



October 11, 2026

20th 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

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 Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
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 _____



all a - bout You, _____ all a - bout You, _____ Je - sus. _____



I'm sor - ry, Lord, for the thing _____ I've _____ made _____ it, when it's _____



all a - bout You, _____ all a - bout You, _____ Je - sus. _____

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 Lord of the feast,
you have prepared a table before all peoples
and poured out your life with abundance.

All Call us again to your banquet.

**Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure,
and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

You may be Seated

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

A Reading from Isaiah, the 25th Chapter

¹ O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Isaiah 25:1-9

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading of Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

- ³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- ⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Psalm 23

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

A Reading from Philippians, the 4th Chapter

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ 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. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:1-9

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

O - pen the eyes____ of my heart,____ Lord,____

o - pen the eyes____ of my heart;____ I want to see You,____

I want to see You.____

Gospel Reading

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Matthew 22:1-14

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.

Sermon

Pr. Gordon Young

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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.**

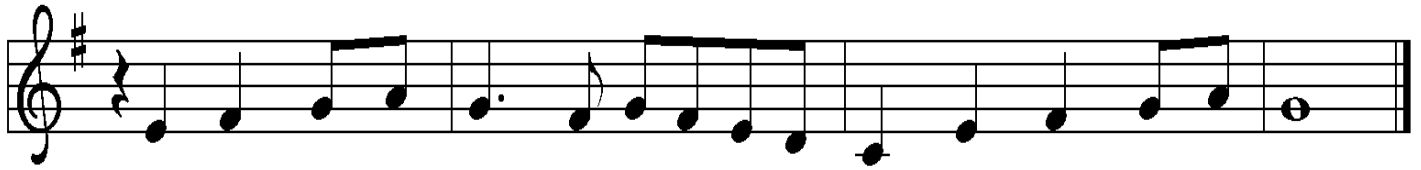
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of 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 Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new,
we pray for the church and the world.



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 the Peace of Christ

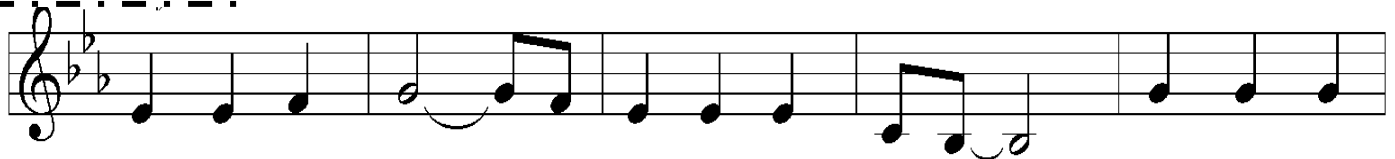
Please stand in body or spirit.

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:

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you
and in love to our neighbors, today and always. 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 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 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

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring
It is in par - don - ing that we are



love;
hope;
par - doned,

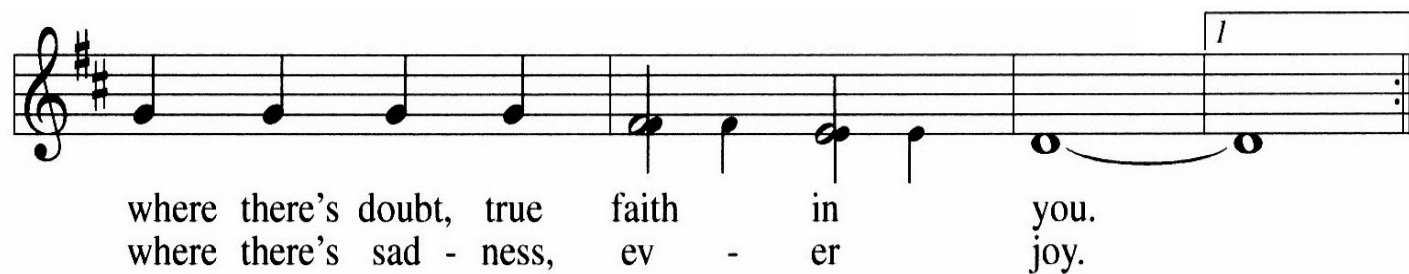
where there is in - ju -
where there is dark - ness,
in giv - ing of our -

last time to Coda ⊕



ry, your par - don, Lord;
..... on - ly light;
selves that we re -

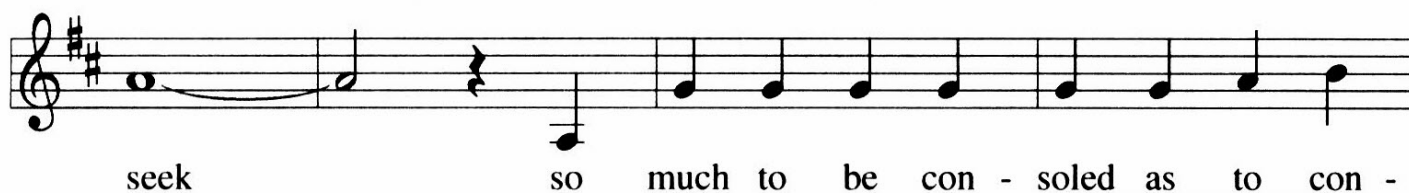
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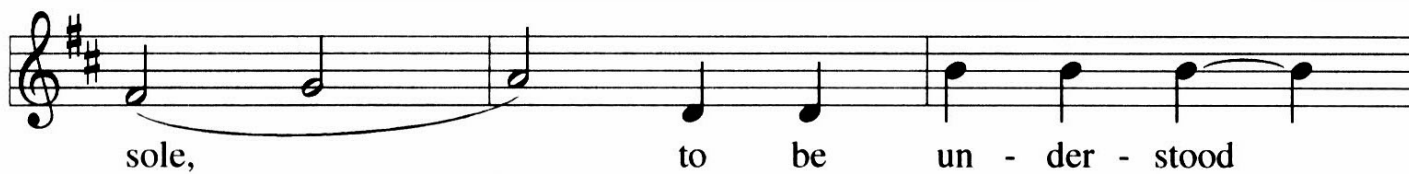
where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er



seek so much to be con - soled as to con -



sole, to be un - der - stood



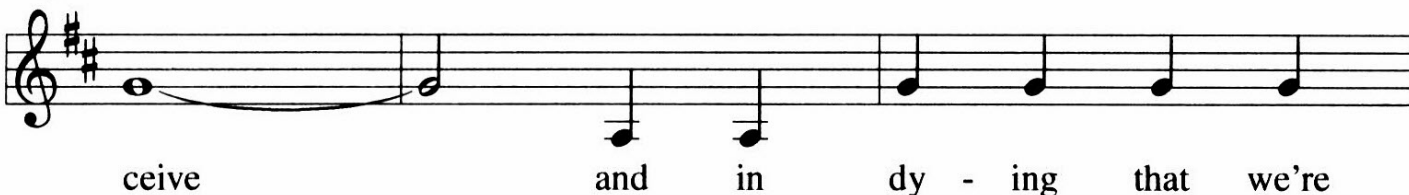
as to un - der - stand, to be



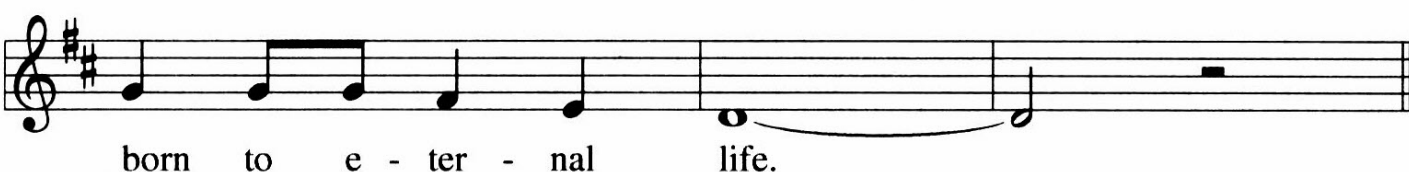
loved as to love with all my soul.

D.C. (stanza 4) al coda

⊕ *Coda*



ceive and in dy - ing that we're



born to e - ter - nal life.

Sanctuary

Words and Music by
John W. Thompson
and Randy Scruggs



Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, — pure and ho - ly, tried and



true; — With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a



liv - ing — sanc - tu - ar - y for — You.

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

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

All Amen.

Sending

We Love You, Praise You, Give You the Glory

by Don Roseland

We love you, praise you, give you the glo-ry, love You,
praise you, give you the glo-ry, We love You, praise You give You the
glo - ry, Hon-or Your Ho - ly Name. We Name. We
love You, praise You, give You the glo-ry, Love you, praise You,
give You the glo-ry. We love You, praise You, give You the glo - ry.
Hon- or Your Ho - ly Name.

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 18th
Pentecost 20

First Reading:	Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm:	Psalm 96:1-13
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Gospel:	Matthew 22:15-22

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