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9th 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 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

Here I Am To Worship

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes

1 Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness,
2 King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed,
o - pened my eyes, let me see.
glo - rious in heav - en a - bove.
Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You,
Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,
hope of a life spent with You. So, here I am to
all for love's sake be - came poor. So, here I am to
wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God.
And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er
won - der - ful to me. And I'll nev -
er know how much it cost to see my sin up - on
that cross. And I'll nev - er that cross. So here I am to

D.S. al Coda

Coda

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 Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Psalm 119

- ¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;
therefore I obey them with all my heart.
- ¹³⁰ When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.
- ¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant
because I long for your commandments.
- ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.
- ¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;
let no iniquity have dominion over me.
- ¹³⁴ Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.
- ¹³⁵ Let your face shine up on your servant
and teach me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

A Reading from Romans, the 8th chapter

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:26-39

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;

⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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Children's Sermon

Alan Day

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.

We Come to the Hungry Feast



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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,**

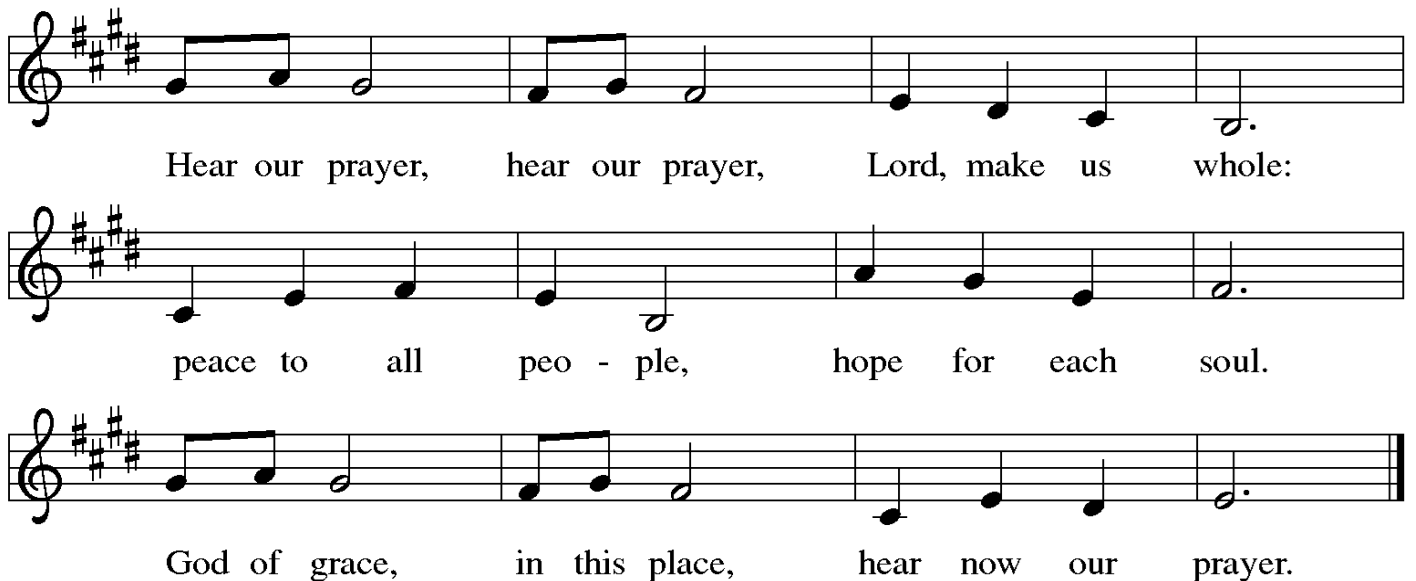
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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 people, 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.

Sharing of the Peace

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

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

Pass It On

Words and Music by
Kurt Kaiser

1. It ___ on - ly takes a spark to get a fire ___ go - ing, ___
2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are bud - ding. ___
3. I ___ wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that I've ___ found ___



___ and soon all those a - round can warm up to its
 ___ The birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their
 ___ You can de - pend on Him, it mat - ters not where



glow - ing; ___ That's how it is with God's ___ love,
 bloom - ing. ___ That's how it is with God's ___ love,
 you're ___ bound; ___ I'll shout it from the moun - tain - top,



once you've ex - per - i - enced it: ___ You spread His love to
 once you've ex - per - i - enced it: ___ You want to sing, it's
 I want my world ___ to know: ___ The Lord of love has



ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on. ___
 fresh like spring, you want to pass it on. ___
 come to me, I want to pass it on. ___

Come And Behold Him

Words and Music by
John Chisum and George T. Searcy

1 Come and be - hold Him, come, see His glo - ry,
2 Come and be - hold Him, come, see His mer - cy,

come with an hon - est heart to see all He is;
come find His ten - der - ness reach - ing to you;

We will dis - cov - er all of His beau - ty, His light will
Just as a mir - ror shows a re - flec - tion, His Word and

burn a - way all the dark - ness we've known.
Spir - it come, now re - flect - ing His love. Come and be -

hold Him, come and be - hold Him, come with an

hon - est heart to see all He is; Come and be -

hold Him, wait now be - fore Him, come with an

hon - est heart to see all He is.

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

Freely Freely

Words and Music by
Carol Owens

The musical score for 'Freely Freely' is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words aligned under specific notes and others under rests. The lyrics are: 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 I Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to you To share His come to you To share His

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

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!

Readings for next Sunday
August 2nd
Pentecost 10

First Reading:	Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm:	Psalms 145:8-9, 14-21
Second Reading:	Romans 9:1-5
Gospel:	Matthew 14:13-21

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