



*May 17, 2026*

*7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

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*Welcome to Worship...*

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 65 years ago.

A special welcome to guests who are here for the first time or who call yourselves "visitors" among the people of this community. It is at God's invitation, through worship, the Holy Spirit calls each of us to come to a place of **community**, **communion** and **commitment**. Each of us brings a different lens to worship, and yet, in a worshiping community, these differences become celebrations of diversity.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;**  
**However, please know the cry room at the back of the sanctuary is**  
**available for**  
**parents who need to tend to their little ones.**

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*Please silence your cellphone at this time*

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# Welcome to Worship

## Opening Song

Please stand in body or spirit

### Open The Eyes Of My Heart Words and Music by Paul Baloche

O - pen the eyes \_\_\_ of my heart, \_\_\_ Lord, \_\_\_

o - pen the eyes \_\_\_ of my heart; \_\_\_ I want to see You, \_\_\_

I want to see You. \_\_\_ O - pen the eyes \_\_\_ of my heart, \_\_\_

\_\_\_ Lord, \_\_\_ o - pen the eyes \_\_\_ of my heart; \_\_\_ I want to

see You, \_\_\_ I want to see You. \_\_\_ To see You

high and lift - ed up, \_\_\_ shin - ing in the light of Your glo -

ry. \_\_\_ Pour out Your pow'r and love; \_\_\_ As we sing

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. \_\_\_

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and various rests. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical notes.

ly; \_\_\_ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, \_\_\_ I want to

see You. \_\_\_ see You. \_\_\_

*Call to Worship*

*P* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Thanksgiving for Baptism*

*P* Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**All** Amen.

*P* Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.  
Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters.  
We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.  
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.  
Blessed are you.

**All** You guide us to springs of the water of life.

WA Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.  
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.  
Blessed are you.

**All You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you.

**All You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

WA Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.  
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

**All Amen**

[You may be Seated](#)

### *Greeting*

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

**And also with you.**

*P* In peace, in peace,

Musical score for the hymn "In peace, in peace". It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. The first staff is for the Pastor and the second and third are for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Let us pray\_ to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy." The word "mer" is underlined in the third staff, and "cy." is underlined in the fourth staff.

*Pastor:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray\_ to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.

*P* For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...(Refrain)

*P* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...(Refrain)

Musical score for the hymn "Help, save and defend us, O God. Amen." It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Pastor and the second is for the Congregation. The lyrics are: "Help, save and defend us, O God. Amen." The word "A" is underlined in the second staff.

*Pastor:* *Congregation:*

Help, save and defend us, O God.  
A - - - men.

*Refrain*



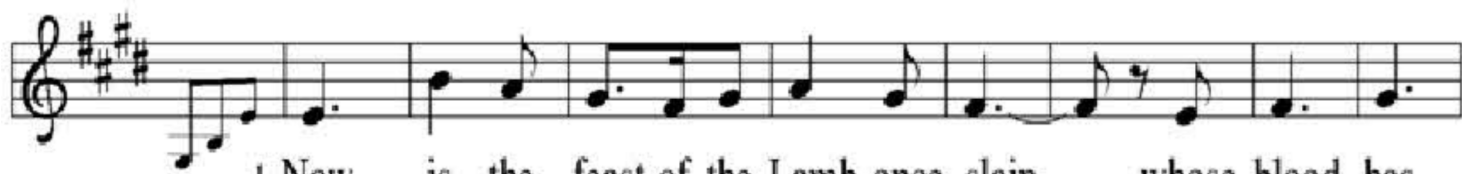
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

*Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

*Refrain*

*P* The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you.

### *Prayer for This Day*

*WA* Let us pray:

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand.

**All** Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.*

### *A Reading from Acts, the 1st chapter*

<sup>22</sup> [Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup> In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

*Acts 1:1-11*

WA Word of God, Word of Life!

All Thanks be to God!

*A Responsive Reading from Psalm: Psalm 47*

<sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup> **For the Lord Most High is to be feared:  
a great king over all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup> who subdues the peoples under us,  
and the nations under our feet;

<sup>4</sup> **who chooses our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of the ram’s horn.

<sup>6</sup> **Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup> For God is king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a song.

<sup>8</sup> **God reigns over the nations;  
God is enthroned on high.**

<sup>9</sup> The nobles of the peoples have gathered as  
the people of the God of Abraham.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

*Psalm: Psalm 47*

*Gospel Acclamation*

Please stand in body or spirit

**Congregation**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**All** Glory to you, O Lord.

## *Gospel Reading*

*On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.*

<sup>44</sup> [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

***Luke 24:44-53***

*P*            The Gospel of our Lord  
***All***         **Praise to you, O Christ.**

[You may be Seated](#)

## Children’s Sermon & Noisy Offering

*Each week our congregation is **led by children** to collect pocket change and small bills. Through this offering, we are reminded that together, the smallest of offerings can change lives and make “hope & love” tangible. The children have chosen Family Promise of Ogden to receive this monetary blessing for this season.*

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## *Nicene Creed*

*P* Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**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 and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who 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 the People*

*You may be Seated*

**WA** Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:  
peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.  
God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

*(each prayer  
petition ends with)*

**WA:** Merciful God, **All:** receive our prayer.

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ*

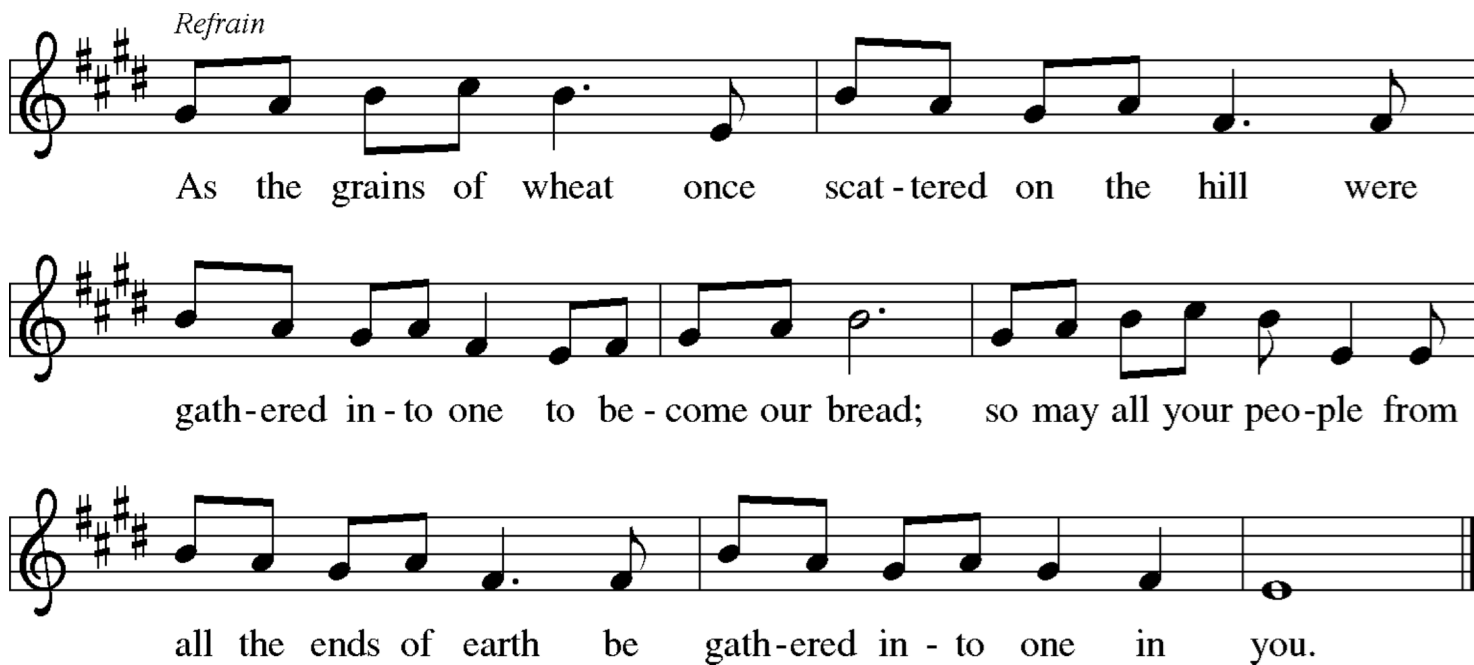
**P** Jesus Christ become peace with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Offertory*

*You may be Seated*

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

*Holy Communion*

*Offertory Prayer*

*P* Risen One,  
receive the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.

***All* Nourish us to follow you,  
using what we have gathered to feed the hungry  
and tend the weary, all for your love's sake. Amen.**

*P* The Lord be with you

***All* And also with you.**

*P* Lift up your hearts.

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

*P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***All* It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*P* It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

And so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Congregation**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

On the night of his betrayal our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks;  
broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take and eat; this is my body given for you...

Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup,

gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

### *The Lord's Prayer*

[Please stand in body or spirit](#)

*P* Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

***All* Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### *The Invitation*

*P* Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,  
offers everyone a place of welcome at His table of grace.  
Come to the feast.

[You may be Seated](#)

Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while  
the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

*Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant*

# Freely Freely

Words and Music by  
Carol Owens



1 God for - gave my sin in Je - sus'  
2 All \_\_\_\_\_ pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus'



name, I've been born a - gain in  
name, In \_\_\_\_\_ earth and heav'n in



Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name |  
Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name |



come to you To share His  
come to you to share His



love as He told me to: He said,  
pow'r as He told me to: He said,



"Free - ly free - ly, you have re -



ceived. Free - ly, free - ly give; \_\_\_\_\_

— Go in My name and, be - cause you be -  
 lieve, Oth - ers will know that I live." \_\_\_\_\_

## Glorify Thy Name

Words and Music by  
 Donna Adkins

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You, glo - ri - fy Thy
2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,

name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ri - fy Thy name,

glo - ri - fy Thy name, glo - ri - fy Thy

name in all the earth. \_\_\_\_\_

### *Post Communion Blessing and Prayer*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

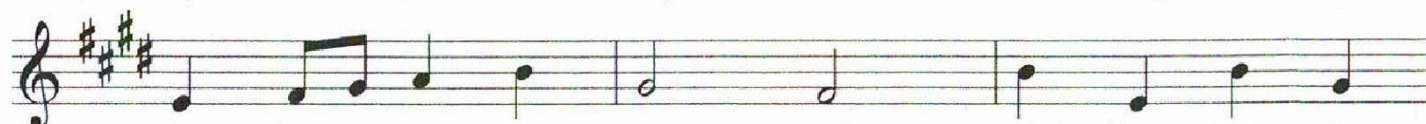
**All Amen**

# THANKS BE TO YOU

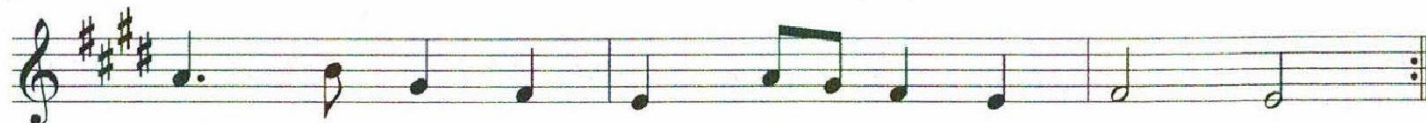
*Congregation:*



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



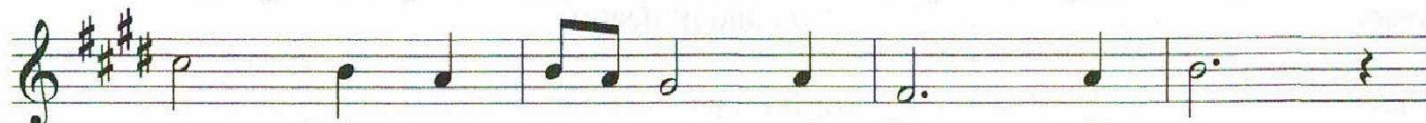
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

*Please be seated for  
Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements*

*Benediction and Sending Song*

**(Cantors sing each line, the congregation repeats.)**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make His face to shine on you.  
And be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift His countenance on you.  
May the Lord lift His countenance  
on you. May He keep you in perfect  
peace.

*Dismissal*

WA Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

WA With the joy of new life in Christ Jesus,

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ has forgiven you.” *Ephesians 4:23*

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

**First Reading:** Acts 2:1-21

**Psalm:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

**Gospel:** John 7:37-39

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