⁵ Let the faithful re- | jice in triumph;
let them sing for joy | on their beds.

⁶ **Let the praises of God be | in their throat
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,**
⁷ to wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples,

⁸ **to bind their | kings in chains**
and their nobles with | links of iron,
⁹ to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful
ones. | Hallelujah!

Refrain: ***Sing the Lord's praise in the assembly of
the faithful.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6:20-31

Prayers of Remembrance for all the Saints

(in place of sermon)



Jesus, Remember Me – No. 616

Jesus, remember me when you come into your
kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your
kingdom.

Hymn of the Day
***In All Our Grief*— No. 615**

Vs. 1 In all our grief and fear we turn to you.

O God, you know all that we think or do,
you know the pain we put each other through.

Refrain: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord, grant us peace.

Vs. 2 Help us to put aside the angry word,
the clenching fist, the wish and will to hurt.
Teach us the way in which love best is served.

Refrain: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord, grant us peace.

Vs. 3 You did not even spare your only Son.
He lived our griefs and bore all evil done,
but through his cross, redemption has been won.

Refrain: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord, grant us peace.

Vs. 4 God, when we suffer all that we can bear,
then let us know that you in truth are near
and will not leave us lost in all our fear.

Refrain: Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy,
Lord, grant us peace.

Prayers of the People

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Peace Sharing

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

Offering Song

Shall We Gather at the River - A. Copland - duet

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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 power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

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

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

***Sing with All the Saints in Glory* – No. 426**

Vs. 1 Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!

Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.

All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken,
knowing everlasting peace.

Vs. 2 Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it,
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

Vs. 3 Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
when, amid earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me
– No. 1084

Vs. 1 God, be the love to search and keep me;
God, be the prayer to move my voice;
God, be the strength to now uphold me:

Refrain: O Christ, surround me; O Christ,
surround me.

Vs. 2 Bind to myself the name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness:

Refrain: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround
me.

Vs. 3 Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet:

Refrain: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Vs. 4 Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways:

Refrain: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Vs. 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me:

Refrain: O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround
me.

Jesus, Remember Me – No. 616

Jesus, remember me when you come into your
kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your
kingdom.

Sending Song
Precious Lord, Take My Hand – No. 773

Vs. 1 Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.

Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord;
Lead me home.

Vs. 2 When my way grows drear, Precious Lord,
linger near, When my life is almost gone, Hear my
cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.

Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord;
Lead me home.

Vs. 3 When the darkness appears And the night
draws near, And the day is almost gone, At the river I
stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand.

Refrain: Take my hand, precious Lord;
Lead me home.

Dismissal... Thanks be to God!

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