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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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Gathering Song

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending– No. 678

Vs. 1

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Vs. 2

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Vs. 3

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

Kyrie

Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy
Lord have mercy
Amen.

Song Of Praise

This is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.
This is the feast of victory 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 honour, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Vs. 2

Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honour, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Vs. 3

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia. *Refrain*

Psalm 123

Refrain: our eyes look to you, O God, until you show | us your mercy.

To you I lift | up my eyes,
to you enthroned | in the heavens.
2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,**
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show | us your mercy.

Refrain: our eyes look to you, O God, until you show | us your mercy.

3 Have mercy upon us, O | Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,
4 **too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,**
and of the derision | of the proud. R

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

…Glory to you, O God
…Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day

Lord of Light– No. 688

Vs. 1

Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son: Refrain

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

Vs. 2

By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suff'ring won: Refrain

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

Vs. 3

Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: Refrain

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

Vs. 4

By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: Refrain

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

Prayers of the People

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Peace Sharing

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

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Offering Song

O Christ the Same vs 1 solo

Vs. 1

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

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O Christ the same, through all our story's pages,
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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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

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

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly– No. 461

Vs. 1

All who hunger gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wand'ring.
Here in truth we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Vs. 2

All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here in joy we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

Vs. 3

All who hunger, sing together,
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here in peace we have been fed.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.

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.

Refrain:
Be thankful!
Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, and rejoice!
Bless the one whose grace unbounded is our joy.

2 Now in faith I humbly ponder
over this surpassing wonder
that the bread of life is boundless
though the souls it feeds are countless;
with the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
pledge and seal of my salvation. Refrain

Refrain:
Be thankful!
Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, and rejoice!
Bless the one whose grace unbounded is our joy.

3 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
truest friend, and dearest treasure,
peace beyond all understanding,
joy into all life expanding:
humbly now, I bow before you,
love incarnate, I adore you;
worthily let me receive you,
and, so favored, never leave you. Refrain

Refrain:
Be thankful!
Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, and rejoice!
Bless the one whose grace unbounded is our joy.

Nothing Can Trouble – No. 1033

Vs. 1

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God shall never go wanting.
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
God alone fills us.

Sending Song

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ – No. 674

Vs 1

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Vs 2

Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Vs 3

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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