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# **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**

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## **SEASON OF CREATION – TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 6, 2024 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

*Holy Communion Setting Eleven*

***Jesus first welcomes children into the kingdom of God.***

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## **Litany for Season of Creation**

We give thanks for the beauty of creation and all Creator's gifts that sustain life on Earth. We pray that you make us good stewards of these lands and waters for the sake of future generations.

We give thanks for the Salish Sea that sustains orcas, kelp, and starfish.

**Creator, sustain us.**

We give thanks for Indigenous knowledge keepers  
caring for land and water.

**Creator, sustain us.**

We give thanks for marine biologists and science that  
help us manage a changing climate.

**Creator, sustain us.**

We give thanks for writers, artists, and musicians who  
help us imagine our incarnation in new ways.

**Creator, sustain us.**

We give thanks for government bureaucrats and elected leaders who prioritize care for creation, protecting all God's creatures.

**Creator, sustain us.**

We give thanks for the fog, rain, mist, sunshine, and wind.

**Creator, sustain us.**

We give thanks for the everyday magic we see in our neighbourhood trees, fields, and watersheds.

**Creator, sustain us.**

Creator, you desire for us to flourish in a bountiful creation, trusting us with its ongoing care. **Amen.**

## Gathering Song

### *For the Beauty of the Earth – No. 879*

**Vs. 1** For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

**Refrain:** Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

**Vs. 2** For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light:

**Refrain:** Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.



**Vs. 3** For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight:

**Refrain:** Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

**Vs. 4** For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above;  
for all gentle thoughts and mild:

**Refrain:** Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

**Vs. 5** For each perfect gift of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
for thyself, best gift divine,  
to our world so freely giv'n:

**Refrain:** Christ, our God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.

## **Greeting – Page 12**

The grace of our Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Kyrie – Page 12**

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.

O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.

Have mercy, O Lord. Have mercy, O Lord.

## **Canticle of Praise – Page 12**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!  
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**Vs. 2** Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ  
Jesus!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!  
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!  
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**Vs. 3** Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!  
To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!

Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!  
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## Psalm 26

Refrain: ***Your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.***

<sup>1</sup>Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived | with integrity;

I have trusted in the LORD and | have not faltered.

**<sup>2</sup>Test me, O | LORD, and try me;  
examine my heart | and my mind.**

<sup>3</sup>For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes;  
I have walked faithful- | ly with you.



**<sup>4</sup>I have not sat | with the worthless,  
nor do I consort with | the deceitful.**

Refrain: ***Your steadfast love is before my eyes; I  
have walked faithfully with you.***

**<sup>5</sup>I have hated the company of | evildoers;  
I will not sit down | with the wicked.**

**<sup>6</sup>I will wash my hands in inno- | cence O LORD,  
that I may go in procession | round your  
altar,**

<sup>7</sup>singing aloud a song | of thanksgiving  
and recounting all your won- | derful deeds.

**<sup>8</sup>LORD, I love the house in | which you dwell  
and the place where your glo- | ry abides.**

Refrain: ***Your steadfast love is before my eyes; I  
have walked faithfully with you.***

<sup>9</sup>Do not sweep me a- | way with sinners,  
nor my life with those who | thirst for blood,  
**<sup>10</sup>whose hands are full of | evil plots,  
and their right hands | full of bribes.**

<sup>11</sup>As for me, I will live | with integrity;  
redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.

<sup>12</sup>**I take my stand on | level ground;  
in the full assembly I will | bless the LORD.**

Refrain: ***Your steadfast love is before my eyes; I  
have walked faithfully with you.***

# **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

## **Gospel Reading**

Mark 10:2-16

**...Glory to you, O God**  
**...Praise to you, O Christ**

## Hymn of the Day

### ***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.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Loving Creator,  
**your mercy is great.**

## **Peace Sharing**

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



**Offering Song**  
***God is the Lord of All***

*Handel arr. Hopson, performed by choir*

## Great Thanksgiving – Page 20

God 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.**

**Preface**

## Holy – Page 20

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth... are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the  
name of our God.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

# **Thanksgiving Prayer**

**...We praise you, O God.**

**...We bless you, O God.**

**...We thank you, O God.**

**...Christ has died. Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**...Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer – Page 24

**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 – Page 25

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; ... have mercy upon us**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; ... have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; ... have mercy upon us,  
have mercy upon us.**

**Grant us your peace.**

**Amen.**

## Communion Songs

### *Children of the Heavenly Father – No. 781*

**Vs. 1** Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.

**Vs. 2** God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.

**Vs. 3** Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

**Vs. 4** Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.



# ***In Sacred Manner* – No. 1071**

**Vs. 1** In sacred manner may we walk  
upon the fair and loving earth,  
in beauty move, in beauty love  
the living round that brought us birth.  
We stand on holy ground.  
We stand on holy ground.

**Vs. 2** In sacred manner may we see  
the luminous and loving stars,  
with wonder and with awe behold  
their ever-new creative powers.  
The heavens show us God.  
The heavens show us God.

**Vs. 3** In sacred manner may we touch  
the suspirant and loving green,  
give honour and give gratitude  
for shade, for bloom, for gift unseen.  
The trees shall shout for joy.  
The trees shall shout for joy.

**Vs. 4** In sacred manner may we hear  
the pounding waves, the searing fire,  
the rushing wind, the singing night,  
the forest hymn, the loving choir.  
The morning stars shall sing.  
The morning stars shall sing.

**Vs. 5** In sacred manner may we live  
among the wise and loving ones,  
sit humbly, as at sages' feet,  
by four-legged, finned, and feathered ones.  
The animals will teach.  
The animals will teach.

**Vs. 6** In sacred manner may we walk  
upon the fair and loving earth,  
in beauty move, in beauty love  
the living round that brought us birth.  
We stand on holy ground.  
We stand on holy ground.

# ***Nothing Can Trouble* – No. 1033**

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**

### ***Go, My Children, with My Blessing – No. 543***

**Vs. 1** “Go, my children, with my blessing, never  
alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.

In my love’s baptismal river

I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”



**Vs. 2** "Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and  
pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, what I can  
cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

**Vs. 3** "Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to  
me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you,

here my tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

**Dismissal... Thanks be to God.**

# **Worship Leaders and Assistants**

**Assisting Minister:** Boston Laferté

**Kantor:** Nathan McDonald

**Musician:** Lorna Bjorklund

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**Livestreaming:** Christopher McDonald

**Communion:** Dana McKee

**Ushers:** Bob Kohlert, Don Storch

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