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# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER



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# Easter Greeting

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

# 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.**

# Kyrie

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

...Help, save, comfort, and defend  
us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**Song Of Praise**  
***This is the Feast – Page 193***

**Refrain**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Vs. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing and glory are his. *Refrain***

**Vs. 2 Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. *Refrain***

**Vs. 3 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia, alleluia. *Refrain***

## Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

***Refrain: I will call on the name of the Lord.***

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given | ear to me  
whenev- | er I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.” R**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

- 14 I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.
- 15 **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.**
- 16 O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed  
me | from my bonds.
- 17 **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD. R**
- 18 I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,
- 19 **in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah! R**

***Refrain: I will call on the name of the Lord.***

# **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia. Blessed are those who |  
have not seen\* and yet have  
come | to believe. Alleluia.**

# Gospel Reading

Word of God, word of life.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Hymn of the Day**  
***Day of Arising – No. 374***

**Vs. 1**

**Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,  
unknown companion walks with his own.  
When they invite him, as fades the first day,  
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.**

**Vs. 2**

**When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,  
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting  
our invitation: Stay, do not part.**

### **Vs. 3**

**Lo, I am with you,  
Jesus has spoken.**

**This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:  
when the church gathers,  
when bread is broken,  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.**

### **Vs. 4**

**Christ, our companion,  
hope for the journey,  
bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us your vision,  
set all hearts burning  
that all creation with you may rise.**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

# Prayers of the People

Merciful God,  
**Hear our prayer**

# Peace Sharing

The peace of the risen Christ  
be with you always.

**And also with you.**



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**Offering Song**  
***Choir Solo***

# 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 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.**

# 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**

## ***One Bread, One Body – No. 496***

### ***Refrain***

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

**Vs. 1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *Refrain***

**Vs. 2 Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain***

**Vs. 3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all. *Refrain***

# ***God Bestows on Every Sense – No. 1069***

## **Vs. 1**

**God bestows on ev'ry sense  
beauty as hope's evidence:  
signs of what the earth will be  
just beyond what we can see.**

## **Vs. 2**

**Catch a fleeting glimpse of grace  
in an unexpected place:  
just a taste, the smallest crumb  
of the banquet yet to come.**

### **Vs. 3**

**Vibrant pictures in our dreams,  
brushed with crystal color schemes,  
vanished from awaking mind,  
leaving just a trace behind.**

### **Vs. 4**

**In a burnt and blackened field  
broken ground begins to yield  
tiny, fragile sprouts of green:  
hints of forests yet unseen.**

### **Vs. 5**

**God makes all creation new,  
turning back what people do,  
building up what we destroy,  
singing sorrow into joy.**

***Be Not Afraid – No. 388***

**Be not afraid, sing out for joy!**

**Christ is risen, alleluia!**

**Be not afraid, sing out for joy!**

**Christ is risen, alleluia!**

**Sending Song**  
***The Risen Christ – No. 390***

**Vs. 1**

**The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet  
from garden tomb through darkened city street,  
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,  
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.**

**Vs. 2**

**The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,  
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide  
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;  
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.**

### **Vs. 3**

**The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand  
the bread for those who fail to understand,  
reveals himself, despite their ling'ring tears,  
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.**

### **Vs. 4**

**May we, Christ's body, walk and serve and stand  
with those oppressed in this and every land,  
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,  
restored in Christ to true humanity.**

# **Worship Leaders and Assistants**

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