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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Easter Greeting

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Gathering 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 colors 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 neighbor;
our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger;
your life—the Crucified.**

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 31:1-5, 15-16

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;
deliver me | in your righteousness.

² Incline your | ear to me; make haste to de- | liver me.

**³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my
stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.**

**⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,
for you are my tow- | er of strength. R**

**⁵ Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit, for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, | God of truth.**

**¹⁵ My times are | in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who | persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine up- | on your servant; save me in your | steadfast love." R

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, |
and the life.***

**No one comes to the Father ex- |
cept through me. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading

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

Hymn of the Day

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds – No. 367

Vs. 1

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:**

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs. 2

**Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:**

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

**Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.**

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs. 3

**Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Vs. 4

**Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Installation of Pr. Eli

Prayers of the People

Merciful God,
Receive our prayer

Peace Sharing

The peace of the risen Christ
be with you always.

And also with you.



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Offering Song
Borning Cry – No. 723

Vs. 1

**"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."**

Vs. 2

**"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."**

Vs. 3

**"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."**

Vs. 4

**"I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."**

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

Bring Many Names – No. 1094

Vs. 1

**Bring many names, beautiful and good,
celebrate, in parable and story,
holiness in glory, living, loving God.
Hail and hosanna! Bring many names!**

Vs. 2

**Strong mother God, working night and day,
planning all the wonders of creation,
setting each equation, genius at play:
Hail and hosanna, strong mother God!**

Vs. 3

**Warm father God, hugging ev'ry child,
feeling all the strains of human living,
caring and forgiving, till we're reconciled:
Hail and hosanna, warm father God!**

Vs. 4

**Old, aching God, gray with endless care,
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,
glad of good surprises, wiser than despair:
Hail and hosanna, old, aching God!**

Vs. 5

**Young, growing God, eager, on the move,
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,
crying out for justice, giving all you have:
Hail and hosanna, young, growing God!**

Vs. 6

**Great, living God, never fully known,
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:
Hail and hosanna, great, living God!**

Come My Way – V. Williams – Solo

El Alma que Anda en Amor – No. 122

**El Alma Que anda en amor, ni cansa ni
se cansa. El cansa. O__ O__**

Sending Song

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing – No. 389

Vs. 1

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

Vs. 2

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.**

Vs. 3

**In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

Vs. 4

**Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

Vs. 5

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

Worship Leaders and Assistants

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