



July 19th, 2026

7th 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 steadfast love is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**All Amen**

*P* Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Reconciling God,

**All we confess that we do not trust your abundance,  
and we deny your presence in our lives.  
We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.  
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.  
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.  
We fear difference and do not welcome others  
as you have welcomed us.  
We sin in thought, word, and deed.  
By your grace, forgive us;  
through your love, renew us;  
and in your Spirit, lead us;  
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.**

*P* Beloved of God,  
by the radical abundance of divine mercy  
we have peace with God through ✝ Christ Jesus,  
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.  
Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope.  
For hope does not disappoint,  
because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

# Opening Song

Come Let Us Worship And Bow Down Words and Music by  
Dave Doherty

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score ends with a double bar line.

Come, let us wor-ship and \_ bow down, let us kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our  
Mak - er. \_\_\_\_\_ Come, let us wor-ship and \_ bow down, let us  
kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our Mak - er. For He \_\_\_\_\_ is our God, and  
we are the peo - ple of His pas - ture, and the sheep \_\_\_\_\_ of His  
hand, just the sheep \_\_\_\_\_ of His hand.

## 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** Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

*There are no other gods besides God: the word of the LORD does not fail to come to pass. We can trust in God, through whom Israel—and we—are redeemed.*

## A Reading from Isaiah, the 44th chapter

- <sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,  
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:  
I am the first, and I am the last;  
besides me there is no god.
- <sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;  
let them declare and set it forth before me.  
Who has announced from of old the things to come?  
Let them tell us what is yet to be.
- <sup>8</sup> Do not fear or be afraid;  
have I not told you from of old and declared it?  
You are my witnesses!  
Is there any god besides me?  
There is no other rock; I know not one.

*Isaiah 44: 6-8*

WA The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

## A Responsive Reading from Psalm 86

- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
- <sup>12</sup> **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,  
and glorify your name for evermore.**
- <sup>13</sup> For great is your love toward me;  
you have delivered me from the pit of death.
- <sup>14</sup> **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent  
people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**
- <sup>15</sup> But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

**<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant and save the child of your handmaid.**

**<sup>17</sup> Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame; because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

*Psalm 86:11-17*

*For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.*

## A Reading from Romans, the 8th chapter

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Romans 8:12-25*

WA The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## Gospel Reading

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Jesus tells a parable about the coexistence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.*

<sup>24</sup> [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,<sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.<sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' <sup>28</sup> He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' <sup>29</sup> But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.'

<sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ” <sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup> He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

*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.*

Today's Message

**Pr Gordon Young**

# Hymn of the Day

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

HOLY COMMUNION

## You Satisfy the Hungry Heart *Gift of Finest Wheat*

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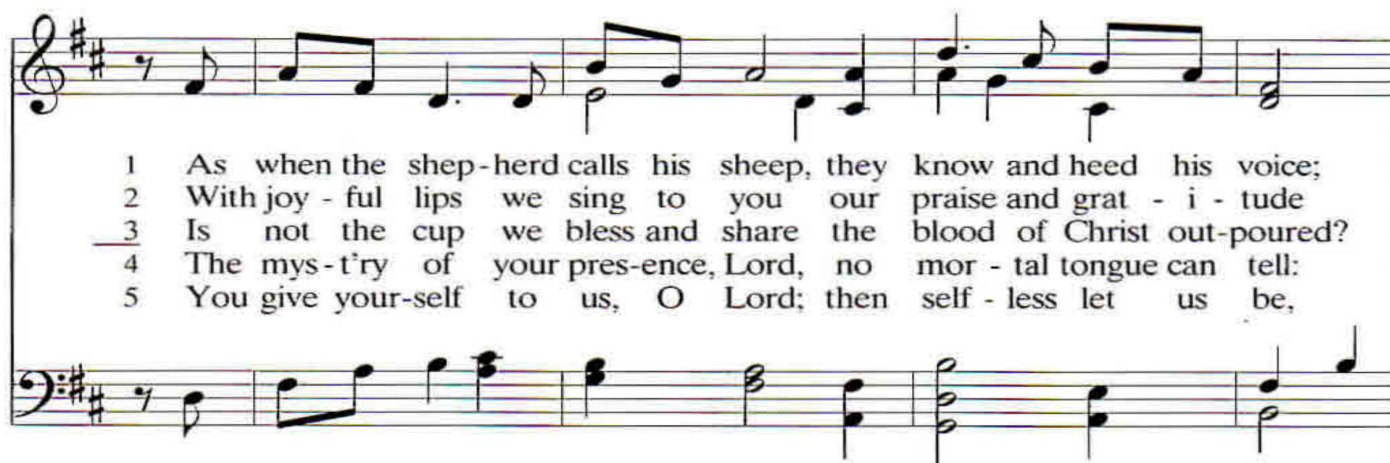
*Refrain*



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?  
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell;  
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' - n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

## 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* Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of 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)*

*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.

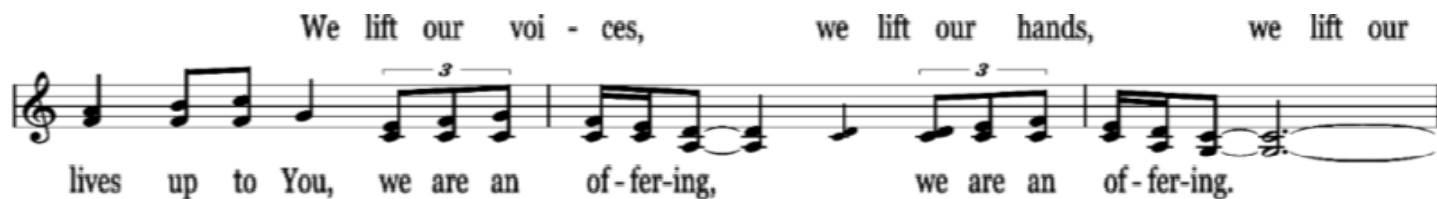
**All** And also with you.

## Offering

*You may be Seated*



We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an  
 offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
 lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have,  
 all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.



## 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* All people are called to Christ's table.  
Come, eat what is good.

*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*

## 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.

# I Surrender All



1. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, All to Him I free - ly give;  
2. All to Je - sus I sur-ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to Thee,



I will ev - er love and trust Him, In His pres - ence dai - ly live.  
Fill me with Thy love and pow - er, Let Thy bless - ing fall on me.



I sur-ren - der all, I sur-ren - der all.



All to Thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

## 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.*

*P* Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✝ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.

**All Amen.**

# Closing Song

## Build Your Kingdom Here

Words and Music by  
Rend Collective Experiment



1. Come set Your rule, and reign in our \_\_\_\_\_ hearts a - gain. In -  
seek Your king - dom first. We hun - ger and we thirst; Re -  
-leash Your king-dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and far. No



-crease in us, we pray. Un - veil \_\_\_\_\_ why we're made. Come  
-fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To  
force of hell can stop Your beau - ty, chang - ing hearts. You



set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our ver - y souls;  
see the cap - tives' hearts re-leased; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.  
made us for much more than this; A - wake the king - dom seed in us.



Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in-vade us now. \_ We are Your  
We lay down our lives for heav-en's cause. \_ We are Your  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. \_ We are Your



church; We need Your pow'r in us.  
church; We pray, re - vive this earth.  
church; We are the hope on earth.

Build Your king - dom here. Let the dark - ness  
 fear. Show Your might - y hand. Heal our streets and  
 land. — Set Your church on fire. Call us all to  
 love. Change the at - mos - phere. Build Your king - dom here, — we  
 pray! 1. 2. 3. Un - Coda  
 pray!

## Dismissal

WA Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,  
 give thanks in all circumstances;  
 for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

*1 Thessalonians 5:16-1*

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**All Thanks be to God!**



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Readings for next Sunday,  
July 26th  
Pentecost 9

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>First Reading:</b>  | 1 Kings 3:5-12          |
| <b>Psalm:</b>          | Psalm 119:129-136       |
| <b>Second Reading:</b> | Romans 8:26-39          |
| <b>Gospel:</b>         | Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 |

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