

...whoever gives
even a cup of cold water
to one of these little ones...



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5th Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome to Worship

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church names 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;

Please silence your cellphone at this time

Welcome to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

All Amen

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

All we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
our sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

All Amen.

Opening Song

As We Gather

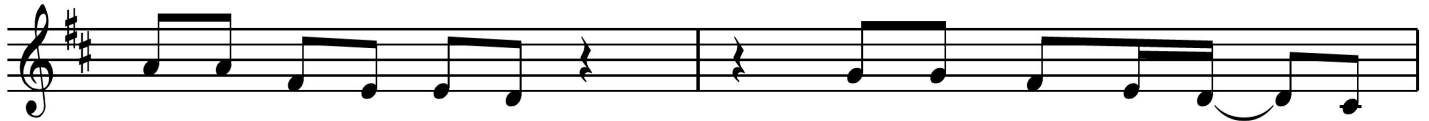
Words and Music by
Tom Coomes and Mike Fay



As we gath - er, may___ Your Spir - it work with - in us.



As we gath - er, may___ we glo - ri - fy Your name. Know - ing well that as___ our



hearts be - gin to wor - ship, we'll be blessed be - cause___ we



came,_____ we'll be blessed be - cause___ we came.

Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being.

All O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).

A Reading from Jeremiah, the 28th chapter

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

Jeremiah 28:5-9

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 89

- ⁷ ¹ Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- ² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**
- ³ "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- ⁴ **'I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'**"

- ¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.
- ¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**
- ¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.
- ¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

A Reading from Romans, the 6th chapter

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!

¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:12-23

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to___ my feet and a light un-to my path.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to___ my feet and a light un-to my path.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Matthew 10:40-42

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.*

Today's Message

Pr Gordon Young

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

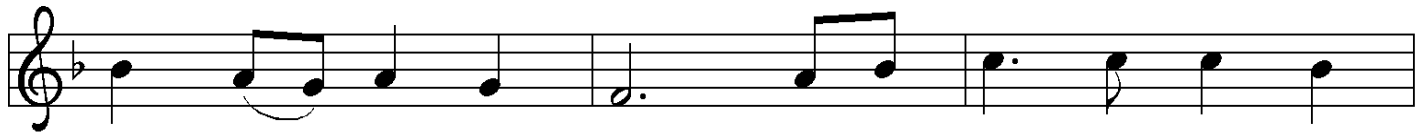
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

You may be Seated

Prayers of The People

WA Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God of grace, **All:** You hear our prayer.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Sharing of the Peace

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

You may be Seated

Offering

♪ ♪ Praise God from whom all blessings flow. ♪ ♪
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise God above! Praise God above ye Heav'nly Host!
Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

All Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Please stand in body or spirit.

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 In the night in which he was betrayed,
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.

P Again, 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 Heaven has come near.
Come, share in the feast!

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 are available - ask the communion attendant

Communion Songs

You may be Seated

Bind us together

Refrain



Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that



can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,



bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.



1 There is on - ly one of God. There is
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the



on - ly one King. There is on - ly one Bod - y;
prom - ise di - vine. You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .



that is why we can sing:
you are the glo - rious new wine.

Refrain

Dance with Me Greg Evans



This is ho - ly time We're ga-thered to - ge - ther to wor - ship



you to love one an-oth - er And as we pray And as we



sing And as we dance and as we dream Oh Lord I



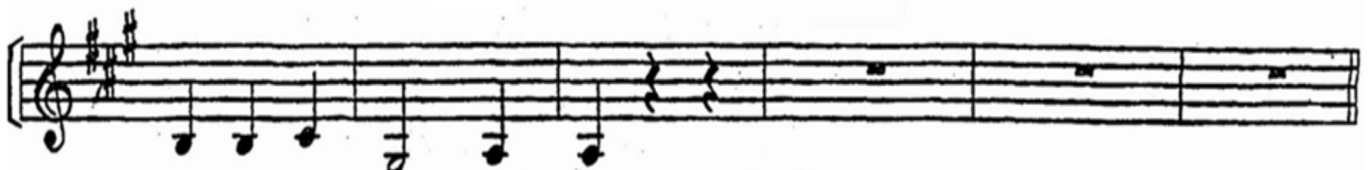
beg of you Just this one thing Won't you



dance with me Throu - out the heav - ens and be - low the sea and



u-pon the moun - tain tops Flow with the breeze Come car-ry me



Lord won't you dance with me.

Dismissal

WA Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.
Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

All Thanks be to God!



Readings for next Sunday,
July 5th
Pentecost 6

First Reading:	Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm:	Psalm 145:8-14
Second Reading:	Romans 7:15-25a
Gospel:	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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