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# **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**

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## **PRESENTATION OF JESUS FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

February 2, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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*Holy Communion Setting 6*

***Hope and patience: The Simeon and Anna story***

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## Gathering Song

### *In His Temple Now Behold Him – No. 417*

**Vs. 1** In his temple now behold him,  
see the long-expected Lord;  
ancient prophets had foretold him,  
God has sent the promised Word.  
Now to praise him, his redeemed  
shall break forth with one accord.

**Vs. 2** In the arms of her who bore him,  
virgin pure, behold him lie,  
while his aged saints adore him,  
ere in perfect faith they die.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lo, the incarnate God Most High!

**Vs. 3** Jesus, by your presentation,  
when they blessed you, weak and poor,  
make us see your great salvation,  
seal us with your promise sure;  
and present us, in your glory,  
to your Father, cleansed and pure.

**Vs. 4** Prince and author of salvation,  
be your boundless love our theme!  
Jesus, praise to you be given  
by the world you did redeem,  
with the Father and the Spirit  
God of majesty supreme!

# Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie – Page 165

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us  
pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of  
the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray  
to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their  
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Glory to God – Page 167**

**Refrain:** Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace to his 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 in the highest!  
Peace to his 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 in the highest!  
Peace to his people on earth.

**Vs. 3** For you alone are the Holy One,  
for 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.

**Refrain:** Glory to God in the highest!  
Peace to his people on earth.

## Psalm 84

*How dear to me is your dwelling,  
O Lord. (Ps. 84:1)*

<sup>1</sup> How dear to me <sup>1</sup> is your dwelling,  
O <sup>1</sup> LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> **My soul has a desire and longing for the  
courts <sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the <sup>1</sup> living  
God.**

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

<sup>4</sup> **Happy are they who dwell in your house!  
They will always be praising you.**

Refrain: ***How dear to me is your dwelling,  
O Lord.***

<sup>5</sup> Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

**<sup>6</sup> Those who go through the balsam valley will  
find it a | place of springs,  
for the early rains have covered it  
with | pools of water.**

**<sup>7</sup> They will climb from | height to height,  
and the God of gods will be | seen in Zion.**

**<sup>8</sup> LORD God of hosts, | hear my prayer;  
give ear, O | God of Jacob.**

Refrain: ***How dear to me is your dwelling,  
O Lord.***

<sup>9</sup> Behold our defend- | er, O God;  
and look upon the face of | your anointed.

<sup>10</sup> **For one day in your courts is better than  
a | thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather stand at the threshold of the  
house of my God than dwell in the tents | of the  
wicked.**

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is both sun and shield,  
bestowing | grace and glory;  
no good thing will the LORD withhold from those  
who walk | with integrity.



<sup>12</sup> **O | LORD of hosts,  
happy are they who put their | trust in you!**  
Refrain: ***How dear to me is your dwelling,  
O Lord.***

# **Gospel Acclamation – Page 171**

*Alleluia.*

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 2:22-40

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

**Hymn of the Day**  
***Of the Father's Love Begotten* – No. 295**

**Vs. 1** Of the Father's love begotten  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega,  
he the source, the ending he,  
of the things that are, that have been,  
and that future years shall see,  
evermore and evermore.

**Vs. 2** Oh, that birth forever blessed,  
when the virgin, full of grace,  
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
bore the Saviour of our race,  
and the babe, the world's redeemer,  
first revealed his sacred face,  
evermore and evermore.

**Vs. 3** This is he whom seers in old time  
chanted of with one accord,  
whom the voices of the prophets  
promised in their faithful word;  
now he shines, the long-expected;  
let creation praise its Lord  
evermore and evermore.

**Vs. 4** Let the heights of heav'n adore him;  
angel hosts, his praises sing;  
pow'rs, dominions, bow before him  
and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
ev'ry voice in concert ring  
evermore and evermore.

**Vs. 5** Christ, to thee, with God the Father,  
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
and unwearied praises be:  
honour, glory, and dominion,  
and eternal victory  
evermore and evermore! Amen.

## **Nicene Creed – Pg. 104**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,**



**true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
of life, who proceeds from the Father.**

**With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace  
**hear our prayer.**

## **Peace Sharing**

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

## Offering Song

### *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light—*

### **No. 815**

**Vs. 1** I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

**Refrain:** In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**Vs. 2** I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.

**Refrain:** In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

**Vs. 3** I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

**Refrain:** In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

# Great Thanksgiving – Pg. 172

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**



# **Holy, Holy, Holy – Pg. 173**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**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.**

# Thanksgiving Prayer

**... Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will  
come again. 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 – Pg. 174

**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

### ***Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* – No. 490**

**Vs. 1** Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
comes full homage to demand.

**Vs. 2** King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood,  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heav'nly food.

**Vs. 3** Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way;  
as the Light of light, descending  
from the realms of endless day,  
comes, the pow'rs of hell to vanquish,  
as the darkness clears away.

**Vs. 4** At his feet the six-winged seraph,  
cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"



# ***Around You, O Lord Jesus – No. 468***

**Vs. 1** Around you, O Lord Jesus,  
your own you gather still  
to share the feast you give us  
with grace our lives to fill.  
You say to us so lovingly,  
“Take, eat! This is my body!  
Take, drink! This is my blood!”

**Vs. 2** We hear your invitation,  
and heed, O Lord, your call;  
your word of consolation  
is spoken here to all.

It draws us to your loving heart;  
it brings to us your blessing,  
which never will depart.

**Vs. 3** We are your own forever;  
until our final breath  
we will be true and never  
in joy, in grief, in death  
depart from you, for you are still  
among your people dwelling,  
as you have said you will.

# ***O Lord, Now Let Your Servant* – No. 313**

**Vs. 1** O Lord, now let your servant  
depart in heav'nly peace,  
for I have seen the glory  
of your redeeming grace:  
a light to lead the nations  
unto your holy hill,  
the glory of your people,  
your chosen Israel.

**Vs. 2** Then grant that I may follow  
your gleam, O glorious Light,  
till earthly shadows scatter,  
and faith is changed to sight;  
till raptured saints shall gather  
upon that shining shore,  
where Christ, the blessed daystar,  
shall light them evermore.

## Sending Song

### ***Now the Meal Is Over* – No. 1034**

**Vs. 1** When it seems the day will end,  
and all light gives way to fear,  
we will speak your name again  
to remind us you are here.

**Refrain:** New life rising, (New life rising,)  
ashes falling, (ashes falling,)  
joy and weeping, (joy and weeping,)  
in your calling. (in your calling.)

**Vs. 2** When it seems the day will end,  
sinking low under our skin,  
we are dead and born again,  
and with you now enter in.

**Refrain:** New life rising, (New life rising,)  
ashes falling, (ashes falling,)  
joy and weeping, (joy and weeping,)  
in your calling. (in your calling.)

**Vs. 3** When it seems the day will end,  
and a coldness fills our bones,  
we will walk the way you've been,  
and our hearts will be your home.

**Refrain:** New life rising, (New life rising,)  
ashes falling, (ashes falling,)  
joy and weeping, (joy and weeping,)  
in your calling. (in your calling.)



# **Worship Leaders and Assistants**

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