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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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Eighth Sunday After Pentecost



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Gathering Song

Abba, Abba, Hear Us – No. 1072

Vs. 1

"Abba, Abba, hear us," we cry;

God's Spirit cries in us,

names us adopted and beloved heirs,

the heirs of God.

All creation waits, eager and longing,

for the glorious freedom of God's children

soon will be revealed.

Vs. 2

**With the whole creation we cry,
groan as in childbirth.**

**Soon all sin, all death's decay will be no more;
we shall be free.**

**All creation waits, eager and longing;
for the promised glory that we soon shall
see we wait and pray.**

Vs. 3

**As we pray, the Spirit breathes sighs,
sighs far too deep for words;
God, who searches hearts and knows the
Spirit's mind,
hears all our prayer.**

**All creation waits, eager and longing.
As we live in hope, we know that in all
things God works for good.**

Kyrie

Lord have mercy

Song Of Praise

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**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.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
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.
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Refrain: You have searched me out and known me.

¹ Lord, you have | searched me out;
O Lord, you | have known me.

² **You know my sitting down and my | rising up;
you discern my thoughts | from afar.**

³ You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

⁴ **Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it | altogether.**

⁵ You encompass me, behind I and before,
and lay your I hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonder- I ful for me;
it is so high that I cannot at- I tain to it.**

Refrain: You have searched me out and known me.

⁷ Where can I go then I from your Spirit?
Where can I flee I from your presence?

⁸ **If I climb up to heaven, I you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you I are there also**

⁹ If I take the wings I of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts I of the sea,

¹⁰ **even there your I hand will lead me,
and your right hand I hold me fast.**

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will I cover me,
and the light around me I turn to night,"

¹² **darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright I as the
day; darkness and light to you are I both alike. R**

²³ Search me out, O God, and I know my heart;
try me and know my I restless thoughts.

²⁴ **Look well whether there be any wicked- I ness in me
and lead me in the way that is I everlasting. R**

Refrain: You have searched me out and known me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Glory to you, O God.

Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day

The Reign of God, like Farmer's Field – No. 952

Vs. 1

**The reign of God, like farmer's field,
bears weeds along with wheat;
the good and bad are intertwined
till harvest is complete.**

Vs. 2

**The reign of God is like a pearl
on barren land concealed.
If once you find that precious pearl,
go out and buy that field.**

Vs. 3

**Though hidden now, the reign of God
may, yet unnoticed, grow;
from deep within it rises up,
like yeast in swelling dough.**

Vs. 4

**Like mustard tree, the reign of God
from tiny seed will spread,
till birds of ev'ry feather come
to nest, and there be fed.**

Vs. 5

**The reign of God is come in Christ;
the reign of God is near.
Ablaze among us, kindling hearts,
the reign of God is here!**

Prayers of the People

God of grace,
Hear our prayer

Peace Sharing

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



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Offering Song
For the Fruit of All Creation – No. 679

Vs. 1

**For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.**

**For these gifts to ev'ry nation,
thanks be to God.**

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**

Vs. 2

**In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.**

**In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.**

**In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

Vs. 3

**For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.**

**For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.**

**For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to our God.

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.**

Thanksgiving Prayer

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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

**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.**

As the Grains of Wheat – No. 465

Refrain

**As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

Vs. 1

**As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love. *Refrain***

Vs. 2

**Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with you. *Refrain***

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil – No. 512

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

O God, We Call – No. 1075

**O God, we call, O God, we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.**

Sending Song
Neither Death nor Life – No. 622

Vs. 1

**Dwell in the one who raised Christ from the dead;
though your body shall die, in Christ you shall rise
through the Spirit who brings you to life. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come,
neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation
can ever separate us from the love of God
poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

Vs. 2

**All who are led by the Spirit shall live
as children of God, and heirs with Christ Jesus,
God's adopted and chosen and loved. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come,
neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation
can ever separate us from the love of God
poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

Vs. 3

**All of the suff'ring we now must endure
is nothing to the glory so soon to be revealed
when creation itself is set free. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come,
neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation
can ever separate us from the love of God
poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

Vs. 4

**All of creation awaits the new birth,
the fullness of redemption,
through labor pains of love,
and so we wait in patience and hope. *Refrain***

Refrain

**Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come,
neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation
can ever separate us from the love of God
poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

Vs. 5

**Who can separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship or distress, persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword? *Refrain***

Refrain

**Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor trials in the present, nor any trial to come,
neither height, nor depth, nor all of creation
can ever separate us from the love of God
poured out in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

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