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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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Gathering Song
Gather Us In – No. 532

Vs. 1

**Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

Vs. 2

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

Vs. 3

**Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

Vs. 4

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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 19

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

¹ The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God, and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.

² **One day tells its tale | to another, and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

³ Although they have no | words or language, and their voices | are not heard,

⁴ **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world, where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

⁵ It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

**⁶ It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of | it again; nothing is
hidden from its | burning heat. R**

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

⁷ The teaching of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to | the
simple.

⁸ The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | jice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R

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

¹¹ By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is | great reward.

¹² Who can detect one's | own offenses? Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight, O Lord, my strength and | my redeemer. R

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

...Glory to you, O God

...Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day
My Song is Love Unknown – No. 343

Vs. 1

**My song is love unknown,
my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?**

Vs. 2

**He came from his blest throne
salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own
would not its Savior know.**

**But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!**

Vs. 3

**Sometimes we strew his way
and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day
hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,
and for his death we thirst and cry.**

Vs. 4

**We cry out; we will have
our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save,
the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes
that he his foes from thence might free.**

Vs. 5

**In life no house, no home
my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb
but what a stranger gave.**

**What may I say? Heav'n was his home
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.**

Vs. 6

**Here might I stay and sing—
no story so divine!**

**Never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.**

**This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!**

Affirmation of Baptism

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.**

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

Come, Let us Sing – N. Sleeth (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 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

Before the Waters Nourished the Earth – No. 1049

Vs. 1

**Before the waters nourished earth
or night imagined morning,
a Love conceived the universe
and reveled in its forming.**

Vs. 2

**'This Love remained as time revealed
the loss of Eden's glory
and, grieving, holds in memory
each tragic human story.**

Vs. 3

**Despair, so deep it bears no name,
or sorrows paralyzing
cannot revoke Love's faithful claim
to dwell within our dying.**

Vs. 4

**The Love that called creation good
all goodness still is bringing.
This Love turns death again to life
and silence into singing.**

Come to the Table – No. 961

Vs. 1

**Come to the table, come to the table.
All is now ready, come one and all.
Come, oh, come.**

Vs. 2

**Come one, come all. Come one, come all.
Come one, come all. Come one, come all.**

Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom – No. 1064

Vs.1

**Earth is full of wit and wisdom,
sounding God's delighted laugh,
from the tiny roly-poly
to the treetop-tall giraffe.
All creation sings in wonder;
even rocks and trees rejoice
as they join the ringing chorus:
echoes of our Maker's voice.**

Vs.2

**Earth is full of wit and wisdom,
woven into harmony.**

**Ev'ry creature has a purpose,
ev'ry flow'r and bumblebee.**

**Spider, human, redwood, gecko,
monkey, chicken, mouse, and snake
live within a single fabric:
cloth that only God could make.**

Vs.3

**Earth is full of wit and wisdom:
penguin, platypus, and snail,
cactus, sea slug, oak, and algae,
from the microbe to the whale.
In this great and strange creation,
with a breath God gives us birth:
born of soil to live as stewards,
called to love and serve the earth.**

Sending Song
Christ is the Life – No. 927

Vs. 1

**Christ is the life of all that is,
God's pure creative Word,
whose pow'r beyond and through all space
the worlds to Being stirred.
Christ is the life beyond all time,
creation's birth and breath,
whose labor brings all things to be
and brings all things to death.**

Vs. 2

**Christ is the death of all that is;
a broad and beck'ning tomb,
who welcomes us from well-worn ways
to darkness of the womb.**

**Christ is the death, the sinking down
past all desire and fear,
whose promise in the gentle dark
bids newness to appear.**

Vs. 3

**Christ is the death of all that is,
a bright, consuming fire,
whose flames require our prior self
as kindling for the pyre.**

**Christ is the death of dusty days
of uncreative strife,
for out from fire we tread upon
the threshold of new life.**

Vs. 4

**Christ is the life of all that is,
Beginning and the End;
creative force, most peaceful death,
transforming burning brand.
Christ is the life, in whose wise love
creation lives and dies
and thus forevermore shall bless
the Source, the living Christ.**

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