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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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Holy Cross Sunday



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Gathering Song

All Creatures, Worship God Most High! – No. 835

Vs. 1

Il creatures, worship God most high!

Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;

sing, sister moon and stars of night:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs. 2

**Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Vs. 3

**Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,
drive far the shadows, join the throng:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Dear mother earth, so rich in care,
praise God in colors bright and rare:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Vs. 4

**All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow grieve:**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears:**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Vs. 5

**And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Kyrie

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

Song Of Praise

Gloria

Refrain

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

Vs. 1

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

Refrain

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

Vs. 2

**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.**

Refrain

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

Vs. 3

**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 114

Refrain: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord.

¹ Hallelujah! When Israel came | out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people | of strange speech,

² **Judah became God's | sanctuary
and Israel | God's dominion.**

³ The sea beheld | it and fled;
Jordan turned | and went back.

⁴ **The mountains | skipped like rams,
and the little hills | like young sheep. R**

⁵ What ailed you, O sea, | that you fled,
O Jordan, that | you turned back,

⁶ **you mountains, that you | skipped like rams,
you little hills | like young sheep?**

⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence | of the Lord,
at the presence of the | God of Jacob,

⁸ **who turned the hard rock into a | pool of water
and flint-stone into a | flowing spring. R**

Refrain: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

...Glory to you, O God

...Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day
Our Father, We Have Wandered – No. 606

Vs. 1

**Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.**

**But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.**

Vs. 2

**And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.**

Vs. 3

**O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.**

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Peace Sharing

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



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Offering Song

If We Live, We Live to the Lord – No. 1025

Refrain

If we live, we live to the Lord.

If we die, we die to the Lord.

**So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.**

Vs. 1

Mortal days are like the grass.

They flourish like a flower in the field.

**Wind passes over; they are gone,
never to be seen again. *Refrain***

Refrain

If we live, we live to the Lord.

If we die, we die to the Lord.

**So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.**

Vs. 2

**Everlasting to everlasting is your love, O Lord;
your righteousness for the children's children,
for your faithful ones. *Refrain***

Refrain

If we live, we live to the Lord.

If we die, we die to the Lord.

**So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.**

Vs. 3

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Bless God's holy name. *Refrain*

Great Thanksgiving

The Creator be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to the Creator, 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.
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

***Adagio from Sonata No. 3 for Violin and Piano -
G.F. Handel***

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive – No. 605

Vs. 1

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.**

Vs. 2

**How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?**

Vs. 3

**In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew:
how trifling others' debts to us;
how great our debt to you!**

Vs. 4

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, by your mercy reconciled,
our lives will spread your peace.**

Where Charity and Love Prevail – No. 359

Vs. 1

**Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love,
by love we thus are bound.**

Vs. 2

**With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.**

Vs. 3

**Let us recall that in our midst
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one.**

Vs. 4

**Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.
Be God's the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace.**

Vs. 5

**Let us forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.**

Sending Song
In Thee Is Gladness – No. 867

Vs. 1

**In thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
By thee are given the gifts of heaven,
thou the true redeemer art.
Our souls thou wakest; our bonds thou breakest.
Who trusts thee surely has built securely
and stands forever: Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining to see thy shining,
dying or living, to thee are cleaving;
naught can us sever: Alleluia!**

Vs. 2

**Jesus is ours! We fear no powers,
not of earth or sin or death.**

**He sees and blesses in worst distresses;
he can change them with a breath.**

**Wherefore the story tell of his glory
with heart and voices; all heav'n rejoices
in him forever: Alleluia!**

**We shout for gladness, triumph o'er sadness,
love him and praise him and still shall raise him
glad hymns forever: Alleluia!**

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