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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus gives us the words in times of struggle.

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Holy Communion Setting Nine

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Gathering Song
***Many Will Come* – No. 982**

Many will come from east and west,
and from north and south,
and will eat in the kingdom,
the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, oh, blest are they
who eat bread in the kingdom,
the kingdom of God.

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.

Isaiah 12:2-6

² Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will
not I be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might,
and has become I my salvation.

³ **With joy you I will draw water
from the wells I of salvation.**

Refrain: ***In your midst is the Holy One of Israel.***

⁴ And you will say in that day: Give thanks to
the LORD, call ^l on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the
nations; proclaim that this name ^l is exalted.

⁵ **Sing praises to the LORD, for he has
done ^l gloriously;
let this be known in ^l all the earth.**

⁶ Shout aloud and sing for joy, O ^l royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy ^l One of Israel.

Refrain: ***In your midst is the Holy One of Israel.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:5-19

Hymn of the Day
***O God of Every Nation* – No. 713**

Vs. 1 O God of ev'ry nation,
of ev'ry race and land,
redeem your whole creation
with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us
and heal our strife-torn world.

Vs. 2 From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver ev'ry nation,
eternal God, we pray.

Vs. 3 Lord, strengthen all who labour
that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.

Vs. 4 Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and love shall reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering Song
***Lift Up Your Heads* – No. 1032**

Vs. 1 Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,
hear the living water flow:
quenching spring and cleansing pool,
healing river, clear and cool.
How fresh it falls upon your face,
streaming from the font of grace.

Vs. 2 Lift up your hands, your voices raise,
bold in pleading, bright with praise.
Weep no more, your God has come;
greet the wounded, risen One,
who blesses you with joy complete,
dwelling in the Word of peace.

Vs. 3 Lift up your hearts, your great Amen;
Mercy feeds her guests again:
bread enough to break and share,
festive wine that scents the air.
Oh, taste and see what once was lost
rising in this feast of love.

Vs. 4 Behold, the Spirit here abides,
bearing God's abundant life:
peace between you, love within,
grace beside you loos'ning sin.
Beloved, Christ among you stands,
moving through your hearts and hands.

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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
***Let Us Break Bread Together* – No. 471**

Vs. 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Vs. 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Vs. 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.

Refrain: When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less – No. 597

Vs. 1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Vs. 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Vs. 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Vs. 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!

Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

***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
***When Peace like a River* – No. 785**

Vs. 1 When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Vs. 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should
come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain: It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Vs. 3 He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain: It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Vs. 4 Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be
sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
even so it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Dismissal... Thanks be to God!

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