

*5th Sunday after  
Pentecost*



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# Ascension Lutheran Church

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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*

*A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.*

# 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

### As We Gather

As we gather may Your Spirit work within us  
As we gather may we glorify Your name  
Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship  
We'll be blessed because we came  
We'll be blessed because we came

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## The Greeting

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people.

**All** Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

[You may be Seated](#)

## A Reading from Lamentations, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter

*The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.*

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.  
<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.  
<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,  
<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,  
<sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),  
<sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not reject forever.  
<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;  
<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

*Lamentations 3:22-33*

L The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God!**

*A Reading from 2 Corinthians, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter*

*Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.*

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means.

<sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there

should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup> your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance.

<sup>15</sup> As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

*2 Corinthians 8:7-15*

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 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.*

<sup>21</sup> When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup> Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup> and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup> So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup> Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup> She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup> She had heard about Jesus,

and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup> for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup> Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

<sup>30</sup> Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” <sup>31</sup> And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” <sup>32</sup> He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup> But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup> He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup> While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup> But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” <sup>37</sup> He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup> When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

<sup>39</sup> When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup> And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!”

<sup>42</sup> And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup> He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

**Mark 5:21-43**

*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.](#)

## Spirit Song

Verse 1

Oh let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love  
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.  
Oh let Him have those things that hold you and His Spirit like a dove  
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Chorus

Jesus oh Jesus come and fill Your lambs  
Jesus oh Jesus come and fill Your lambs

Verse 2

Oh come and sing this song with gladness  
As your hearts are filled with joy  
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name  
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain  
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

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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.

[You may be Seated](#)

### *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* It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer  
thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who by his death  
on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death  
and gave life to all creation.

## Remember Me

### Verse 1

On the night You were betrayed You took the bread.  
After giving thanks You broke it and said,  
“This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember Me.  
This is My body broken for you, and as you eat it remember Me.”

### Verse 2

On the night You were betrayed You held the cup.  
After giving thanks You lifted it up  
“This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.  
“This is My blood poured out for you, and as you drink it remember Me.

### Verse 3 (All)

So we thank You for the wine and for the bread;  
For we see the life You gave and the blood You shed.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
    You gave Your body You shed Your blood.  
And we remember Your wondrous love  
    You gave Your body You shed Your blood.

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## *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**

# *Farewell and Godspeed to Nancy Gale*

## *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*

### **Days Of Elijah**

#### **Verse 1**

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;  
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses,  
Righteousness being restored'  
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and sword;  
Still we are the voice inn the desert crying "Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

#### **Chorus**

Behold He comes, Riding on the clouds,  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;  
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee,  
And out of Zion's hill Salvation comes.

#### **Verse 2**

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;  
And these are the days of Your servant, David,  
Rebuilding a temple of praise;  
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in the world;  
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard declaring the Word of the Lord!

#### **Bridge**

There is no god like Jehovah! There is no god like Jehovah!  
There is no god like Jehovah! There is no god like Jehovah! (hey)

## Dismissal

*P* 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 Sunday,  
July 4th

<b>First Reading:</b>	Ezekiel 2:1-5
<b>Psalm:</b>	Psalm 123
<b>Second Reading:</b>	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
<b>Gospel:</b>	Mark 6:1-13

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