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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

SEASON OF CREATION – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 2024 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Holy Communion Setting Eleven

***Jesus wants us to welcome children and leave them
an inheritance of a healthy creation.***

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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.

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!

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Vs. 3 Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!
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Psalm 1

Refrain: ***They are like trees planted by streams
of water.***

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the
counsel ¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the
seats ¹ of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day
and night.**

Refrain: ***They are like trees planted by streams
of water.***

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹ do not
wither;

everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

**⁴It is not so ¹ with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind ¹ blows
away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when ^l judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council ^l of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way ^l of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall ^l be
destroyed.**

Refrain: ***They are like trees planted by streams
of water.***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Amen!

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

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

Hymn of the Day
Lord of All Hopefulness – No. 765

Vs. 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Vs. 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the
lathe: be there at our labours and give us we pray, your
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Vs. 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Vs. 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

***When at Last the Rain Falls* – No. 1066**

Vs. 1 When at last the rain falls, our world turns living green. Little flowers blossom, the air is warm and clean. See the gorgeous lily its radiant blooms display; may I just as boldly praise God in my own way.

Refrain: All the little flowers and tender curling ferns show their maker's glory, each praise to God returns. Sing, all of creation, your maker praises accord!
I also will offer my songs to you, O Lord.

Vs. 2 All the pretty songbirds rejoice and sing your praise, warble hymns exquisite, through sunny springtime days. Nightingales and tree-frogs sing praise when it grows dark, only cease at daybreak, and then we hear the lark.

Refrain: All the little flowers and tender curling ferns show their maker's glory, each praise to God returns.
Sing, all of creation, your maker praises accord!
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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.

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth – No. 735

Vs. 1 Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Vs. 2 Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.

Vs. 3 Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flow'r, until I know.

***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

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

– No. 843

Vs. 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

Vs. 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Vs. 3 Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.

Dismissal... Thanks be to God.

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