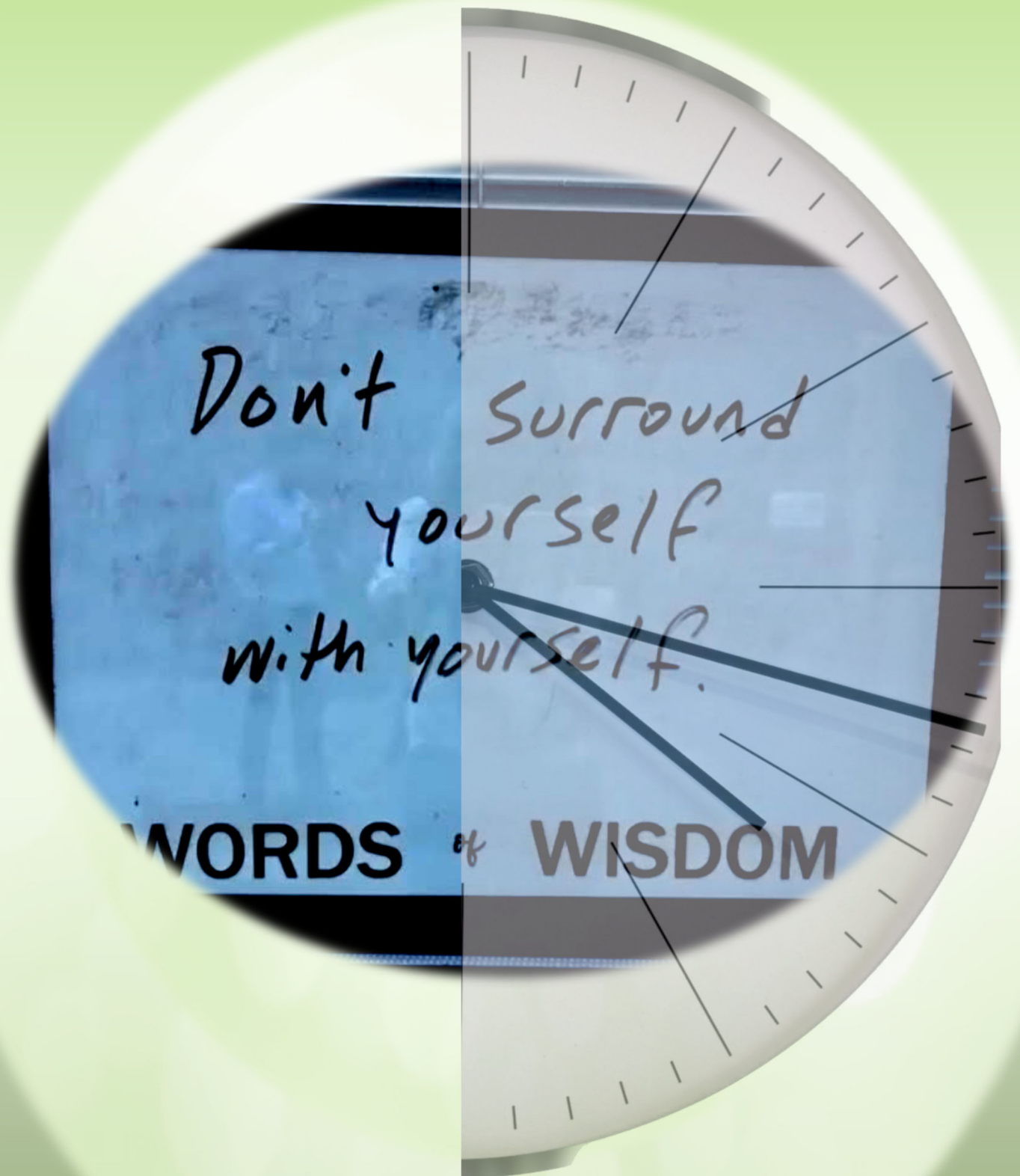




September 20, 2026
17th Sunday after Pentecost

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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

Come Let Us Worship And Bow Down Words and Music by
Dave Doherty

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, using eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words connected by hyphens and others by lines indicating a longer note value.

Come, let us wor-ship and _ bow down, let us kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our
Mak - er. _ Come, let us wor-ship and _ bow down, let us
kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our Mak - er. For He _ is our God, and
we are the peo - ple of His pas - ture, and the sheep _ of His
hand, just the sheep _ of His hand.

Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us
your servants

All Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your
merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?

A Reading from Jonah, the 3rd and 4th Chapter

¹⁰ When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. ^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Jonah 3:10—4:11

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading of Psalm 145

- ¹ I will exalt you, my God and king,
and bless your name forever and ever.
- ² **Every day will I bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**
- ³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!
There is no end to your greatness.
- ⁴ **One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**
- ⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.
- ⁶ **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will recount your greatness.**
- ⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
- ⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Psalm 145:1-8

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission

A Reading from Philippians, the 1st Chapter

²¹ For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me, yet I cannot say which I will choose. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better, ²⁴ but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

²⁵ Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶ so that, by my presence again with you, your boast might abound in Christ Jesus because of me.

²⁷ Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ and in no way frightened by those opposing you. For them, this is evidence of their destruction but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹ For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ but of suffering for him as well, ³⁰ since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1:21-30

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The first staff has a final note with a fermata, and the second staff has a double bar line at the end. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below each staff.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the 20th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Matthew 20:1-16

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Children's Sermon

Pr Gordon Young

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 Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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.**

Prayers of The People *You may be Seated*

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.

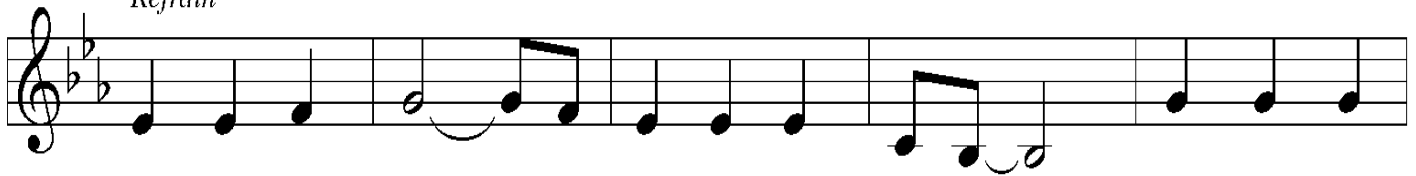
P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

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

You may be Seated

You Are My All In All

Words and Music by
Dennis Jernigan



1 You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas - ure that I
2 Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your



seek. You are my all in all. _____ Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
name; You are my all in all. _____ When I fall down, You pick me



jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.
up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name! _____



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

Exalted

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin and Jesse Reeves

Ex - alt - ed, He is ex - alt - ed.____

On____ high, He is ex - alt - ed.____ For

great is____ the Lord;____ Let all the na - tions say,____ ex - alt -

ed, He is ex - alt - ed.____

Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and pow - er; Un - to the Lord, be praise.____

____ Sing with the cho - rus re - sound - ing be - fore____ us, ho -

ly is____ His name!____ His name!____ Ex - alt -

ly is____ His name!____ ex - alt - ed, He is ex - alt - ed.____

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.

P The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.

All Amen.

P The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

Closing Song

My Life Is In You

Words and Music by
Daniel Gardner

My life is in You, Lord, my
strength is in You, Lord, my hope is in
You, Lord, in You, it's in You. My You. I will
praise You with all of my life, I will praise You with
all of my strength; With all of my life, with
all of my strength. All of my hope is in You. My
You, in You.

Last time to Coda

D.S. al Coda

Coda

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 27th
Pentecost 18

First Reading:	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Psalm:	Psalm 25: 1-9
Second Reading:	Philippians 2:1-13
Gospel:	Matthew 21:23-32

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