

...for my yoke is easy  
and my burden is light,



July 5th, 2026

6th 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;**

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*Please silence your cellphone at this time*

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# 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** You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.

Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, the people are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

## A Reading from Zechariah, the 9th chapter

- <sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
- <sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall command peace to the nations;  
his dominion shall be from sea to sea  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
- <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- <sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

*Zechariah 9:9-12*

WA The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

## A Responsive Reading from Psalm 145

- <sup>7</sup> <sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- <sup>9</sup> **LORD, you are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all your works.**
- <sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise you, O LORD,  
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

- <sup>11</sup> They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom  
and speak of your power,**
- <sup>12</sup> that all people may know of your power  
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures throughout all ages.  
You, LORD, are faithful in all your words,  
and loving in all your works.**
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all those who fall  
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

*Psalm 145:8-14*

*Life captive to sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be wrong. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

## A Reading from Romans, the 7th chapter

<sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Romans 7:15-25a*

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**All Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand in body or spirit.*



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



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## Gospel Reading

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup> “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

<sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>20</sup> Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. <sup>21</sup> “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>22</sup> But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. <sup>23</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades.

“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

*Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

**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.*

Hymn of the Day

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

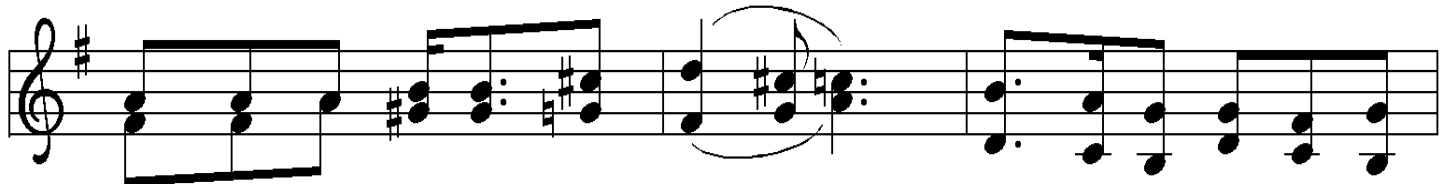


you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

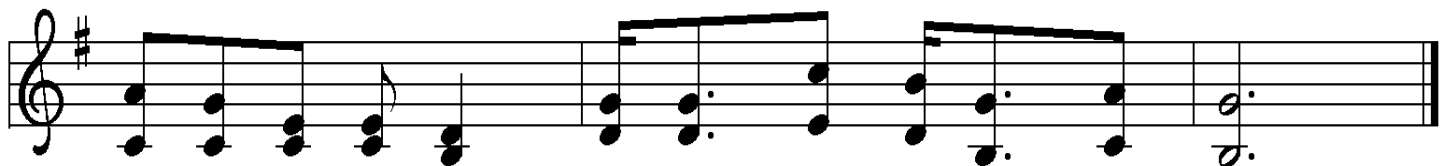
*Refrain*



watch - ing for you and for me.  
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!  
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!"



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

## 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

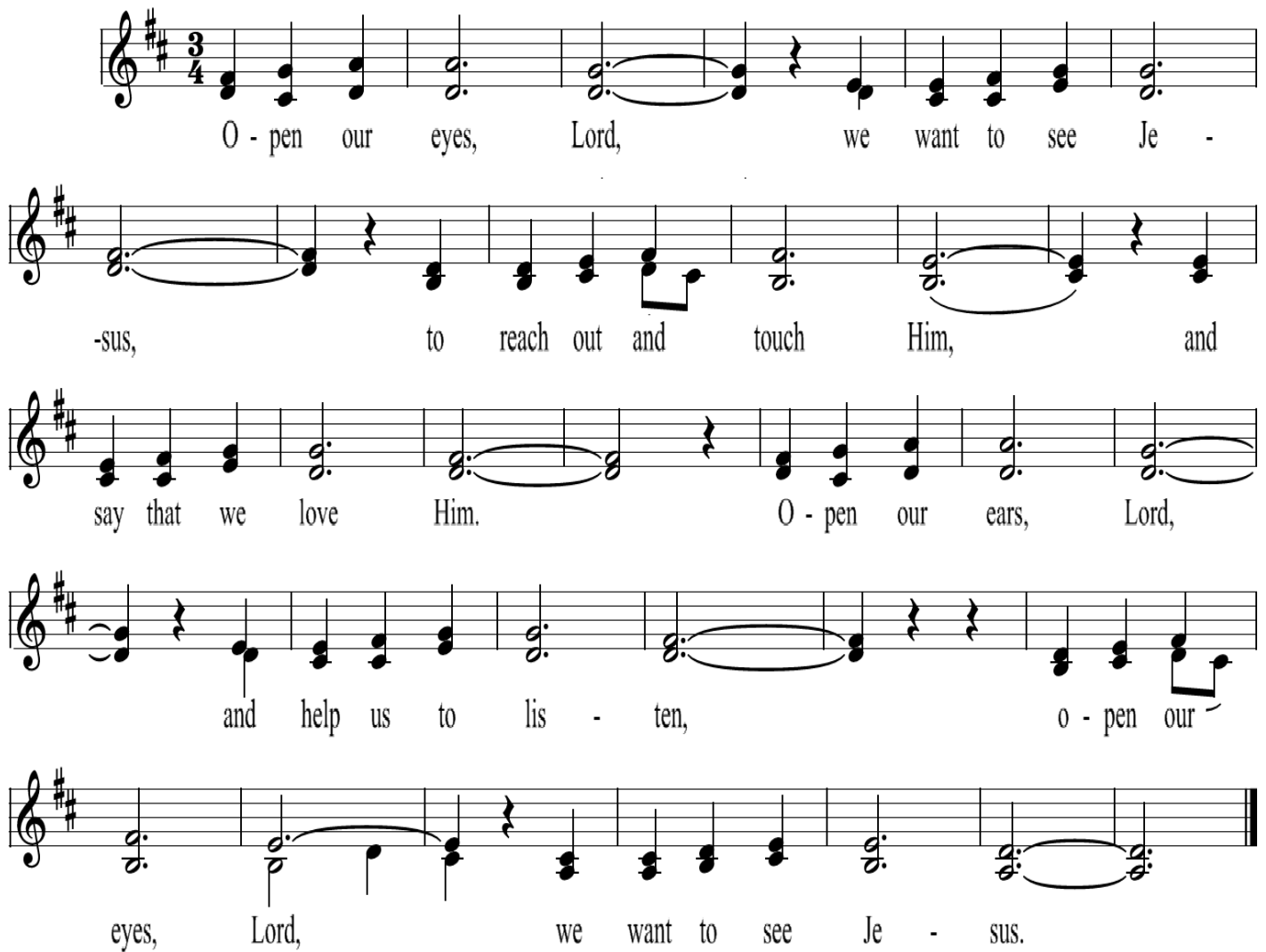
*P* Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!

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

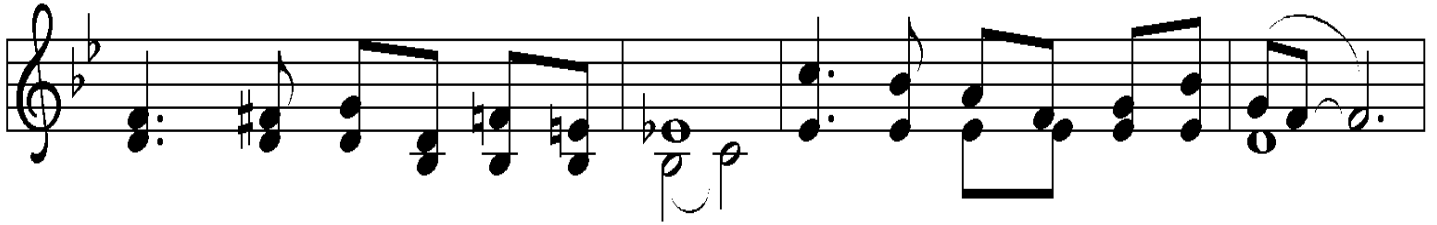
*You may be Seated*

Open Our Eyes Words and Music by  
Bob Cull

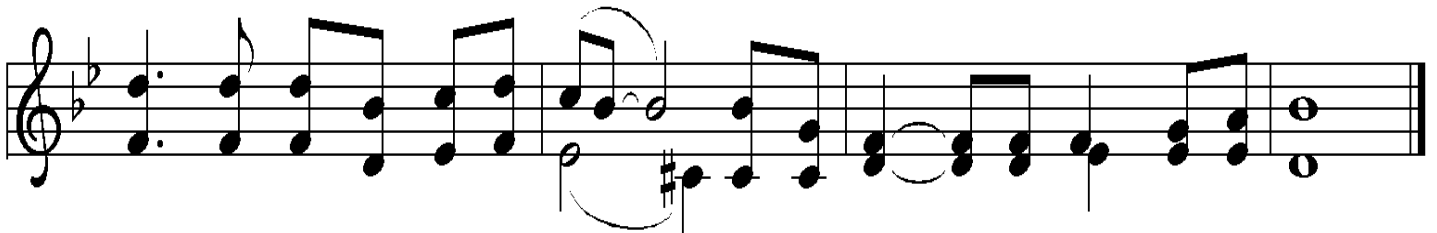


O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je -  
-sus, to reach out and touch Him, and  
say that we love Him. O - pen our ears, Lord,  
and help us to lis - ten, o - pen our  
eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

## Just a Closer Walk with Thee



*Refrain* Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;  
1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;  
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?  
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.  
I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*  
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*  
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

## 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**

*P* Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.

**All Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.**

# Please be seated for Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

## Benediction and Sending

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

*Congregation join in the refrain*

### Trinity Sending Song

(based on the recording by The Porter's Gate)

Words and Music by  
Isaac Wardell, Lauren Goans, Paul Zach and Taylor Leonhardt



May we go in peace to love and serve the Lord. A - men.

## 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**

Go and share the good news.

**All** Thanks be to God!

WE'RE SUPPOSED TO EXCHANGE OUR OWN BURDEN FOR THE ONE THAT JESUS GIVES US?



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YES! - JESUS' BURDEN IS "FORGIVENESS."



I KNEW THERE WAS A CATCH!



MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30



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Readings for next Sunday,  
July 12th  
Pentecost 7

<b>First Reading:</b>	Isaiah 55:10-13
<b>Psalm:</b>	Psalm 65: (1-8) 9-13
<b>Second Reading:</b>	Romans 8:1-11
<b>Gospel:</b>	Matthew 13:1-9, 8-23

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