

# *4th Sunday after Pentecost*

"Teacher, do you  
not care that  
we are perishing?"

Seriously?

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*All are welcome!*

Welcome to all God's guests, including those who call themselves "members" of this church named Ascension Lutheran Church more than 50 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.

## *Introduction*

*Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation!  
Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but  
Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the  
storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they  
would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called  
to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power  
greater than all that we fear.*

# Welcome to Worship

## Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

*P* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**All Amen**

*P* Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our provider,

**All help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life**

**and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

*P* Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**All Amen.**

## *Opening Song*

# The Heart of Worship

Verse 1

When the music fades all is stripped away  
And I simply come,  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth  
That will bless Your heart.

I'll bring You more than a song  
for a song in itself is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You all about You Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

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## *The Greeting*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

## *Prayer of the Day*

**P** O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea,  
sunshine and storm.

**All** By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom  
instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

## *A Reading from Job, the 38<sup>th</sup> chapter*

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man,  
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?  
Tell me, if you have understanding.

<sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know!  
Or who stretched the line upon it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone  
<sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together  
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

<sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling  
band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,

<sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,  
and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

*Job 38:1-11*

*L* The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God!**

## *A Reading from 2 Corinthians, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter*

*Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

*2 Corinthians 6:1-13*

*L* The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God!**

## *Gospel Acclamation*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

♪ ♪ Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. ♪ ♪  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

## *Gospel Reading*

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.*

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

*Mark 4:35-41*

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

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

*You may be Seated*

*Hymn of the Day**Please stand in body or spirit.***How Great Thou Art**

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
 consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
 I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
 thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
 how great thou art! How great thou art!  
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
 how great thou art! How great thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
 I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
 when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
 and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; *Refrain*

3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
 that on the cross my burden gladly bearing  
 he bled and died to take away my sin; *Refrain*

4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
 and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

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## *Apostles' Creed*

*P* Let us join together with one voice 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.**

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## *Prayers of Intercession*

*L* Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

♪ ♪ The Spirit intercedes for us  
with sign too deep for words to express. Oh, oh. ♪ ♪

*(each prayer petition ends with)*

*L:* Lord, in your mercy

***All:* You hear our prayer.**

## *Sharing the Peace*

*In our continued physical distancing out of love for the health of one another, we will share the peace of our risen Lord by “speaking” that peace through sign language.*

*P* Christ become peace with you.

***All* And also with you.**

## *Offering*

*While we still will not physically pass the offering plates we will continue to have the plates available at the entrance to receive your offerings and will lift them up in thanksgiving before the throne of grace.*

♪ ♪ Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, ♪ ♪  
give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich,”  
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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## *Offertory Prayer*

*P* Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.

***All*** Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the  
world. Amen.

## *The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution*

*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*

*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 has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

## *Sharing the Meal*

♪ ♪ Oh Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God.  
I love the holy Lamb of God.  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. ♪ ♪

## *Post Communion Blessing*

*P* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All** Amen

# *Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements*

## *Benediction*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*P* The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✝ be upon you now and forever.

*All* Amen.

## *Sending Song*

### **God is Good All the Time**

#### **Chorus**

God is good all the time!  
He put a song of praise in this heart of mine.  
God is good all the time!  
Through the darkest night His light will shine.  
God is good! God is good all the time!

Though I may not understand all the plans You have for me,  
My life is in Your hands and through the eyes of faith I can clearly see ...*Chorus*

#### **(Ending)**

God is good; He's so good. God is good; He's so good.  
God is good; He's so good all the time!

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## *Dismissal*

*P* You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday,  
June 27

<b>First Reading:</b>	Lamentations 3:22-33
<b>Psalm:</b>	Psalm 30
<b>Second Reading:</b>	2 Corinthians 8:7-15
<b>Gospel:</b>	Mark 5:21-43

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