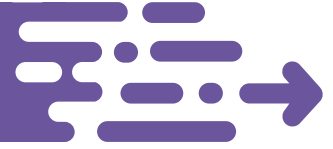


HYMN



In Christ, We Are Forever Grafted

Based on the 2024 National Lutheran Schools Week Theme, "Connected," and John 15:1-11.

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(Sung to "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices – LSB 811)

Theme of Week — Day One: Connected to Christ

- 1 In Christ, we are forever grafted; John 15:3
 We are the branches, He the vine.
 All who abide in Him are crafted
 Into a branch with fruit divine.
 Apart from Jesus none will bear John 15:5
 Fruit that is righteous, true, and fair.

Theme of Week — Day Two: Connected to the Creating Father

- 2 In Christ all faithful are connected John 15:1-2
 To God the Father who takes care
 Of His creation, though infected
 By Satan's sinful, tempting snare.
 Yet, we abide in Jesus' vine
 To bear the fruits of God's design. Galatians 5:22-2

Theme of Week — Day Three: Connected to the Spirit and His Fruitful Gifts

- 3 Apart from Christ we can do nothing. John 15:5
 Yet in Him, through the Spirit's show'r,
 We are connected to the wellspring
 Of all God's gifts, His grace, His pow'r!
 Baptized in Christ, we died to sin,
 And each day we new life begin. Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Romans 6:3-4

Theme of Week — Day Four: Connected to the Church

- 4 We are connected to each other Ephesians 2:19-22
 And Christ who reigns o'er all the Church.
 And with our Lord — as sisters, brothers —
 United in baptismal birth.
 As God's bless'd children we proclaim
 Grace to each other in God's name.

Theme of Week — Day Five: Connected to His Commission

- 5 As Jesus loved His gracious Father, Matthew 28:18-20
 May we so love all others too.
 When we share Christ's love with our neighbor
 Through ev'rything we say and do,
 We shall reach people with God's grace
 Till Christ's confessed by ev'ry race.

Doxology — All stand in honor of the Holy Trinity

- Δ 6 Praise to the Father, God Creator;
 Thanks be to Jesus, God's own Son;
 Hail to the Spirit, our Faith-Bringer;
 We praise the Holy Three-in-One!
 With saints and angels we employ
 Our songs of thanks and endless joy! John 15:11

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