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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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Gathering Song

God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me – No. 1084

Vs. 1

God, be the love to search and keep me;

God, be the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me:

Refrain

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Vs. 2

**Bind to myself the name of Holy,
great cloud of witnesses enfold;
prophets, apostles, angels witness: *Refrain***

Refrain

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Vs. 3

**Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight,
flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
depth of the sea to soil of planet: *Refrain***

Refrain

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Vs. 4

**Walking behind to hem my journey,
going ahead to light my way,
and from beneath, above, and all ways: *Refrain***

Refrain

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

Vs. 5

**Christ in the eyes of all who see me,
Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me: *Refrain***

Refrain

O Christ, surround me; O Christ, surround me.

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.**

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

¹ Give thanks to the LORD and call up- | on God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD a- | mong the
peoples.

² **Sing to the | LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's | marvelous works.**

³ Glory in God's | holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice.

⁴ **Search for the strength | of the LORD;
continually | seek God's face.**

⁵ Remember the marvels | God has done,
the wonders and the judgments | of God's mouth,

⁶ **O offspring of Abra- | ham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's | chosen ones. R**

***Refrain: Make known the deeds of the Lord among the
peoples. Hallelujah!***

³⁷ You led out your people with sil- | ver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not | one that stumbled.

³⁸ **Egypt was glad to | see them go,
because they were a- | fraid of them.**

39 You spread out a cloud I for a covering
and a fire to give I light by night.

40 **They asked, and I you brought quail,
and satisfied them with I bread from
heaven.**

41 You opened the rock, and I water flowed,
so the river ran in I the dry places.

⁴² **For you remembered your | holy word
and Abra- | ham your servant. R**

⁴³ So you led forth your peo- | ple with gladness,
your chosen with | shouts of joy.

⁴⁴ **You gave your people the lands | of the nations,
and they took the fruit of | others' toil,**

⁴⁵ that they might | keep your statutes
and observe your teachings. | Hallelujah! **R**

**Refrain: *Make known the deeds of the Lord among the
peoples. Hallelujah!***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

...Glory to you, O God

...Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day
Canticle of the Turning – No. 723

Vs. 1

**My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?**

Refrain

**My heart shall sing
of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

Vs. 2

**Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.**

**Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

Refrain

**My heart shall sing
of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

Vs. 3

**From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,
not a stone will be left on stone.**

**Let the king beware for your justice tears
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.**

**The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***

Refrain

**My heart shall sing
of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

Vs. 4

**Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around. *Refrain***

Refrain

**My heart shall sing
of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.**

Holy Baptism

Kezia Devasthasan

Baptismal Verse

You Belong to Christ – No. 212

**You belong to Christ, in whom
you have been baptised.**

Alleluia!

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

A Simple Thanksgiving – J.M. Martin - Choir Anthem

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

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters – No. 445

Vs. 1

**Wash, O God, our sons and daughters
where your cleansing waters flow
Number them among your people
bless as Christ blessed long ago
Weave them garments bright and sparkling
compass them with love and light
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit
Holy dove and heart's delight**

Vs. 2

**We who bring them long for nurture;
by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast,
partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;
free from sin and all its snares,
one with Christ in living, dying,
by your Spirit, children heirs.**

Vs. 3

**Oh, how deep your holy wisdom!
Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honour!
With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you,
Water-washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer
Recreate us; God, transform.**

At the River – Duet – A. Copland

Where Charity and Love Prevail – No. 359

Refrain

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Vs. 1

**Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain***

Vs. 2

**Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Vs. 3

**Take my voice and let me sing
always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Vs. 4

**Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

Sending Song
Lift Up Your Heads – No. 1032

Vs. 1

**Lift up your heads, all you bowed low,
hear the living water flow:
quenching spring and cleansing pool,
healing river, clear and cool.
How fresh it falls upon your face,
streaming from the font of grace.**

Vs. 2

**Lift up your hands, your voices raise,
bold in pleading, bright with praise.
Weep no more, your God has come;
greet the wounded, risen One,
who blesses you with joy complete,
dwelling in the Word of peace.**

Vs. 3

**Lift up your hearts, your great Amen;
Mercy feeds her guests again:
bread enough to break and share,
festive wine that scents the air.
Oh, taste and see what once was lost
rising in this feast of love.**

Vs. 4

**Behold, the Spirit here abides,
bearing God's abundant life:
peace between you, love within,
grace beside you loos'ning sin.
Beloved, Christ among you stands,
moving through your hearts and hands.**

Worship Leaders and Assistants

Assisting Minister: Boston Laferté

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