

STEWARDSHIP SERIES

Week One The Lens of Gratitude

*everything
is a gift.*



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14th 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 compassion endures forever.

All Amen

P Let us confess our sin.

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.

All Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Deuteronomy, the 8th Chapter

¹⁰ You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹ “Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. ¹² When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them ¹³ and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. ¹⁶ He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷ Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.’ ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

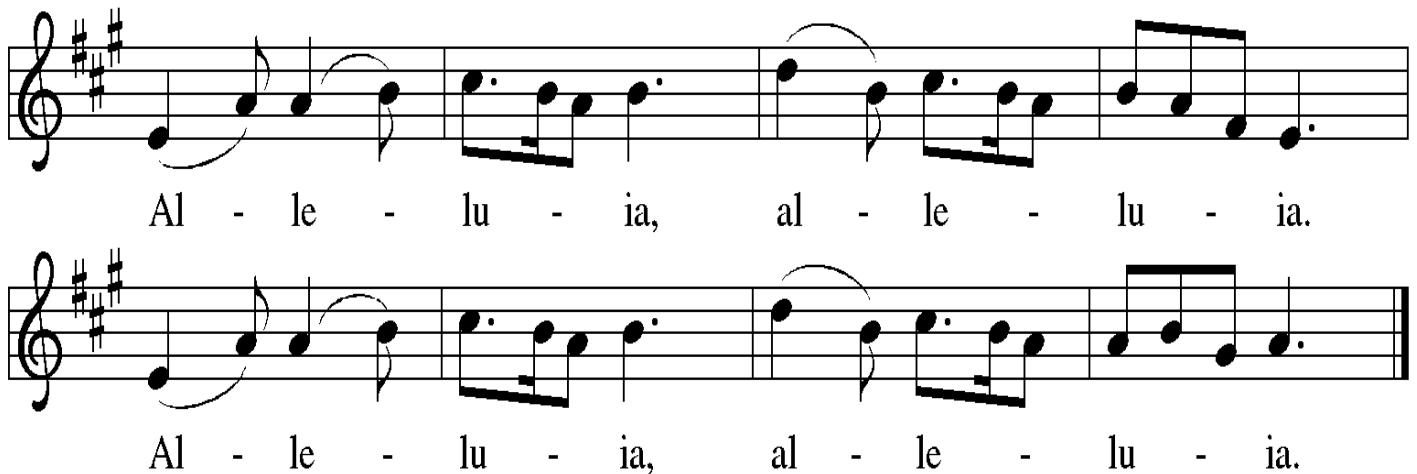
A Reading from James, the 1st Chapter

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

James 1:16-18

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Gospel Reading

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the 17th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.

Luke 17:11-19

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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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.

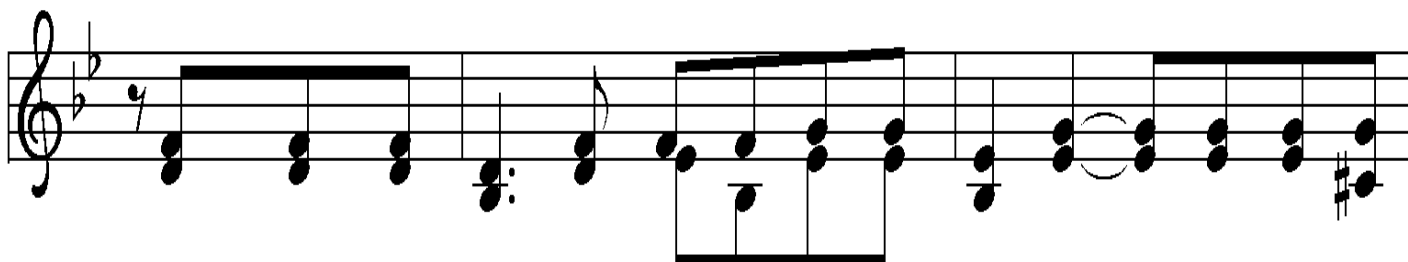
Today's Message

Nancy Otto

Hymn of the Day

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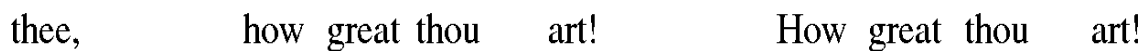
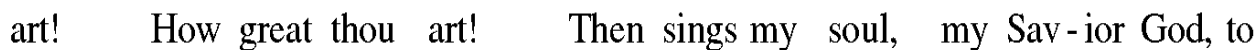
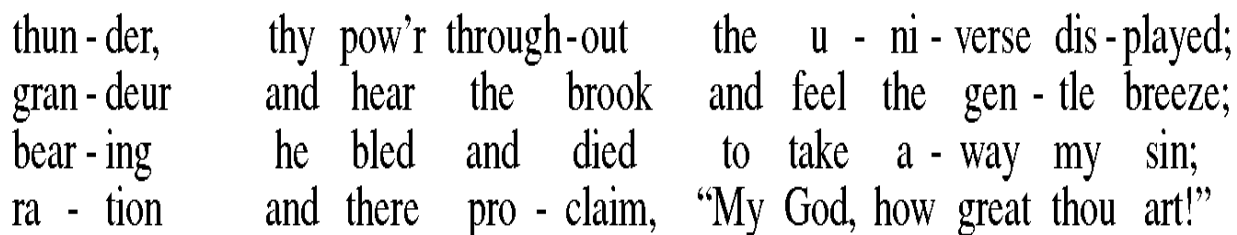
How Great Thou Art



- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der con - sid - er
- 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad - o -



**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,**

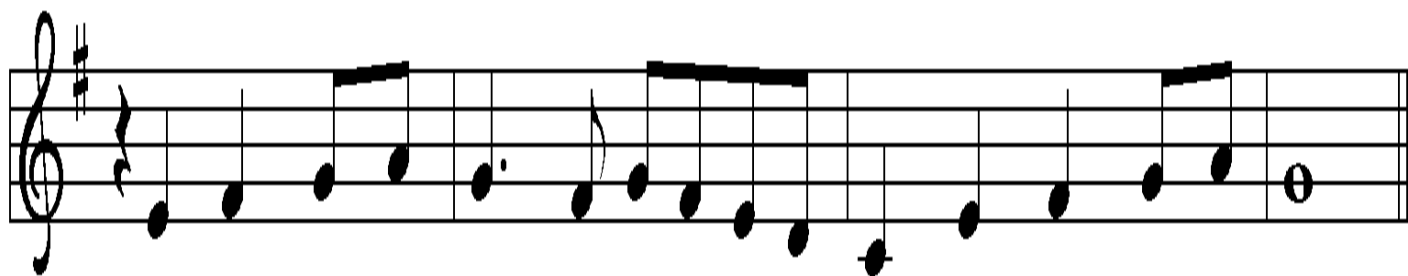
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

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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.



O Lord, hear our prayer we of-fer up to you; O Lord, hear 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

Refrain

All that we have and all that we of - fer comes from a
heart both fright-ened and free. Take what we bring now and
give what we need, all done in your name.

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.*

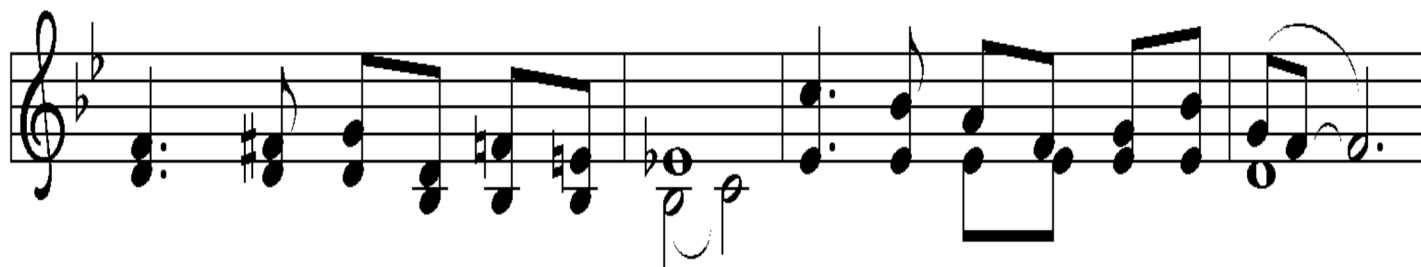
P Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba
as we pray:

***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 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*

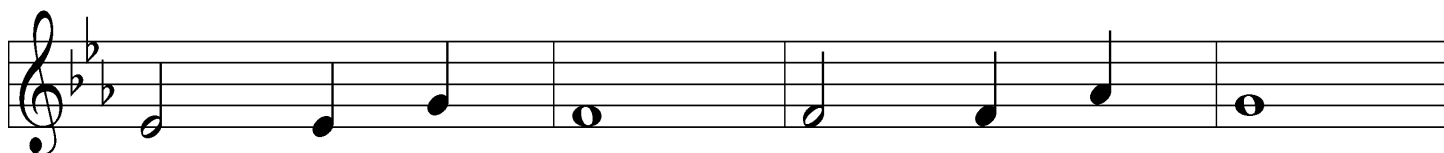


Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

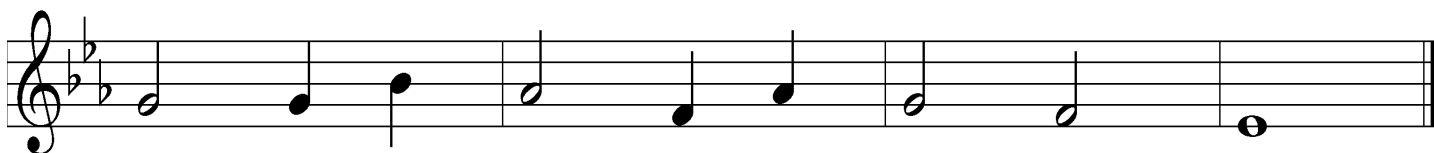


dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.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

God Is So Good



1 God is so good, God is so good.
 2 He cares for me, he cares for me,
 3 He saved my soul, he saved my soul.
 4 I praise his name, I praise his name,



God is so good, he's so good to me.
he cares for me, he's so good to me.
he saved my soul he's so good to me.
I praise his name, he's so good to 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.*](#)

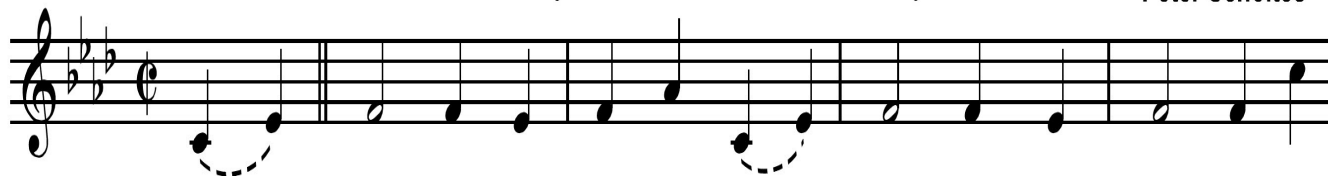
P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

All Amen.

Closing Song

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by
Peter Scholtes



1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are
2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will
3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will
4 All ____ praise to the Fa - ther, from ____ whom all things come; And all



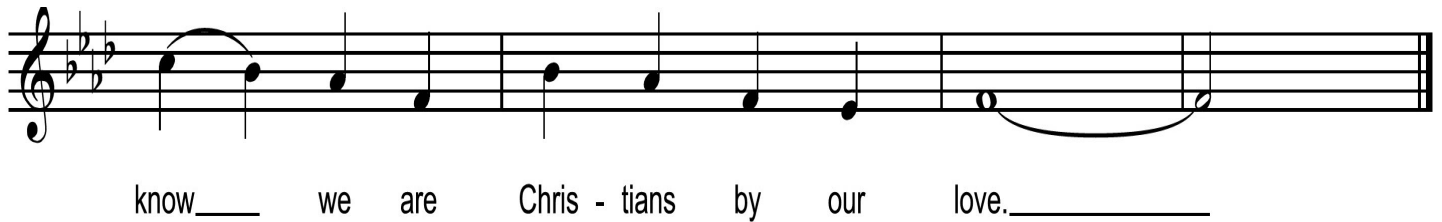
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walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to -
work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll
praise to Christ Je - sus, His ____ on - ly ____ Son. And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land. And they'll
guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save ____ each man's pride. And they'll
praise to the Spir - it, who ____ makes ____ us ____ one. And they'll



know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love, yes they'll



Dismissal

WA Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true,
 whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever
 is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and
 if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4:8

Go in peace. Share your gifts.

All Thanks be to God!



Readings for next Sunday
September 6th
Pentecost 15

First Reading:	Ezekiel 33:7-11
Psalm:	Psalm 119: 33-40
Second Reading:	Romans 13:9-14
Gospel:	Matthew 18: 15-20

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