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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

***"Come and see!" Jesus' presence
transforms lives.***

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Gathering Song

O God of Light – No. 507

Vs. 1 O God of light, your word, a lamp unfailing,
shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way
and show your grace, your plan for us unveiling,
and guide our footsteps to the perfect day.

Vs. 2 From days of old, through blind and willful ages,
though we rebelled, you gently sought again,
and spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages,
who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.

Vs. 3 Undimmed by time, those words are still
revealing

to sinful hearts your justice and your grace;
and questing spirits, longing for your healing,
see your compassion in the Saviour's face.

Vs. 4 To all the world your summons you are sending,
through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race,
that myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,
may praise and celebrate your gift of grace.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Psalm 40:1-11

¹ I waited patiently up- ' on the LORD,
who stooped to me and ' heard my cry.

**² The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit,
out of the ' miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making
my ' footing sure.**

³ The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of
praise ' to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust ' in the LORD.

⁴ **Happy are they who trust ¹ in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those
who ¹ follow lies.**

Refrain: ***I love to do your will, O my God.***

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God! In your plans for us, none can be com- ¹ pared with you!

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
But they are more than ¹ I can count.

**⁶ Sacrifice and offering you do I not desire;
you have opened my ears: burnt-offering
and sin-offering you have I not required.**

Refrain: ***I love to do your will, O my God.***

**⁷ And so I said, “Here I I am; I come.
In the scroll of the book it is writ- I ten of me:**

**⁸ ‘I love to do your will, I O my God;
your law is I deep within me.’”**

⁹ I proclaimed righteousness in the ¹ great assembly;
I have not restrained my lips, O ¹ LORD, you
know.

¹⁰ **I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and ¹ your deliverance;**
I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the ¹ great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your
compassion from me;
may your steadfast love and your truth
continually keep me safe.

Refrain: ***I love to do your will, O my God.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hymn of the Day

He Comes to Us as One Unknown – No. 737

Vs. 1 He comes to us as one unknown,
a breath unseen, unheard;
as though within a heart of stone,
or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
a pulse of being stirred,
a pulse of being stirred.

Vs. 2 He comes when souls in silence lie
and thoughts of day depart;
half-seen upon the inward eye,
a falling star across the sky
of night within the heart,
of night within the heart.

Vs. 3 He comes to us in sound of seas,
the ocean's fume and foam;
yet small and still upon the breeze,
a wind that stirs the tops of trees,
a voice to call us home,
a voice to call us home.

Vs. 4 He comes in love as once he came
by flesh and blood and birth;
to bear within our mortal frame
a life, a death, a saving name,
for ev'ry child of earth,
for ev'ry child of earth.

Vs. 5 He comes in truth when faith is grown;
believed, obeyed, adored;
the Christ in all the scriptures shown,
as yet unseen, but not unknown,
our Saviour and our Lord,
our Saviour and our Lord.

Peace Sharing

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

Offering Song

How Beautiful are the Feet - from Messiah - G.F. Handel - solo

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Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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 in the highest.

Thanksgiving Prayer

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The 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

***Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult* – No. 696**

Vs. 1 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me":

Vs. 2 As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Vs. 3 Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more."

Vs. 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

Vs. 5 Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd
— No. 954

Vs. 1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, whom we both scorn and crave.

Vs. 2 Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggared by a soldier's toss,
you, the everlasting instant;
you, who are both gift and cost.

Vs. 3 You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.

You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our pilgrim guide.

Vs. 4 Worthy is our earthly Jesus!

Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

Worthy your defeat and vict'ry;
worthy still your peace and strife.

You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our death and life.

Come and See – No. 976

What are you looking for?
Come, see, come and see.
What are you looking for?
Come and see. (Come and see.)

Sending Song

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom – No. 971

Vs. 1 Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
she who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
for her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
showing us what love must do.

Vs. 2 Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
 crying in the marketplace.

Hear the Word made flesh among us,
 full of glory, truth, and grace.

When the word takes root and ripens,
 peace and righteousness embrace.

Vs. 3 Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit-guide and close companion,
bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
holy friends of God and earth.

Worship Leaders and Assistants

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