

crumbs you say?..
we'll take crumbs



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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

Offering of Song

Nathan Krieger

Here I am Lord!

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

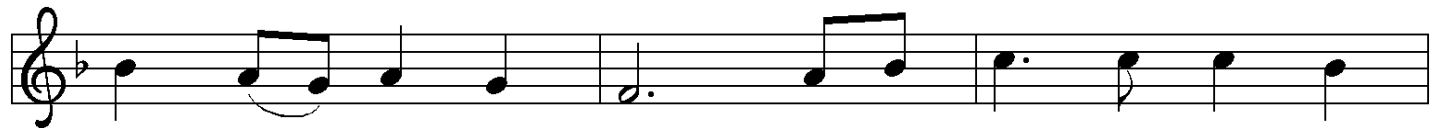
All Are Welcome



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 -



Refrain

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.

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 God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

A Reading from Isaiah 56:6-8

¹ Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar,

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel:
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Isaiah 56: 6-8

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading of Psalm 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Psalm 67

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Gospel Reading

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15th chapter.

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

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."
²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."
²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."
²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."
²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."
²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.

Matthew 15: 21-28

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated

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.

Born-ing Cry



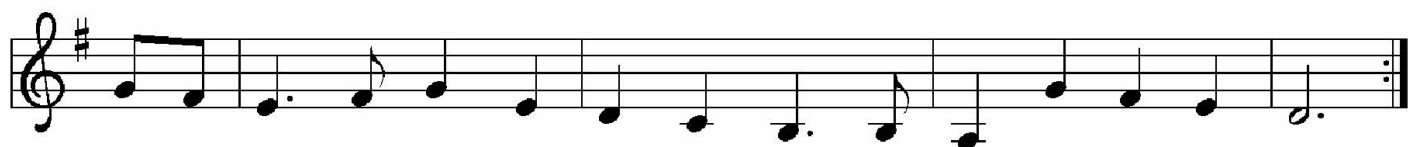
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



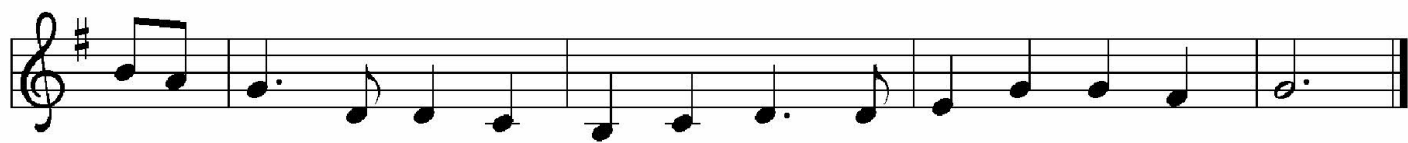
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

You may be Seated

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Henry Michael Gray

Ahsoka Alexander

Ashley Alexander

Prayers of The People

WA With bold trust in God's unfailing provision,
we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's 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: Merciful God,

All: Receive 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 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. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering.

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

P The Lord be with you [*Please stand in body or spirit.*](#)

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.

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

Communion Songs

You may be Seated

Offering of Song

Nathan Krieger

Children of the Heavenly Father

You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
4 "I am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *to verse 2*
Come and rest in me. *to refrain*
all will know my name. *to refrain*
up, now walk and live! *to refrain*



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine."

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

Farewell and Godspeed

Roy and Arliss Zimmerman

Benediction

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

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

All Amen.

Closing Song

Shout To The Lord

Words and Music by
Darlene Zschech

My Je - sus, my Sav - iour, Lord, there is none___ like___ You;___

___ All of my days___ I want to praise___ the won - ders of Your

might - y love. My com - fort, my shel - ter,

Tow - er of ref - uge and strength;___ Let ev - 'ry breath,___

___ all that I am,___ nev - er cease to wor - ship You.___

Shout to the Lord,___ all the earth,___ let us sing.___

Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise___ to the King.___

Moun - tains bow down___ and the seas___ will roar___ at the



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 23rd
Pentecost 13

First Reading:	Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm:	Psalm 138
Second Reading:	Romans 12:1-8
Gospel:	Matthew 16: 13-20

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