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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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ORANGE SHIRT SUNDAY



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Confession

Today we acknowledge...

Today we lament...

**Today we acknowledge we have no appropriate words,
so we stand respectfully in silent lament...**

**Today we acknowledge we have no appropriate words,
so we stand in silent respect...**

**we commit to walking together in a new way,
acknowledging the true history and place of Indigenous
Peoples on this land, living with respect, listening and
learning as we move forward on the path of true
reconciliation.**

Gathering Song

Can You Feel The Seasons Turning – No. 1065

Vs. 1

**Can you feel the seasons turning,
winds and waves grown wild and strange?
Can you feel creation groaning,
fearful of the coming change:
icecaps melting, oceans rising,
homes and habitations lost?
Can you feel the seasons turning?
Can you count the bitter cost?**

Vs. 2

**Can you hear the creatures crying—
lynx and otter, wolf and whale?**

**Can you hear the Spirit sighing
as her children grieve and fail?**

**Nature's poor, the first to suffer
pay the price of human greed.**

**Can you hear the creatures crying,
begging us to stop and heed?**

Vs. 3

**Can you feel the seasons turning?
Storm clouds gather in the skies.
All around us signs of warning
bid us open frightened eyes.
Called by God to serve as stewards
till earth's garden greens and thrives,
can we learn in time to listen?
Can we turn and change our lives?**

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 78:1-4, 12-16

Refrain: We will recount to generations to come the power of the Lord.

¹ Hear my teaching, | O my people;
incline your ears to the words | of my mouth.

² **I will open my mouth | in a parable;**

I will declare the mysteries of | ancient times—

³ that which we have heard and known, and what our fore- |
bears have told us, we will not hide | from their children.

⁴ **We will recount to generations to come the
praiseworthy deeds and the power | of the Lord,
and the wonderful works | God has done. R**

¹² God worked marvels in the sight | of their ancestors,
in the land of Egypt, in the | field of Zoan,
¹³ **splitting open the sea and letting | them pass through;**
making the waters stand | up like walls;
¹⁴ leading them with a | cloud by day,
and all the night with a | glow of fire;
¹⁵ **splitting the rocks | in the wilderness**
and giving them drink as | from the deep;
¹⁶ bringing streams out | of a rock,
making them flow down | like a river. **R**

**Refrain: We will recount to generations to come the
power 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

God We Gather As Your People – No. 1038

Vs. 1

**God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,
and we dare to claim the promise of your love.
Though the day may not yet be here,
we trust it soon will be, when your children will be free.**

Refrain

**Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.**

Vs. 2

**Oh, we sing for all the children, that one day they be
free; and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are
blest. May they, in your love, find rest.**

Refrain

**Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.**

Vs. 3

Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame, so afraid of who they are and whom they love. May the message now be banished that your love is for the few; may their faith in you renew.

Refrain

**Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.
May that welcome be our song.**

Vs. 4

God, we're working for the future when children far and wide. Can live their lives with dignity and pride.

As they grow in strength and stature, may they join us hand in hand, as against all hate we stand.

Refrain

**Oh, may our hearts and minds be opened,
fling the church doors open wide.**

May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.

For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.

May that welcome be our song.

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
Violin Solo

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
Amazing Grace – No. 779

Vs. 1

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

Vs. 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

Vs. 3

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

Vs. 4

**The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

Vs. 5

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

As the Deer Runs to the River – No. 331

Refrain

**Jesus, source of living water,
may we drink of you and live!**

Vs. 1

**As the deer runs to the river,
parched and weary from the chase,
we have come from hurt and hurry,
thirsting for your healing grace. *Refrain***

Vs. 2

**When your Israel crossed the desert
where no stream or spring was seen,
Moses struck the rock, and water
flowed for them, refreshing, clean. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Jesus, source of living water,
may we drink of you and live!**

Vs. 3

**"Come and drink," Isaiah summoned,
"all who for God's mercy plead!
God's forgiveness, like a fountain,
flows to satisfy your need." *Refrain***

Refrain

**Jesus, source of living water,
may we drink of you and live!**

Vs. 4

**Christ, we come from desert places,
deepest thirst unsatisfied.
Lead us to the waters flowing
from the cross on which you died. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Jesus, source of living water,
may we drink of you and live!**

Sending Song
O Blessed Spring – No. 447

Vs. 1

**O blessed spring, where word and sign
embrace us into Christ the Vine:
here Christ enjoins each one to be
a branch of this life-giving Tree.**

Vs. 2

**Through summer heat of youthful years,
uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
sustained by Christ's infusing rain,
the boughs will shout for joy again.**

Vs. 3

**When autumn cools and youth is cold,
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
then through us, warm, the Christ will move
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.**

Vs. 4

**As winter comes, as winters must,
we breathe our last, return to dust;
still held in Christ, our souls take wing
and trust the promise of the spring.**

Vs. 5

**Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
be praised for this blest mystery:
that word and water thus revive
and join us to your Tree of Life.**

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