



October 18, 2026

21st 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

Be Still And Know

Words and Music by
Steven Curtis Chapman



1 Be still___ and know___ that He___ is God.___
2 Be still___ and know___ that He___ is God.___
3 Be still___ and know___ that He___ is God.___



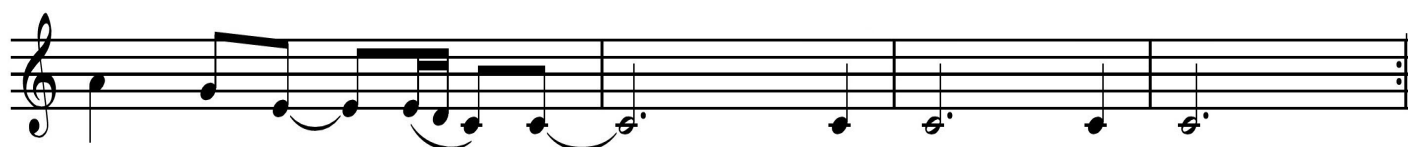
Be still___ and know___ that He___ is___ ho - ly.___
Be still___ and know___ that He___ is___ faith - ful.___
Be still___ and know___ He is___ our___ Fa - ther.___



Be still,___ oh, rest - less soul___ of mine.___
Con - sid - er all___ that He___ has done.___
Come rest___ your head___ up - on___ His breast;___



___ Bow be - fore the Prince___ of___ Peace.___
___ Stand in awe and be___ a - mazed,___ and know that
___ Lis - ten to the rhy - thm___ of___ His un -



noise and clam - or___ cease.___
He will nev - er___ change.___
fail - ing heart___ of___ love,___

Be still.
Be still. Be still.
Be still. Be still.

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 Sovereign God,
raise your throne in our hearts.

All Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you,
let us act for your glory; redeemed by you,
let us give you what is yours,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be Seated

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

A Reading from Isaiah, the 45th Chapter

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
² I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Isaiah 45:1-7

WA The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading of Psalm 96

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
³ Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

- ⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.
- ¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will
judge the peoples with equity."**
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all
that is therein.
- ¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your
coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**
- ¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

Psalm 96: 1-9 (10-13)

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians, the 1st Chapter

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our
prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work
of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus
Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

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

Gospel Reading

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

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

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

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Matthew 22:15-22

P The Gospel of our Lord.

***All* Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated

Children's Sermon

Nancy Otto

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.

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Words and Music by
Billy Foote



I'm for - giv - en____ be - cause You were____ for - sak - en.



I'm ac - cept - ed;____ You were____ con - demned.____



I'm a - live____ and well,____ Your Spir - it is____ with - in____ me be -



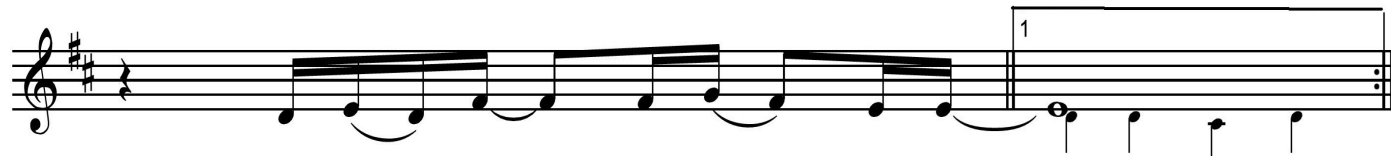
cause You died____ and rose____ a - gain.____ A - maz - ing love,____ how____



____ can____ it be____ that You, my____ King,____ would die____ for me?____



A - maz - ing love,____ I____ know____ it's true;____



it's my____ joy____ to hon - or You.____



In all____ I____ do____ I hon - or You.____

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.**

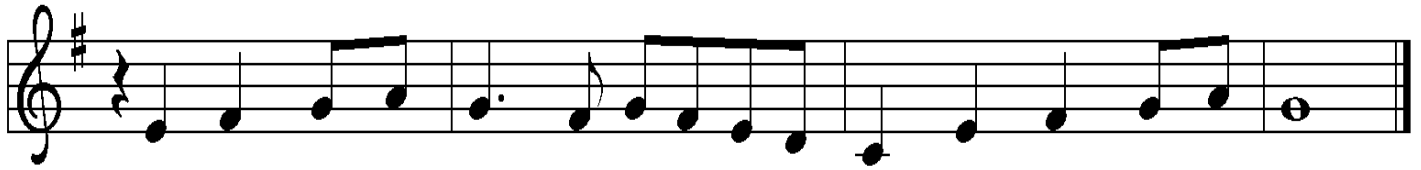
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of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

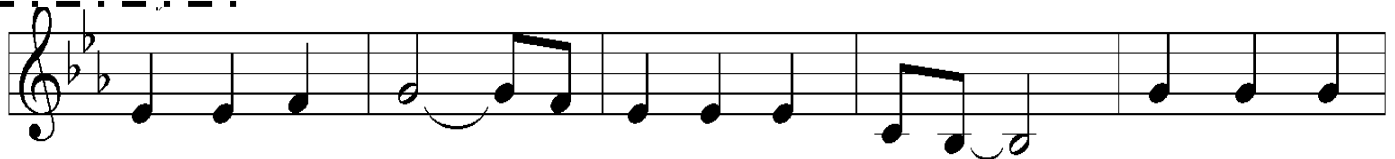
Please stand in body or spirit.

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.

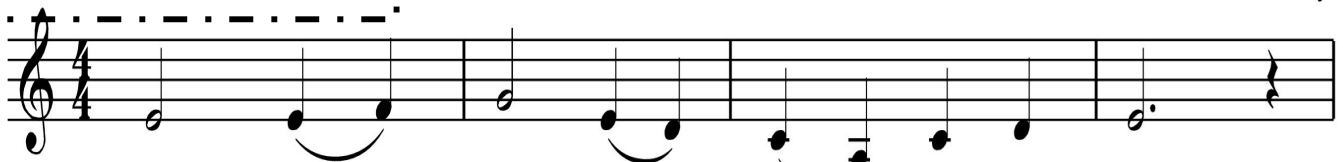
Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

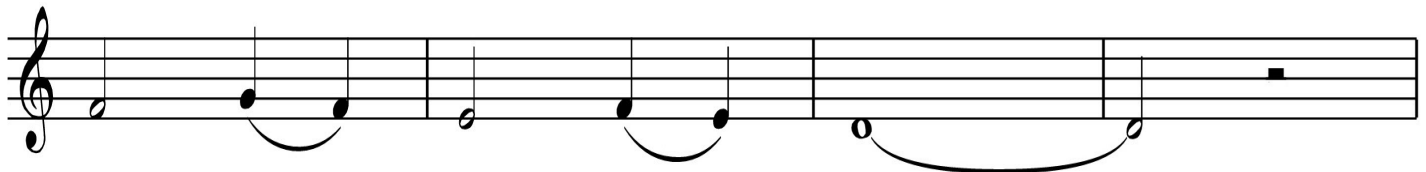
Communion Songs

Seek Ye First

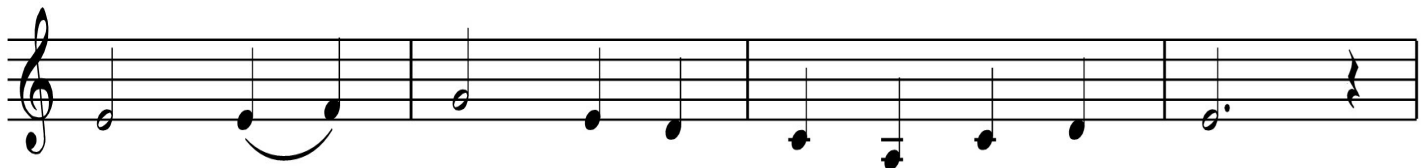
Words and Music by
Karen Lafferty



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Man shall not live by bread a - lone
3 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you,



and His right - eous - ness,
but by ev - 'ry word
Seek and ye shall find,



And all these things shall be add - ed un - to you-
That pro - ceeds from the mouth of God-
Knock and the door shall be o - pened un - to you-



Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Above All

Words and Music by
Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloché

(1) A - bove all pow - ers, a - bove all kings, a - bove all
na - ture and all cre - a - ted things; A - bove all
wis - dom and all the ways of man,
You were here be - fore the world be - gan. (2) A - bove all
king - doms, a - bove all thrones, a - bove all
won - ders the world has ev - er known; A - bove all
wealth and treas - ures of the earth,
there's no way to meas - ure what You're worth.
Cru - ci - fied, laid be - hind the stone; You lived to die, re -
ject - ed and a - lone; Like a rose, tram - pled on the ground,
You took the fall, and thought of me, a - bove
all.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of 14 staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The score includes various musical notations such as quarter notes, eighth notes, and rests. The first staff begins with a key signature change from C major to D major. The piece concludes with a final double bar line on the 14th staff.

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

Shout To The Lord Words and Music by
Darlene Zschech



might - y love. My com - fort, my shel - ter,
Tow - er of ref - uge and strength;____ Let ev - 'ry breath,____
____ all that I am,____ nev - er cease to wor - ship You.____
Shout to the Lord,____ all the earth,____ let us sing.____
Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise____ to the King.____
Moun - tains bow down____ and the seas____ will roar____ at the
sound____ of Your name.____ I sing for joy____ at the work____
____ of Your hands,____ for - ev - er I'll love____ You, for - ev -
er I'll stand,____ noth - ing com - pares____ to the prom -
ise I have____ 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 25th
Pentecost 22

First Reading:	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Psalm:	Psalm 1
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8
Gospel:	Matthew 22: 34-46

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