

Huh?



Abraham

Seriously?



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6th 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 60 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

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.

Welcome to Worship

Song of Prayer for the World

"We Pray for Peace"

(TUNE: Be Still My Soul)

We pray for peace, O Christ who calmed the waters—
who stilled the storm, who stilled disciples' fear.

You spoke with love and with amazing power;
be with us now when trouble is so near.
May leaders see the miracle you offer—
that words and deeds can calm the nations here.

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love

***All* Amen**

P Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against
God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal God our creator,

***All* in you we live and move and have our being.**

Look upon us, your children,

the work of your hands.

Forgive us all our offenses,

and cleanse us from proud thoughts

and empty desires.

By your grace draw us near to you,

our refuge and our strength;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our heart through the Holy
Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were
sinners; and for his sake, God ✝ forgives you all your sins.

***All* Amen.**

Opening Song

As We Gather

Words and Music by
Tom Coomes and Mike Fay



As we gath - er, may___ Your Spir - it work with - in us.

As we gath - er, may___ we glo - ri - fy Your name. Know - ing well that as___ our

hearts be - gin to wor - ship, we'll be blessed be - cause___ we

came,_____ we'll be blessed be - cause___ we came.

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 of the Day

P Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest.

All Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Genesis, the 18th chapter

The LORD visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ^{10a}Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

Genesis 18:1-10a

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from Colossians, the 1st chapter

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is “Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

¹⁵[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the

church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Colossians 1:15-28

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Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -



Music: Caribbean traditional

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

³⁸ Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴² there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Luke 10:38-42

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

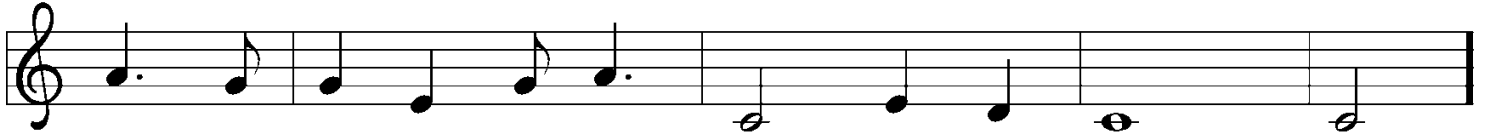
Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Give Me Jesus

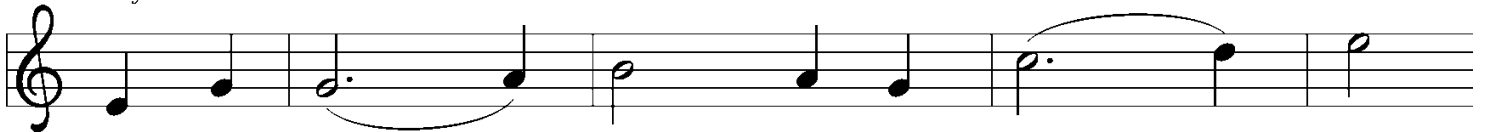


1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,

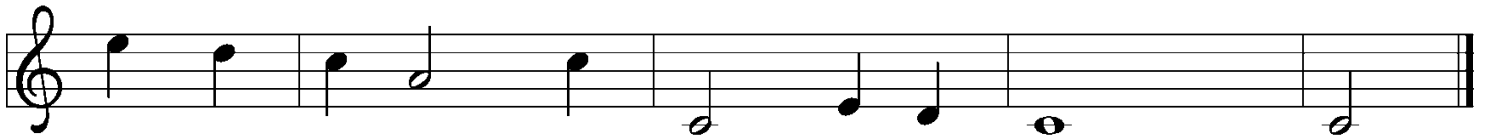


in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual Public Domain

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 United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

♪ ♪ Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, ♪ ♪

Lord make us whole:

Peace to all people, hope for each soul.

God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God of grace

All: You hear our prayer.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Passing of the Peace

P Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offering

You may be Seated



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be-cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

All Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.

Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Please stand in body or spirit.

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 In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

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

You may be Seated

You Are My All In All Words and Music by Dennis Jernigan



1 You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treas - ure that I
2 Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your



seek. You are my all in all. _____ Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
name; You are my all in all. _____ When I fall down, You pick me



jew'l, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.
up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name! _____



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is Your name!

shed for you and
for all people
 for the forgiveness of sin



All are Welcome!

In The Garden

Words and Music by
 Charles Austin Miles



1. I come to the gar-den a-lone, _____ while the dew is still on the
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice _____ is so sweet the birds hush their
 3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him _____ tho' the night a-round me be



ros-es; And the voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear, the Son of God dis-sing-ing;
 And the mel-o-dy that He gave to me with-in my heart is fall-ing;
 But He bids me go, thro' the voice of woe; His voice to me is



-clos-es. And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His
 ring-ing.
 call-ing.



own; _____ And the joy we share as we tar-ry there none oth-er has ev-er _____ known. _____

Post Communion Blessing and 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.**

*Please be seated for
Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements*

Benediction

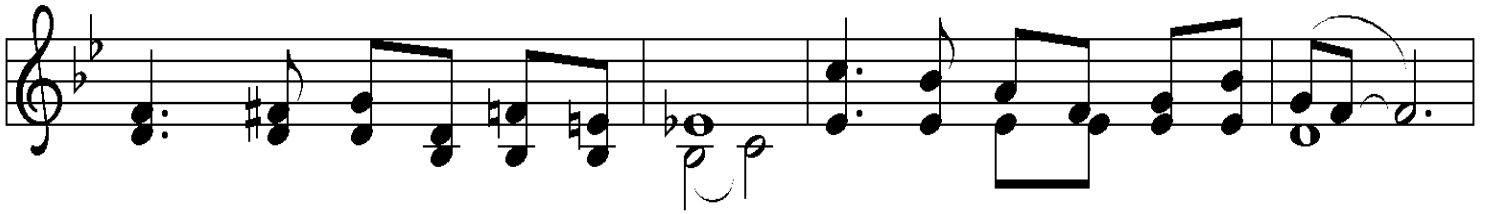
Please stand in body or spirit.

P Go out into God's world as those born of water and Spirit.
Go as those inspired and excited to know that
"God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world".
No, in fact, our God sent Jesus into the world
so that the world might be saved through him.
Go as those living in the mystery of the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.
Go knowing you are loved ✝ and are called to love each other.

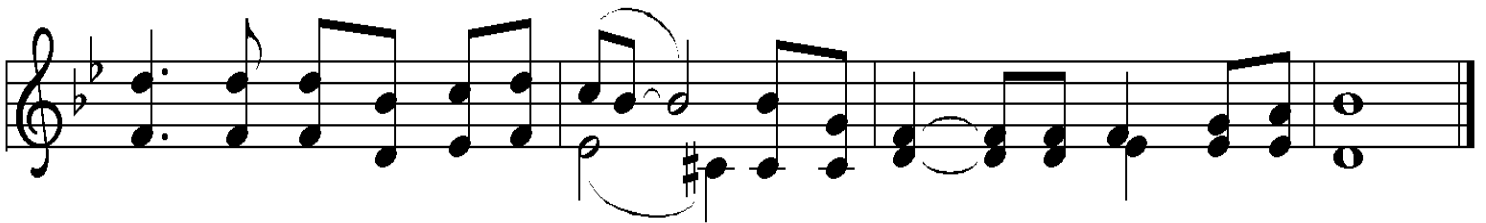
All Amen.

Sending Song

Just a Closer Walk with Thee



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

Dismissal

P Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-1

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

All Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday,
July 24th

First Reading:	Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm:	Psalm 138
Second Reading:	Colossians 2:6-19]
Gospel:	Luke 11:1-13

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