



September 6, 2026
15th 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,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

All Amen

P Let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

**All we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

Renew us to live as your holy people,

following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.

All Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Micah, the 6th Chapter

- ⁶ “With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”
⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:6-8

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

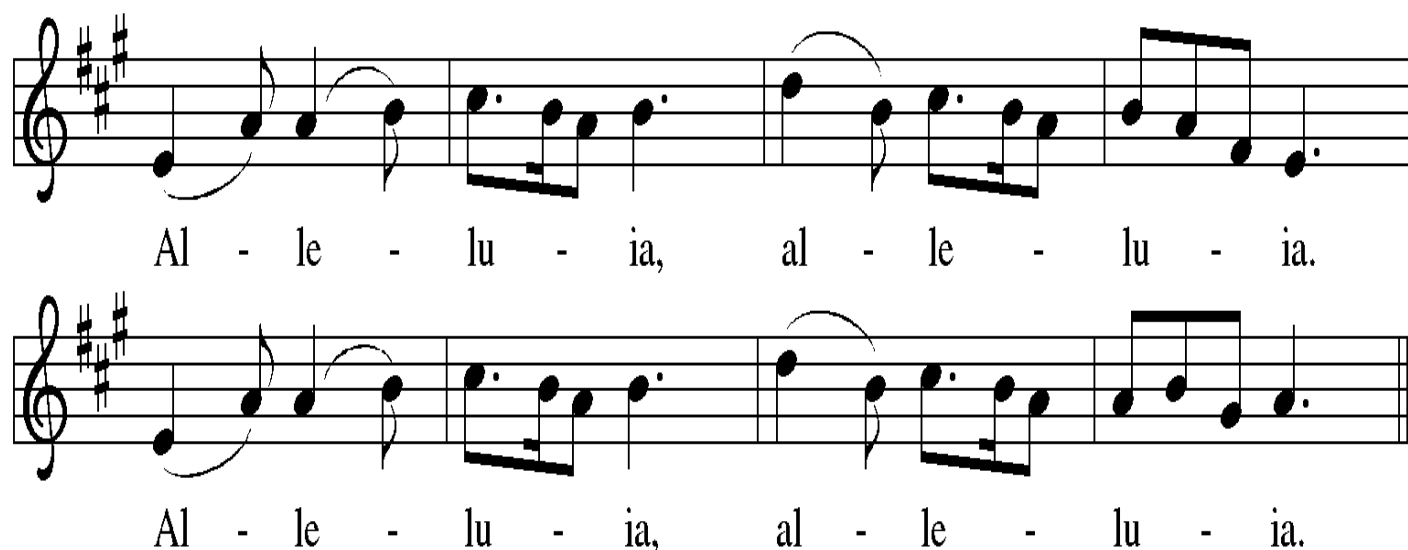
A Reading from 1 Peter, the 4th Chapter

- ⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining.
¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:8-10

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St Luke, the 10th chapter.

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

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend'.³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10: 25-37

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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Children's Sermon

Christie Denniston

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

Christie Denniston

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

God Of The Poor

Words and Music by
Graham Kendrick

1 Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for des - pair, Lord, in Your
2 Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills, work for the
3 Re - fuge from cruel wars, ha - vens from fear, cit - ies for

suff - 'ring world, this is our prayer. Bread for the chil - dren,
crafts - men, trade for their skills. Land for the dis - pos - sessed,
sanc - tu - 'ry, free - doms to share. Peace to the kill - ing fields,

jus - tice, joy, peace, sun - rise to sun - set Your king - dom in -
rights for the weak, voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't
scorched earth to green, Christ for the bit - ter - ness, His cross for the

crease. speak.
pain.

God of the poor, friend of the weak,

give us com - pas - sion we pray, melt our cold

hearts, let tears fall like rain. Come change our love

from a spark to a flame.

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.**

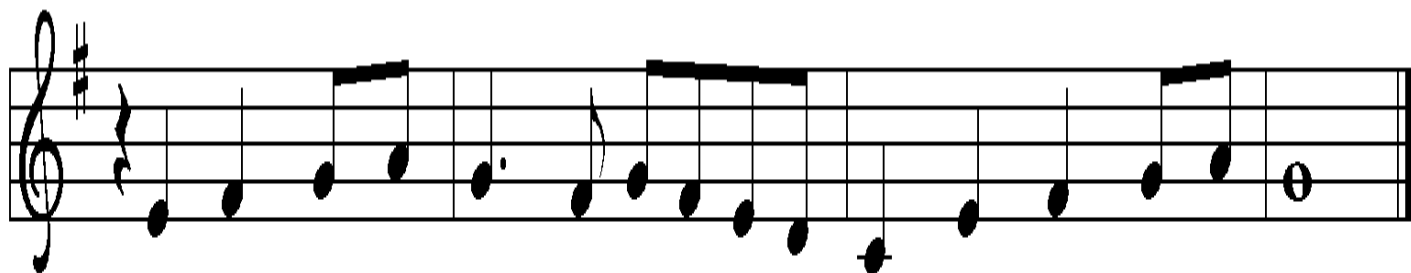
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.



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

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: Hear us, O God, **All:** Your mercy is great.

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 Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

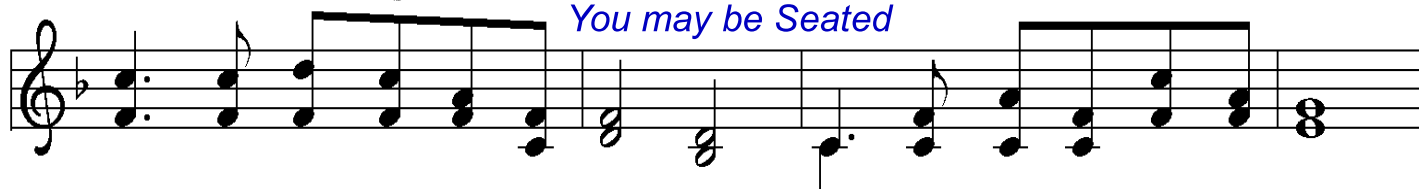
*Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine
while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.*

Gluten Free wafers are available - ask the communion attendant

Communion Songs

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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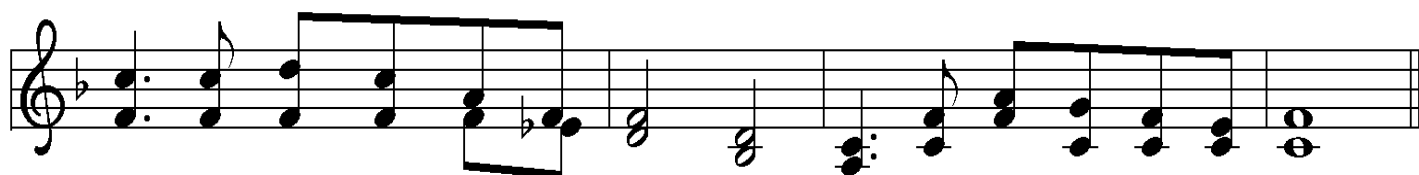
- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



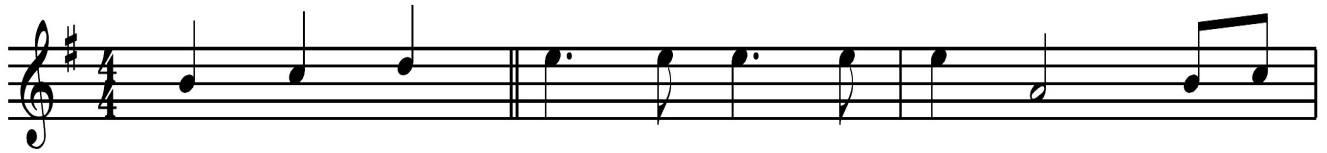
Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Spirit Song

Words and Music by
John Wimber



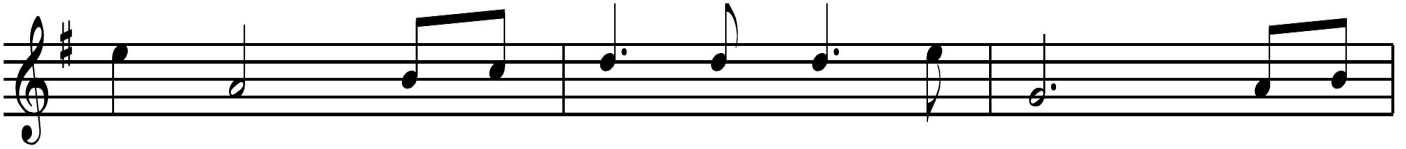
1 Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with His
2 Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness as your



Spir - it and His love; Let Him fill your heart and
hearts are filled with joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur -



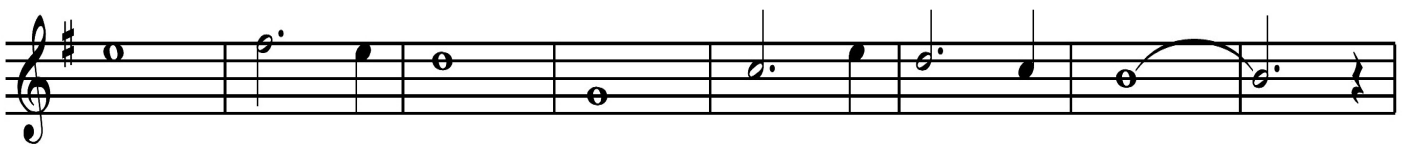
sat - is - fy your soul. Oh, let Him have those things that
ren - der to His name. Oh, give Him all your tears and



hold you, and His Spir - it, like a dove, will de -
sad - ness, give Him all your years of pain, and you'll



scend up - on your life and make you whole.
en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.



Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your lambs.



Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your lambs.

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 Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

**All By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Please be seated for
Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

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

P The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.

All Amen.

Closing Song

Love The Lord

Words and Music by
Lincoln Brewster



1. Love the Lord, _ your God, with all _ your heart, with all _ your soul, _ with all _ your mind, .
2. I will serve _ the Lord with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .



— and with all — your strength; —
— and with all — my strength; —



Love the Lord, _ your God, with all _ your heart, with all _ your soul, _ with all _ your mind, .
I will serve _ the Lord with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .



— and with all _ your strength. With all _ your heart, — with all _ your soul, .
— and with all _ my strength; With all _ my heart, — with all _ my soul, .



— with all _ your mind, — with all _ your strength; —
— with all _ my mind, — with all _ my strength; —



Love the Lord, _ your God, with all _ your heart, with all _ your soul, _ with all _ your mind, .
I will serve _ the Lord, with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .



__ and with all __ your strength. __
__ and with all __ my strength. __



I will love _ you Lord, with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .



__ and with all __ my strength. __

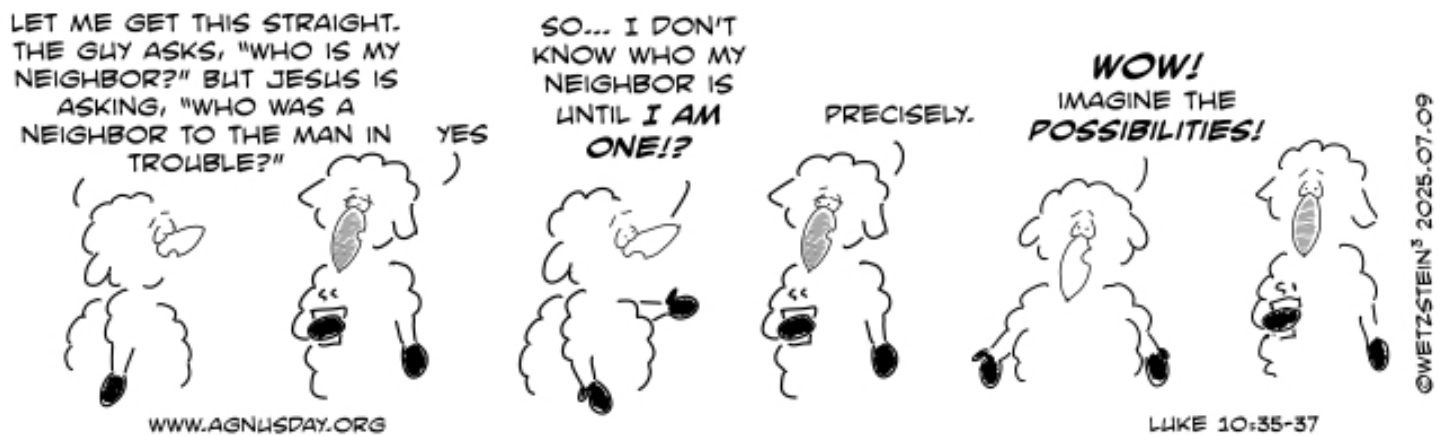
Dismissal

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 13th
Pentecost 16

First Reading:	Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm:	Psalms 103: (1-7) 8-13
Second Reading:	Romans 14:1-12
Gospel:	Matthew 18: 21-35

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