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# **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor  
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## **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**



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**Gathering Song**  
***All Are Welcome – No. 641***

**Vs. 1** Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place

**Vs. 2** Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place

**Vs. 3** Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place

**Vs. 4** Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place

**Vs. 5** Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.

Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place

**Hymn of Praise**  
***Glory to God - red book page 99***

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 112:1-10**

***Refrain: Light shines in the darkness for the upright***

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD  
and have great delight in | God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;  
the generation of the upright | will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be | in their house,  
and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;  
the righteous are merciful and full | of compassion.**

***Refrain: Light shines in the darkness for the upright***

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending  
and to manage their affairs with justice.

**<sup>6</sup>For they will never be shaken;  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;  
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

**<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink,  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands  
fast forever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.

**<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their  
teeth and pine away;  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

***Refrain: Light shines in the darkness for the upright***

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Hymn of the Day**  
***Christ, Be Our Light – No 715***

**Vs. 1** Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.

**Vs. 2** Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today

**Vs. 3** Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today

**Vs. 4** Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today



**Vs. 5** Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
signs of your kingdom come.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today

## **Peace Sharing**

The peace of Christ be with you  
always.

**And also with you.**

# **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**  
**In This Feast of Love – No. 962**

**Vs. 1** In this feast of love, in this feast of love,  
Lord, you share your blood and your body,  
Jesus, Lamb of God.

**Vs. 2** In this bread and wine, in this bread and wine,  
you have promised, Lord, to be with us,  
Lamb of God divine.

**Vs. 3** Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us peace, O Lord;  
fill us with the joy of your Spirit,  
ever-living Word.



## ***As a Mother Comforts Her Child – No. 728***

As a mother comforts her child,  
so God will comfort you.  
As a hen gathers her brood,  
so Christ will gather you.  
As a wise one counsels her  
friend,  
so the Spirit will counsel you.  
The Trinity of love will be with  
you.

**Sending Song**  
***To be Your Presence* – No. 546**

Vs. 1 To be your presence is our mission here,  
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,  
to be your heart of mercy ever near,  
alleluia!

Vs. 2 To be your presence is our mission bold,  
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,  
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,  
alleluia!

**Vs. 3** To be your presence is our mission blest,  
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,  
to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,  
alleluia!

**Vs. 4** We are your heart, O Christ, your hands  
and voice,  
to serve your people is our call and choice,  
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,  
alleluia!

# **Worship Leaders and Assistants**

**Assisting Minister:** Sive Johnson

**Kantor:** Nathan McDonald

**Musician:** Carolyn Hoekstra

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

**Guest Violinists:** Alek Brudnicki, Krystian Brudnicki

**Reflections:** Pr. Lyle McKenzie, Don Storch

**Livestream:** Rebecca Wong

**Communion:** Ann Baty, Judy Bergbusch

**Ushers:** Bob Kohlert, Donna Delaney

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