

you + talkin'
to me?



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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 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.

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however please know
a nursery is provided for children under 4 years of age.

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Introduction

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

Welcome to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand as you are able.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

All Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**All we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

P Rejoice in this good news:

In ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

All Amen.

Opening Song

As We Gather

Chorus

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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Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

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

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty and ever-living God,

***All* increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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A Reading from Jeremiah, the 1st chapter

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Jeremiah 1:4-10

L Word of God, Word of Light.

All Thanks be to God

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 71

Please join in a responsive reading of the Psalm. Leader will read the light print while the congregation responds with the bold.

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

⁵For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,
my confidence since I was young.

⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother’s
womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

A Reading from 1 Corinthians, the 13th chapter

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

L Word of God, Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God

♪ ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? ♪ ♪

You have the words of eternal life.

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

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Luke 4:21-30

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Borning Cry

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."
- 3 "In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."
- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

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Baptism—*see insert*

Baptism of Yanis Ray Debick

Son of Jeffrey *and* Marielle Debick

Sponsors: Charles Debick *and* Kayla Silvio

Prayers of the People

L The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

*♪ ♪ O Lord, hear our prayer we offer up to you;
O Lord, hear our prayer. ♪ ♪*

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God of grace, 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

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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.

*♪ ♪ All that we have and all that we offer ♪ ♪
comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need,
all done in your name.*

Offertory Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey.

All Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

P The Holy One be with you

All And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up to our God.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;
In the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him you beloved Son,
And in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

Verse 1 (Presider)

♪ ♪ 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 (Presider)

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 Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, praying as Jesus taught:

***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 Come to God's table.
There is a place for you and enough for all.

Post Communion Blessing *and* Prayer

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

***All* Amen**

P We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

***All* Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Stewardship of Life and Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in, today 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!

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Dismissal

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Share the good news.

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