



September 27, 2026
18th 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

The Heart Of Worship

Words and Music by
Matt Redman



1 When the mu - sic _____ fades, _____ all is stripped a - way, _____
2 King of end - less _____ worth, _____ no one could ex - press _____



_____ and I sim - ply _____ come; _____ Long - ing just to _____ bring _____
_____ how much You de - serve. _____ Though I'm weak and _____ poor, _____



_____ some - thing that's of worth _____ that will bless Your _____ heart. _____
_____ all I have is Yours, _____ ev - 'ry sin - gle _____ breath. _____



I'll bring You more than a song, _____ for a song in it - self _____



is not what You have re - quired. _____ You search much deep - er with - in _____



_____ through the way things ap - pear; You're look - ing in - to my heart. _____



I'm com - ing back to the heart _____ of _____ wor - ship, and it's _____



Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings.

All Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

A Reading from Ezekiel, the 18th Chapter

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading of Psalm 25

¹ To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**

- ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the
day long.
- ⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**
- ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of
your goodness, O LORD.
- ⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
- ⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

Psalm 25:1-9

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

A Reading from Philippians, the 2nd Chapter

- ¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
- ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only
in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own
salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:1-13

WA The word of the Lord

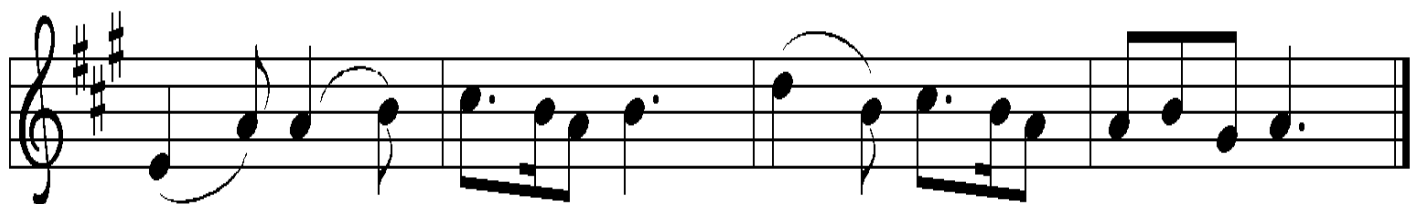
All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



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 21st chapter.

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

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

Matthew 21:23-32

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

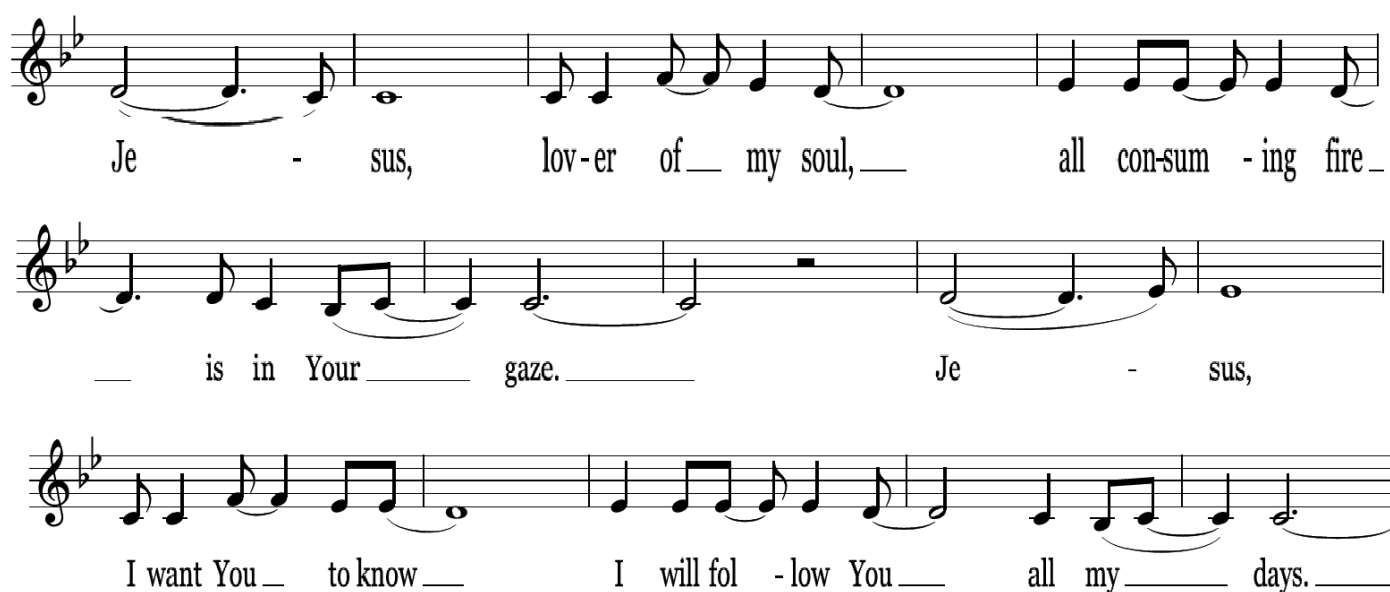
Pr Gordon Young

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Jesus Lover of My Soul

It's all about You, Jesus,
And all this is for You, for Your glory and Your fame.
It's not about me, as if You should do thing my way;
You alone are God, and I surrender to Your ways...



For no one else in his - to - ry is like You,

and his - to - ry it - self be - longs to You.

Al - pha and O - me - ga, You have loved me, and

I will share e - ter - ni - ty with You.

It's all a - bout You, Je - sus,

and all this is for You, for Your glo - ry and Your fame.

It's not a - bout me, as if You should do things my

way; You a - lone are God, and I sur - ren -

- der to Your ways. Fine

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.

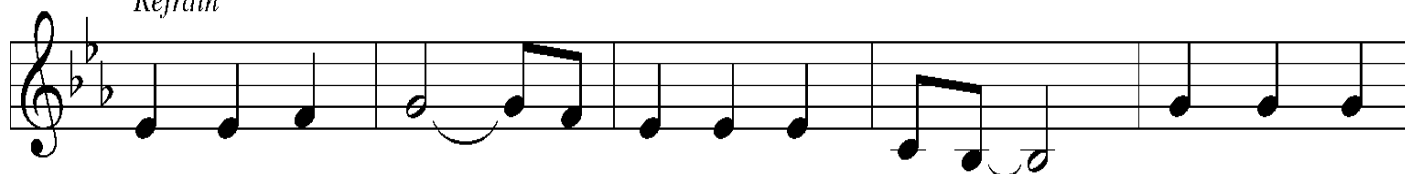
P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

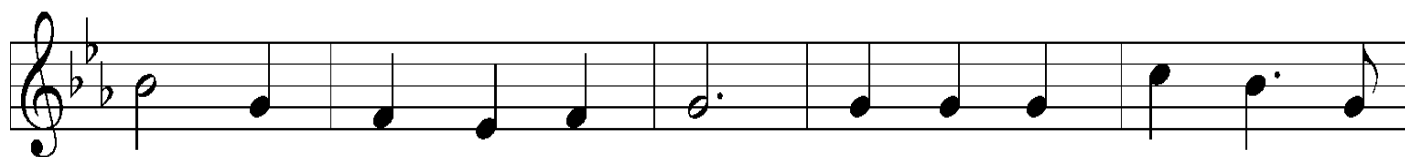
You may be Seated

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

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Here Is Bread Here Is Wine

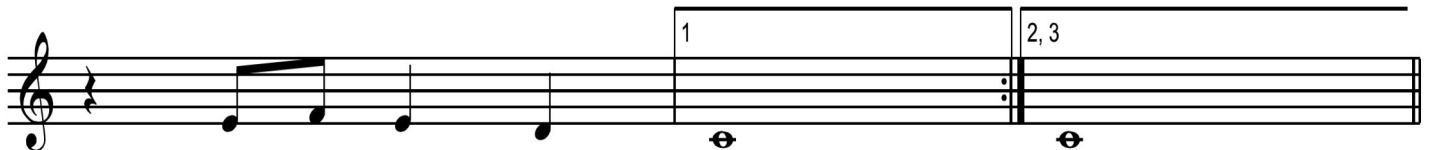
Words and Music by
Graham Kendrick



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
3 Here we are, joined in One, Christ is with us,



He is with us. Break the bread, drink the wine,
He is with us. Know His grace, find His peace,
He is with us. We'll pro - claim, 'til He comes,



Christ is with us here.
feast on Je - sus here.
Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Amazing Love

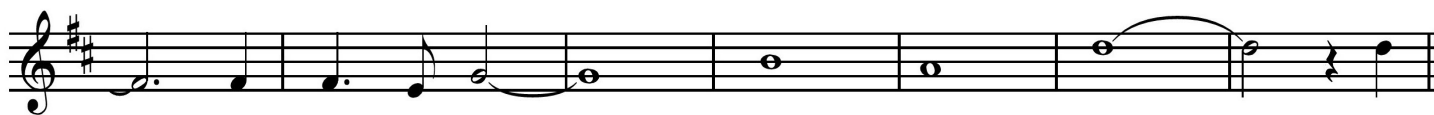
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1 My Lord, _____ what love is this, _____ that
(2. And) so _____ they watched Him die, _____ de -
(3. And) now _____ this love of Christ _____ shall



pays _____ so dear - ly, _____ that I, _____
spised, _____ re - ject - ed; _____ But oh, _____
flow _____ like riv - ers; _____ Come wash _____



_____ the guilt - y one, _____ may go free? _____ A -
_____ the blood He shed _____ flowed for me! _____ A -
_____ your guilt a - way, _____ live a - gain! _____ A



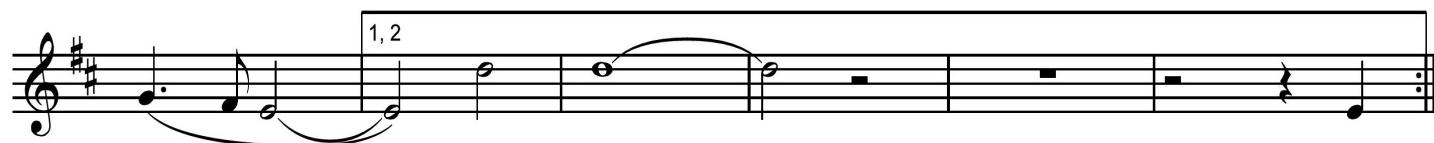
maz - ing love, _____ O, what sac - ri - fice, _____ the Son of God _____



_____ giv'n for me. _____ My debt He pays, _____ and my



death He dies, _____ that I _____ might live, _____ that



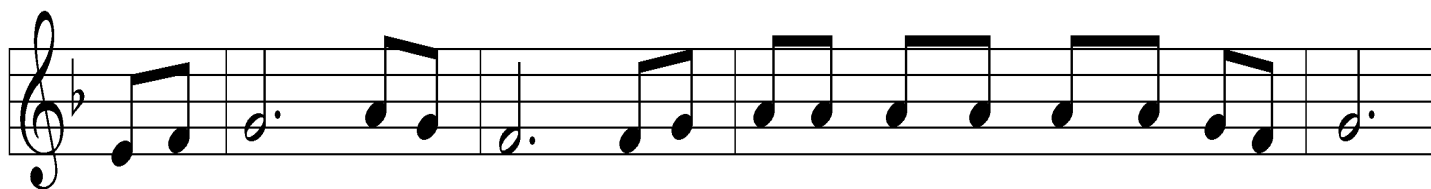
I _____ might live. _____

2 And
3 And



_____ might live, _____ that I _____ might live.

He Is Lord



He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord;



ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

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

Words and Music by
All The People Said Amen Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan
and Paul Moak



I. You are not a-lone



if you are lone - ly. When you feel a - fraid, you're not the on - ly.



We are all the same, in need of mer - cy, — to be for - giv - en and be



free. It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need. ____

§ CHORUS



And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Whoa. ____ And all the peo - ple said, "A -



-men." Give thanks to the Lord, _ for His love _ nev - er ends. _

2nd time to Coda ⊕

VERSE 2



And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." 2. If you're rich or poor,



well, it don't mat - ter. Weak _ or strong, you know love is what we're af - ter.



We're all bro - ken, but we're all in this to - geth - er. _ God knows we stum - ble and fall, _



— and He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.



men." Bless-ed are — the poor in spir - it who are torn a - part. Bless-ed are —



— the per - se - cut - ed and the pure in heart. Bless-ed are — the peo - ple hun - gry for an -



-oth - er start, — for theirs is the king - dom, the king-dom of God. —

CHORUS



And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Whoa. — And all the peo - ple said, "A -



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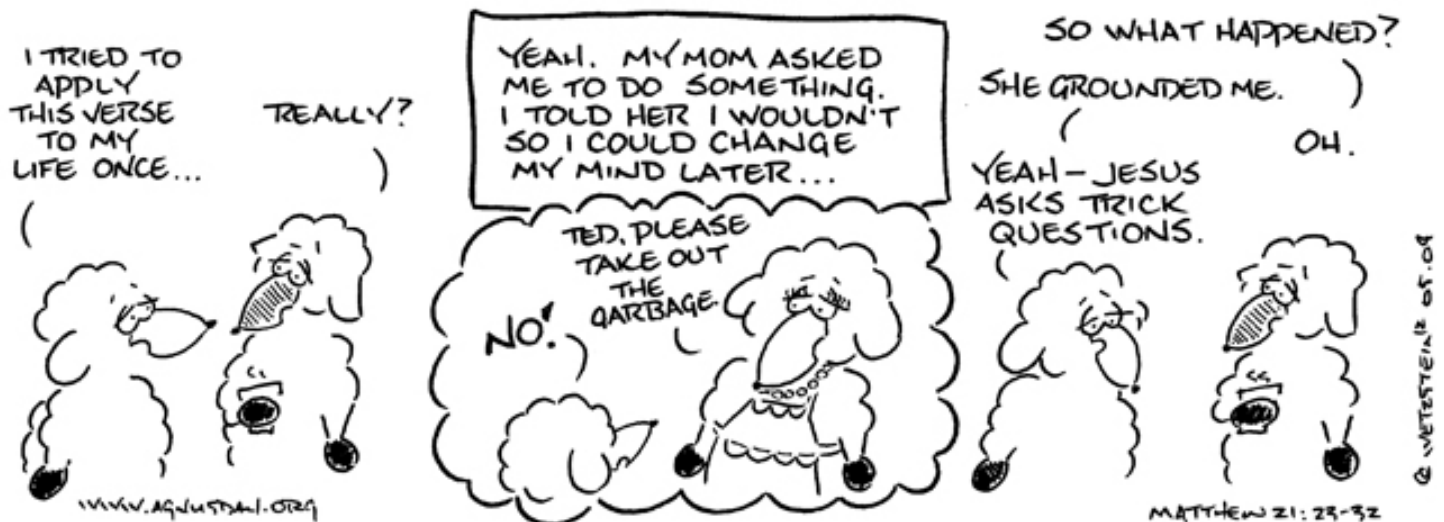
Dismissal

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
October 4th
Pentecost 18

First Reading:	Isaiah 5: 1-7
Psalm:	Psalm 80: 7-15
Second Reading:	Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel:	Matthew 21: 33-46

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