



Who do You say
that I am?

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13th 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

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

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, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be Seated

Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.

A Reading from Isaiah 51:1-6

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,
and give heed to me, my nation,
for a teaching will go out from me
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will rule the peoples;
the coastlands wait for me,
and for my arm they hope.

⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
and look at the earth beneath,
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and those who live on it will die like gnats,
but my salvation will be forever,
and my deliverance will never be ended.

Isaiah 51:1-6

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading of Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works of your hands.**

Psalm 138

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



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

Gospel Reading

At a climactic point in Jesus' ministry, God reveals to Peter that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God," and Jesus responds with the promise of a church that will overcome the very gates of Hades.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Matthew 16:13-20

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

[You may be Seated](#)

Children's Sermon

Kelly Martin

Blessing of the Backpacks

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.

Jesus Messiah

Words and Music by
Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin,
Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves



1 He be - came sin, who knew no sin; that
(2.) bo - dy the bread, His blood the wine bro -



we might be - come His right - eous - ness; He
ken and poured out, all for love. The



hum - bled Him - self, and car - ried the cross. Love so a - maz -
whole earth trem - bled, and the veil was torn. Love so a - maz -



ing, Love so a - maz - ing. Je - sus, Mes - si -
ing, Love so a - maz - ing.



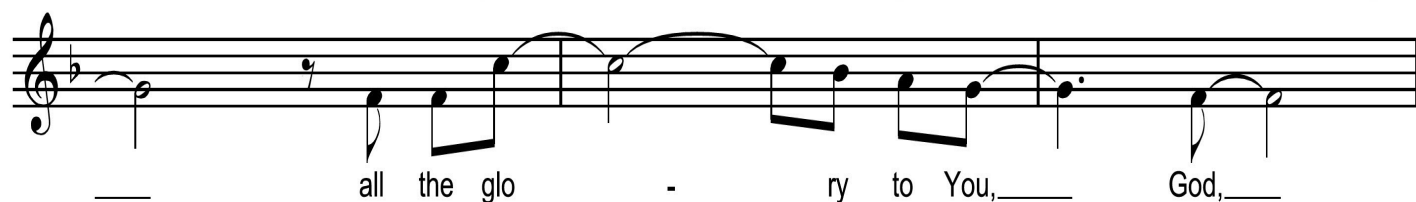
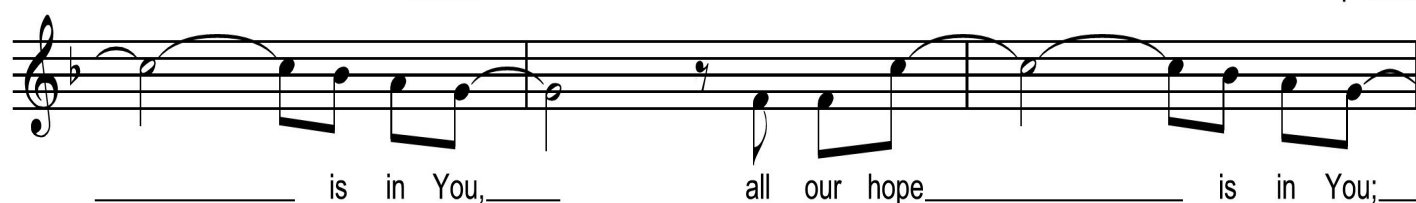
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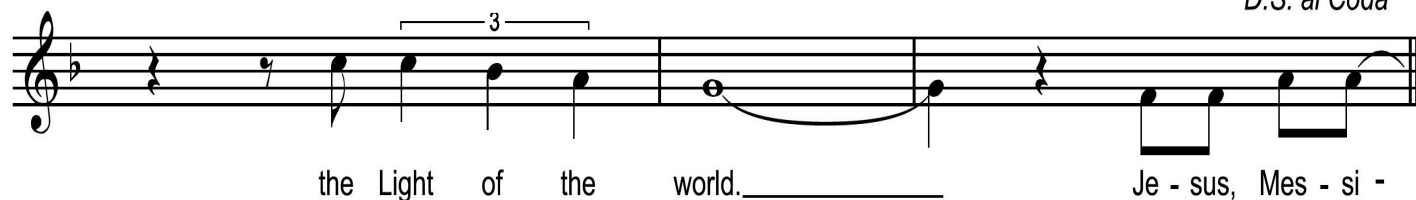
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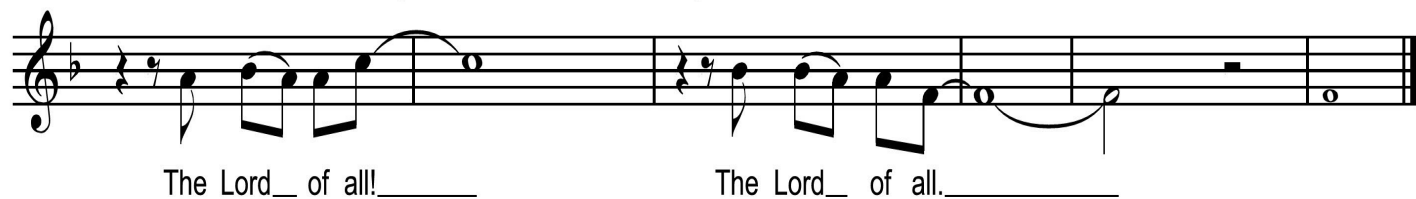
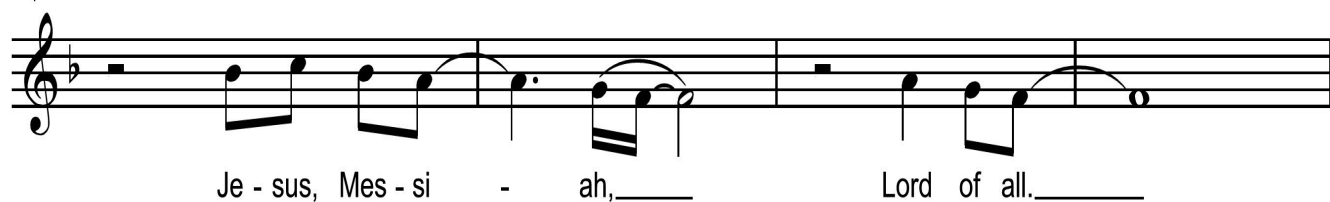
Last time to Coda



D.S. al Coda



Coda



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.**

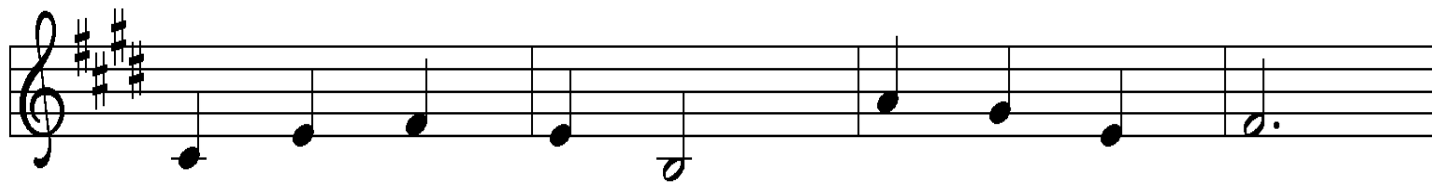
You may be Seated

Prayers of The People

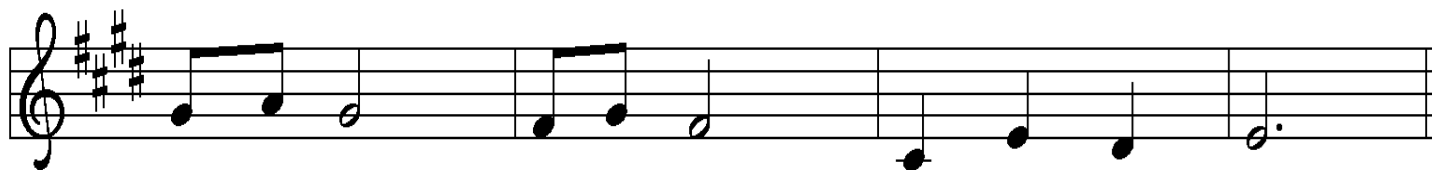
WA With bold trust in God's unfailing provision,
we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.



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.

You may be Seated

Offering

LOWRIE LILTON

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

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

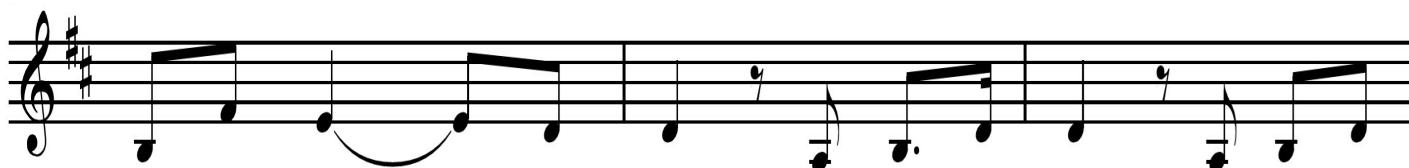
Communion Songs

You may be Seated In Christ Alone

Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, ful - ness of
3 There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, _____ my song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babel! This gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ _____ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought _____ and storm. What heights of
ness, scorned by the ones He came _____ to save. Till on that
Day, up from the grave He rose _____ a - gain! And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ____ I
 fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ____ I
 me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood____ of
 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ____ I'll



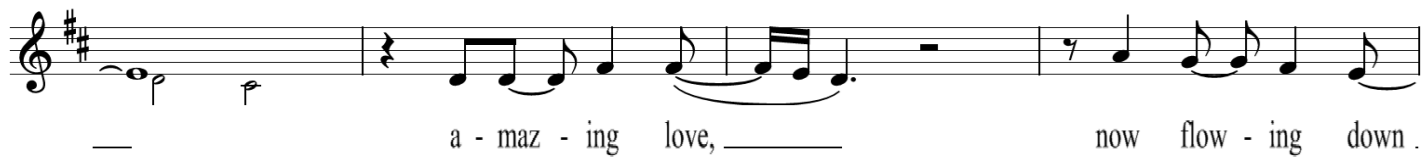
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 live.
 Christ.
 stand!

Grace Flows Down

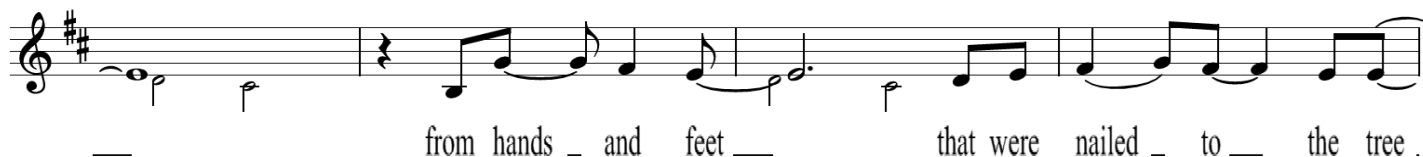
Words and Music by
 David E. Bell, Louie Giglio
 and Rod Padgett



A - maz - ing grace, _____ how sweet _ the sound; .



_____ a - maz - ing love, _____ now flow - ing down .



_____ from hands _ and feet _____ that were nailed _ to _ the tree .



_____ as grace _ flows down _____ and cov - ers me. _



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

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

All Amen.

Closing Song

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv-eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion. *to vs 2*
It finds an ech-o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing? *to refrain*
What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth. *to vs 4*
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing? *to refrain*



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

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 30th
Pentecost 14

First Reading:	Jeremiah 15:15-21
Psalm:	Psalm 26: 1-8
Second Reading:	Romans 12:9-21
Gospel:	Matthew 16:21-28

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