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# **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

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## **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**



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**Gathering Song**  
***Gather Us In – 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.

# **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 15

<sup>1</sup> LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> **Those who lead a blameless life and  
do | what is right,  
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

Refrain: ***Lord, who may abide upon your  
holy hill?***

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no  
evil | to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbour.

**<sup>4</sup> In their sight the wicked are rejected, but  
they honor those who | fear the LORD.  
They have sworn upon their health and do  
not take | back their word.**

**<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor  
do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.  
Those who do these things shall never  
be | overthrown.**

**Refrain: *Lord, who may abide upon your  
holy hill?***

# **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Hymn of the Day**  
***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.

# **Affirmation of Baptism**

New Member Welcome:

*Michael Braefield, Karen & Fred Gehrs, Ken Gehrs,  
Marietta Heidolph, Jasmine, James, & Sophia Gray,  
Karen & Tom Peterson*



# **Peace Sharing**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Offering Song**

### ***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.

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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**

### ***Holy God, Holy and Glorious – No. 637***

**Vs. 1** Holy God, holy and glorious,  
glory most sublime,  
you come as one among us  
into human time,  
and we behold your glory.

**Vs. 2** Holy God, holy and powerful,  
power without peer,  
you bend to us in weakness;  
emptied you draw near,  
and we behold your power.

**Vs. 3** Holy God, holy and beautiful,  
beauty unsurpassed,  
you are despised, rejected;  
scorned, you hold us fast,  
and we behold your beauty.

**Vs. 4** Holy God, holy and only wise,  
wisdom of great price,  
you choose the way of folly:  
God the crucified,  
and we behold your wisdom.

**Vs. 5** Holy God, holy and living one,  
life that never ends,  
you show your love by dying,  
dying for your friends,  
and we behold you living.

## ***Blest Are They* – No. 728**

**Vs. 1** Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
they shall be consoled.

**Refrain:** Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

**Vs. 2** Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;  
they shall have their fill.

**Refrain:** Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

**Vs. 3** Blest are they who show mercy;  
mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart;  
they shall see God!

**Refrain:** Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

**Vs. 4** Blest are they who seek peace;  
they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith,  
the glory of God is theirs.

**Refrain:** Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the Kingdom of God!



**Vs. 5** Blest are you who suffer hate  
all because of me.  
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom,  
shine for all to see.

**Refrain:** Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

**Sending Song**  
***Let Streams of Living Justice – No. 710***

**Vs. 1** Let streams of living justice  
flow down upon the earth; give freedom's light to  
captives, let all the poor have worth. The hungry's  
hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,  
the mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for  
sight. Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron  
pow'r; abolish ancient vengeance:  
proclaim your people's hour.

**Vs. 2** For healing of the nations,  
for peace that will not end,  
for love that makes us lovers,  
God grant us grace to mend.  
Weave our varied gifts together;  
knit our lives as they are spun;  
on your loom of time enroll us  
till our thread of life is run. O great weaver of our  
fabric, bind church and world in one;  
dye our texture with your radiance,  
light our colours with your sun.

**Vs. 3** Your city's built to music;  
we are the stones you seek;  
your harmony is language;  
we are the words you speak.  
Our faith we find in service,  
our hope in others' dreams, our love in hand of  
neighbour; our homeland brightly gleams.  
Inscribe our hearts with justice;  
your way—the path untried;  
your truth—the heart of stranger;  
your life—the Crucified.

# **Worship Leaders and Assistants**

**Preacher:** Pr. Eli Deifeld

**Assisting Minister:** Ben Lukenchuk

**Kantor:** Nathan McDonald

**Musician:** Karen Johnson-Lefsrud

**Choral Scholars:** DJ McGrath, Madison Blackman

**Livestream:** Boston Laferté

**Communion:** Dana McKee, Joyce Martinson

**Ushers:** Laura Cochrane, Ray Martinson

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