

12th Sunday after Pentecost

*Arguing with a
Picky Eater*



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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

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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

Come and Behold Him

Verse 1

Come and behold Him, Come see His glory
Come with an honest heart to see all He is
We will discover all of His beauty
His light will burn away all the darkness we've known

Chorus

Come and behold Him. Come and behold Him.
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.
Come and behold Him. Wait now before Him.
Come with an honest heart to see all He is.

Verse 2

Come and behold Him. Come see His mercy.
Come find His tenderness reaching to you.
Just as a mirror shows a reflection
His Word and Spirit come now reflecting His love.

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The Greeting

P The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world.

All Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Proverbs, the 9th chapter

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

¹Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, ⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says, ⁵“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

Proverbs 9:1-6

L The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from Ephesians, the 5th chapter

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-20

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Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

♪ ♪ Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. ♪ ♪

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

John 6:51-58

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Feed Us Now

Verse 1

Feed us now Bread of Life in this holy meal
Let us know Your love anew, we hunger for You.
Feed us now Bread of Life, come and live within.
Let Your peace be ours today, Lord Jesus we pray.

Verse 2

Piece of bread glass of wine, Lord this food is good.
Love and mercy come to us, Your promise we trust.
Piece of bread glass of wine, who can understand
How His mercy works in these? Yet Lord we believe.

Verse 3

God is here O so near, nearer than our thoughts.
Stay with us where'er we go, Lord help us to grow.
God is here O so near in this heaven's meal.
May we always feed on You on the Bread that's true.

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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 Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

♪ ♪ I cast all my cares upon You. ♪ ♪
I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my care upon You.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God, 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.

♪ ♪ Praise God from whom all blessings flow ♪ ♪
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise God above, Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

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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

P The body of Christ broken for you.

***All* Amen**

P The blood of Christ shed for you.

***All* Amen**

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

Great is the Lord

Verse

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Chorus

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord,
Now, lift up your voice! Now, lift up your voice!
Great is the Lord! *(2nd time to ending)*

Ending

Great are You Lord!

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.

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Readings for next Sunday,
August 22nd

First Reading:	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm:	Psalm 34:15-22
Second Reading:	Ephesians 6:10-20
Gospel:	John 6:56-69

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