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# **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**

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## **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

February 23, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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*Holy Communion Setting 6*

***To follow Jesus is to love others without judgment or  
condemnation.***

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## Gathering Song

### ***Build a Longer Table – No. 1062***

**Vs. 1** Build a longer table, not a higher wall,  
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.

Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

**Vs. 2** Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;  
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.

For any place where justice is denied,  
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

**Vs. 3** Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.  
When we embrace compassion more than fear,  
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

**Vs. 4** When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

# 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,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

Glory to God in the highest,  
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 in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
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 in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

## Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

- <sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by | evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- <sup>2</sup> **For they shall soon wither | like the grass,  
and like the green grass | fade away.**
- <sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD | and do good;  
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> **Take delight | in the LORD,  
who shall give you your | heart's desire.**

**Refrain:** *The lowly shall possess the land; they will  
delight in abundance of peace.*

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust <sup>l</sup> in  
the LORD,  
and see what <sup>l</sup> God will do.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD will make your vindication as  
clear <sup>l</sup> as the light  
and the justice of your case like  
the <sup>l</sup> noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait | patiently.  
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the  
one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup> **Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**

**Refrain:** *The lowly shall possess the land; they will  
delight in abundance of peace.*

<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall | be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall pos- | sess  
the land.

**<sup>10</sup> In a little while the wicked shall | be no  
more;**

**even if you search out their place, they  
will | not be there.**

<sup>11</sup> But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;  
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

**<sup>39</sup> But the deliverance of the righteous comes  
from | you, O LORD;  
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.**

<sup>40</sup>You, O LORD, will help them and I rescue them;  
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver  
them, because in you I they seek refuge.

**Refrain:** *The lowly shall possess the land; they will  
delight in abundance of peace.*



# **Gospel Acclamation – Page 171**

*Alleluia.*

## **Gospel Reading**

Luke 6:27-38

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

## Hymn of the Day

### *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us – No. 707*

**Vs. 1** Lord of glory, you have bought us  
with your lifeblood as the price,  
never grudging for the lost ones  
that tremendous sacrifice;  
and with that have freely given  
blessings countless as the sand  
to the unthankful and the evil  
with your own unsparing hand.

**Vs. 2** Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you  
gladly, freely, of your own.

With the sunshine of your goodness  
melt our thankless hearts of stone  
till our cold and selfish natures,  
warmed by you, at length believe  
that more happy and more blessed  
'tis to give than to receive.

**Vs. 3** Wondrous honour you have given  
to our humblest charity  
in your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to me."  
Naked, sick, in prison, hungry—  
in the least, your face we view,  
saying by your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you."

**Vs. 4** Lord of glory, you have bought us  
with your lifeblood as the price,  
never grudging for the lost ones  
that tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly,  
hope, to stay our souls on you:  
but, oh, best of all your graces,  
with your love our love renew.

## **Prayers of the People**

God of grace  
**hear our prayer.**

## **Peace Sharing**

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

# Offering Song

*Sanctus - F. Schubert - choir*

# 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

### ***Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive – No. 605***

**Vs. 1** "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.

**Vs. 2** How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?

**Vs. 3** In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
how trifling others' debts to us;  
how great our debt to you!

**Vs. 4** Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, by your mercy reconciled,  
our lives will spread your peace.

# ***In This Feast of Love – No. 962***

**Vs. 1** In this feast of love,  
in this feast of love,  
Lord, you share your blood and your body,  
Jesus, Lamb of God.

**Vs. 2** In this bread and wine,  
in this bread and wine,  
you have promised, Lord, to be with us,  
Lamb of God divine.

**Vs. 3** Grant us peace, O Lord,  
grant us peace, O Lord;  
fill us with the joy of your Spirit,  
ever-living Word.



# ***God Is Love* – No. 1041**

God is love. God is love;  
let us love one another as God first loved us.  
God is love. God is love.  
God is love.

**Sending Song**  
***Spirit, Open My Heart* – No. 1043**

**Refrain:** Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

**Vs. 1** God, replace my stony heart  
with a heart that's kind and tender.  
All my coldness and fear  
to your grace I now surrender.

**Refrain:** Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

**Vs. 2** Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory.

**Refrain:** Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

**Vs. 3** May I weep with those who weep;  
share the joy of friend and neighbour.

As I live from day to day,  
love will be my finest labour.

**Refrain:** Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living. As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

# **Worship Leaders and Assistants**

**Presiding Minister:** Bishop Kathy Martin

**Preacher:** Jennifer Carr

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