



October 4, 2026
19th 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 named 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

Plowshare Prayer

Dear blessed creator, dear mother, dear savior

Dear father, dear brother, dear holy other

Dear sibling, dear baby, dear patiently waiting

Dear sad and confused, dear stuck and abused

Dear end-of-your-rope, dear worn out and broke,

Dear go-it-alone, dear running from home

Dear righteously angry, forsaken by family

Dear jaded and quiet, dear tough and defiant

I pray that I'm heard

And I pray that this works

***I pray if a prayer has been used as a sword against you and your heart,
against you and your word***

***I pray that this prayer is a plowshare, of sorts
that it might break you open, it might help you grow***

***I pray that your body gets all that it needs
and if you don't want healing, I just pray for peace***

I pray that your burden gets lighter each day

I pray the mean voice in your head goes away

I pray that you honor the grief as it comes

I pray you can feel all the life in your lungs

***I pray that if you go all day being brave
that you can go home, go to bed feeling safe***

I pray you're forgiven, I pray you forgive

I pray you set boundaries and openly live

I pray that you feel you are worth never leaving

I pray that you know I will always believe you

*I pray that you're heard
and I pray that this works
Amen on behalf of the last and the least
On behalf of the anxious, depressed, and unseen
Amen for the workers, the hungry, the houseless
Amen for the lonely and recently spouseless
Amen for the queers and their closeted peers
Amen for the bullied who hold in their tears
Amen for the mothers of little Black sons
Amen for the kids who grow up scared of guns
Amen for the addicts, the ashamed and hungover
Amen for the calloused, the wisened, the sober
Amen for the ones who want life to be over Amen for the leaders who
lose their composure
Amen for the parents who just lost their baby
Amen for the chronically ill and disabled
Amen for the children down at the border
Amen for the victims of our law and order
I pray that you're heard
and I pray that this works
I pray if a prayer has been used as a sword against you and your heart,
against you and your word
I pray that this prayer is a plowshare, of sorts.*

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Faithful, God you have called and equipped us with everything to live in unity in this world, but sometimes we cannot get out of our own way. Let us confess these shortcomings to you and to one another, that we might be made new in a spirit of grace and forgiveness.

Holy One, you are the beginning of all things.

You are older than time itself.

***All* you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors.**

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P Hear this assurance of Good News: the scriptures use this phrase many times: “And Jesus had compassion on them...”

This is not just a story from long ago. It is true today.

Jesus has compassion for us, for all that holds us back, for all that frightens us, for all that we have failed to do.

This is the beginning of being the Body of Christ

to know and believe in the compassion of Jesus,

to accept this forgiveness, and to move toward greater compassion and forgiveness of others in our own lives.

We have everything we need.

In the name of the Father and of the Son  and of the Holy Spirit
our sins are forgiven and forgotten.

***All* Amen.**

Opening Song

Kyrie eleison

All Refrain Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the
 2 That we may live out your im -
 3 For peace in our hearts, for
 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you

health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
 passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
 peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
 cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;

for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
 that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
 for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
 that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Prayer for This Day

P Holy One, by the power of the Spirit,
open our ears anew to your Word today.

**All Free us of our cynicism and our certainty so that we may embrace fresh possibilities and grow in our faith.
May your Word revealed in the life of your Son, Jesus, show us the way to become compassion-driven.
We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

You may be Seated

A Reading from Isaiah, the 2nd Chapter

² In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore.

⁵ O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Isaiah 2:2-5

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 139

¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

² **You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³ You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ **Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.**

⁵ You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

⁷ Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ **If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.**

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and settle
at the farthest limits of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.

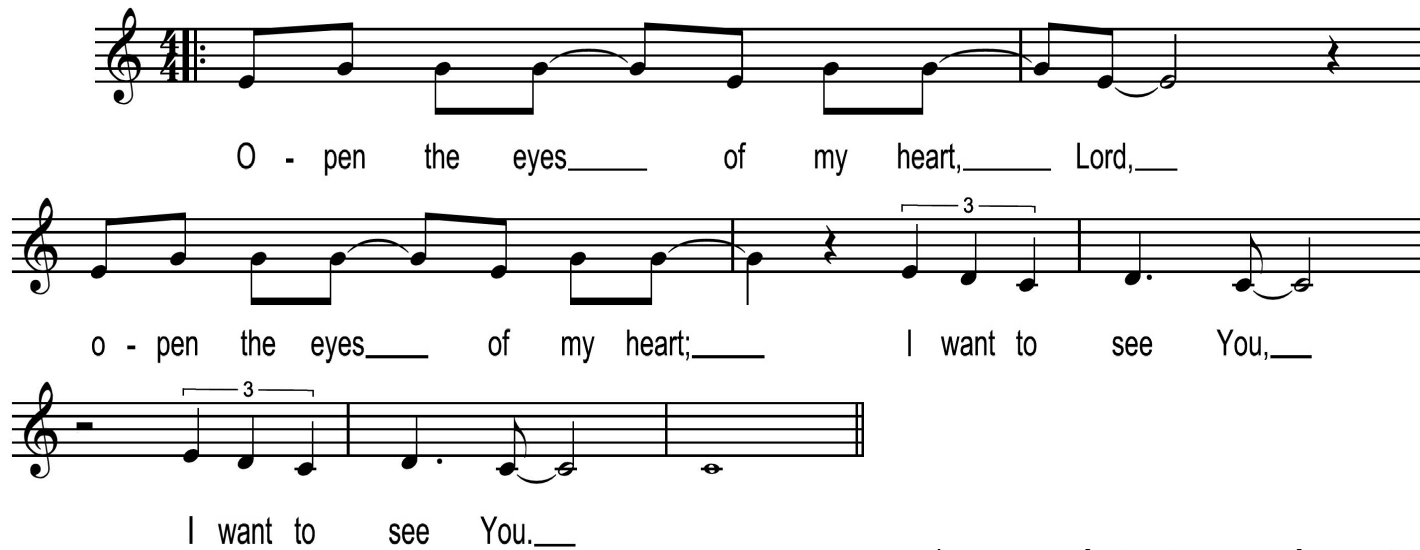
- ¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,”**
- ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**
- ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.**
- ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.**
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**
- ¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**
- ¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!**
- ¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.**

Psalm 139: 1-18



Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Gospel Reading

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.

¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ "I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

John 17:1-26

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated

Children's Sermon

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.

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Breathe

Words and Music by
Marie Barnett

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe:
Your Ho-ly pres - ence liv-ing in me. This is my dai-ly bread,
This is my dai - ly bread: Your ver-y Word spo-ken to me.
And I, I'm des-p'rate for You. And I,
I'm lost with-out You.

Coda

And I, I'm lost with-out You.

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe.

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

WA Gracious God as we come to you in prayer,
we bring thoughts of those who are no longer with us.
We call to mind those we know need our prayers.
We also call to mind the concerns of this world.

Holy — Loving — Life-giving God,
be present with any and all who are hoping for
relief, new beginnings, help, and healing.
Help us to be with and for one another,
claiming our identity as disciples of Jesus.

***We Lift Up
By Nick Ehrhardt***

All Ooooh, Ooooooh, We Lift Up Our Prayers.
(Repeat throughout)

Leader For the planet, for its people.
For the church and it's many shapes of steeples.
For the hungry, for the cold.
For the young and for the old.
For our joy and for our pain.
For the sunshine for the rain.
For the dying, for the sick.
For our loved ones and the glue that makes us stick.
For our leaders for their minds.
For your wisdom as to how we draw our lines. For
the world and its frantic pace.
For the places where we find deeper space.
For all yearning hearts beneath the sun.
For the chance for a prayer for everyone.
For our words and for our silence. (Pause)

All Ooooh, Ooooooh, Ahhhmen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

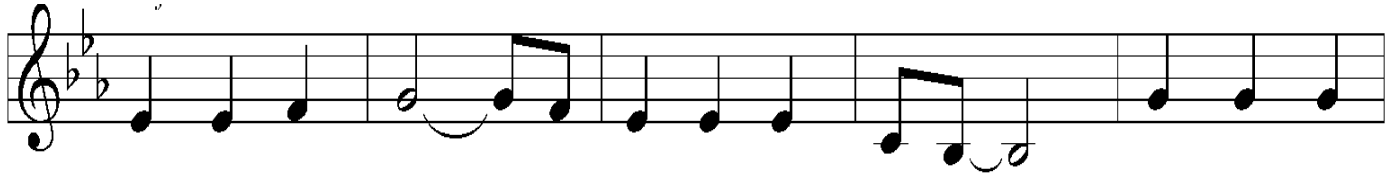
Please stand in body or spirit.

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

You may be Seated

Offertory



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:

You alone, O God, by your gracious and life-giving Spirit,
have power to knit our imperfect hearts,
our weaknesses, our strengths, our stories,
and our gifts, one to another.

All Unite Your people and multiply our meager offerings, O Lord,
that all might resound to Your glory. Amen.

Holy Communion

P The Lord be with you

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 Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him, we find our purpose,
seeking to serve his purposes in our lives.
Your Spirit anointed him to bring welcome for those who needed it
most:
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

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.

And so, in remembrance of your wonder-filled acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ –
May we become what we have freely received
...the body of Christ.

By your Spirit, seal our connection with Christ,
our connection with each other,
and our connection to all the world through our ministry
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

**All Through your Son Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and forever.
Amen.**

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 There is a place for you at the table of God. Come receive the food that does not perish, the taste of life eternal.

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 available –ask the communion attendant

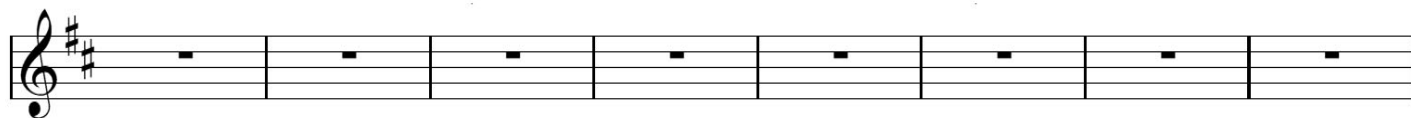
Communion Songs

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Leaning In

A Prayer of Intention

Christopher Grundy



We pray_ for the lone - ly ones know-ing that some of us are
We pray_ for the wound-ed ones know-ing that some of us are
We pray_ for the starv-ing ones know-ing that some of us are
We pray_ for the dy - ing ones know-ing that some of us are



lone - ly___ and We pray_ for the heart - bro - ken
wound-ed and we pray_ for the re - gret ful
starv - ing___ and we pray_ for the im - pris oned
dy - ing___ and we pray_ for the new - ly___ born



ones know-ing that some of us are__ heart - brok - en.___
ones know-ing that some of us are__ re - gret-ful.
ones know-ing that some of us are__ im - pris-oned
ones know-ing that some of us are__ ar - riv - ing.



All - our hearts and minds are lean-ing in__ with clear in - ten tion__



join - ing in your way of love__ in__ the world.
heal-ing
just - ice
love__

There is an Everlasting Kindness

(The Compassion Hymn)

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Stuart Townsend



1. There is an ev - er - last - ing kind - ness You lav - ished on us, when the ra - dian - ce of hea - ven came to
pass - ion for the hurt - ing. You reached out Your hand as the lame ran to meet You and the
neath the cross of Cal - v'ry and gazed on Your face at the thorns of op - press - ion and the
ful the feet that car - ry__ this Gos - pel of peace to the fields of in - just - ice and the



res - cue the lost. You called the sheep with - out a shep - herd to leave their dis - tress for Your
dead breathed a - gain. You saw be - hind the eyes of sor - row and shared in our tears; heard the
wounds of dis - grace; for sure - ly You have borne our suff - 'ring and car - ried our grief, as You
val - leys of need. To be a voice of hope and heal - ing, to ans - wer the cries of the



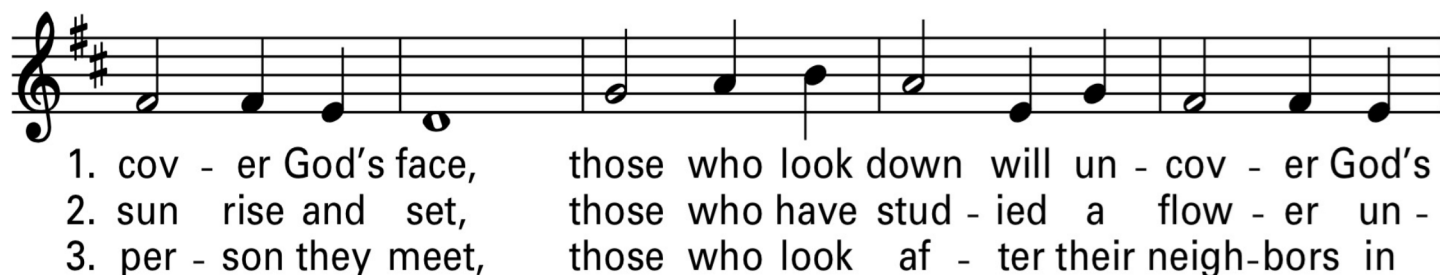
streams of for - give - ness and the shade of your rest.
sigh of the wear - y, let the child - ren draw
par - doned the scoff - er and showed grace to the
hun - gry and help - less with the mer - cy of



2. And with com - near. } What bound - less love, what fath - om - less grace You have shown us, O
thief. }
Christ. }



THOSE WHO SEE LIGHT Nancy Elze



1. path, those who per - ceive God is here with us
 2. fold, those who have fo - cused on land, sea, and
 3. need, those who be - lieve God's now liv - ing in

1. now will see God's re - turn.
 2. sky have seen Je - sus Christ.
 3. them will see God's re - turn.

Post Communion Blessing & 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 Life-giving God,
 through this meal you have bandaged our
 wounds and fed us with your mercy.

**All Now send us forth to live for others,
 both friend and stranger,
 that all may come to know your love.
 This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen**

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

*Release of Call - Pastor Debra Jimenez
 and
 Farewell & Godspeed
 James & Debra Jimenez*

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P May all that is unforgiven in you, be released.
May your fears yield their deepest tranquilities.
May all that is un-lived in you, blossom into a future,
graced with love.

John O'Donohue

All Amen.

Sending

My Life Is In You

Words and Music by
Daniel Gardner

The musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of several staves of music with lyrics underneath. The score includes a repeat sign at the beginning, a 'Last time to Coda' instruction with a Coda symbol, and a final Coda section. The lyrics are: '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.'

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.

Dismissal

WA Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has forgiven you. *Ephesians 4:23*
Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

All Thanks be to God.

Readings for next week
October 11th
Pentecost 20

First Reading:

Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalm:

Psalm 23

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel:

Matthew 22:1-14

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