



*August 21, 2022*

*11th 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*

*Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.*

## *Welcome to Worship*

### *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

Come Let Us Worship And Bow Down Words and Music by  
Dave Doherty

Come, let us wor-ship and \_ bow down, let us kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our  
Mak - er. \_\_\_\_\_ Come, let us wor-ship and \_ bow down, let us  
kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our Mak - er. For He \_\_\_\_\_ is our God, and  
we are the peo - ple of His pas - ture, and the sheep \_\_\_\_\_ of His  
hand, just the sheep \_\_\_\_\_ of His hand.

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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.

**All** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright.

**All** Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*A Reading from Isaiah, the 58<sup>th</sup> chapter*

*God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.*

- <sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.  
<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

*Isaiah 58:9b-14*

**L** The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

## *A Reading from Hebrews, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter*

*Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.*

<sup>18</sup>You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup>See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup>At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” <sup>27</sup>This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; <sup>29</sup>for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

*Hebrews 12:18-29*

*L* The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

## 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 -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## Gospel Reading

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.*

<sup>10</sup>Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. <sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>When he said

this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Luke 13:10-17

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

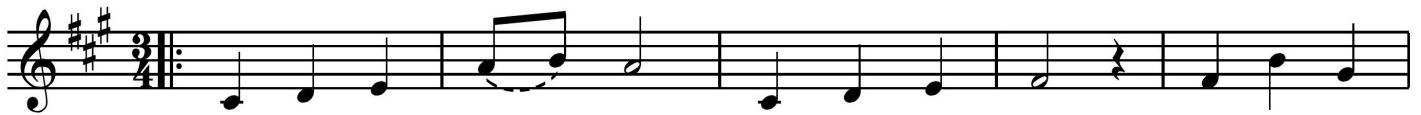
Sermon Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

### God Of The Poor

Words and Music by  
Graham Kendrick



1 Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for des - pair, Lord, in Your  
 2 Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills, work for the  
 3 Re - fuge from cruel wars, ha - vens from fear, cit - ies for



suff - 'ring world, this is our prayer. Bread for the chil - dren,  
 crafts - men, trade for their skills. Land for the dis - pos - sessed,  
 sanc - tu - 'ry, free - doms to share. Peace to the kill - ing fields,



jus - tice, joy, peace, sun - rise to sun - set Your king - dom in -  
 rights for the weak, voic - es to plead the cause of those who can't  
 scorched earth to green, Christ for the bit - ter - ness, His cross for the



crease. \_\_\_\_\_ speak.  
 pain.



God of the poor, \_\_\_\_\_ friend of the \_\_\_\_\_ weak,



give us com - pas - sion we pray, melt our cold  
 hearts, let tears fall like rain. Come change our love  
 from a spark to a flame.

## 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** Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

♪ ♪ 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:** Merciful God,     **All:** receive our prayer.

*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*

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



# All are Welcome!

*Communion Songs*

*You may be Seated*

## Healer of Our Every Ill

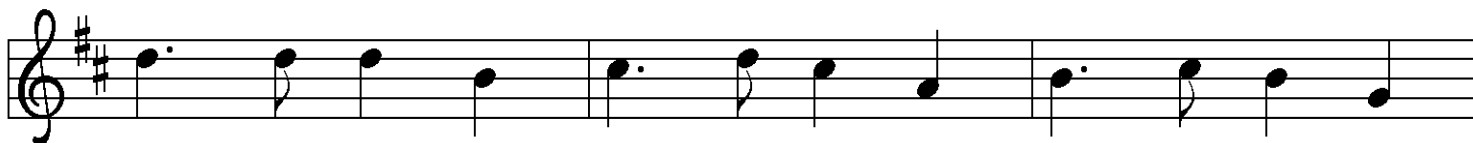
*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

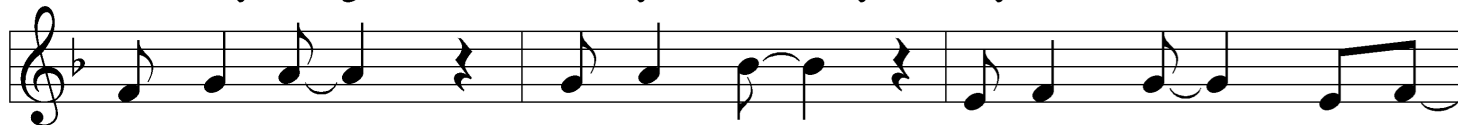
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# Lord, My Strength



1 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;  
2 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:



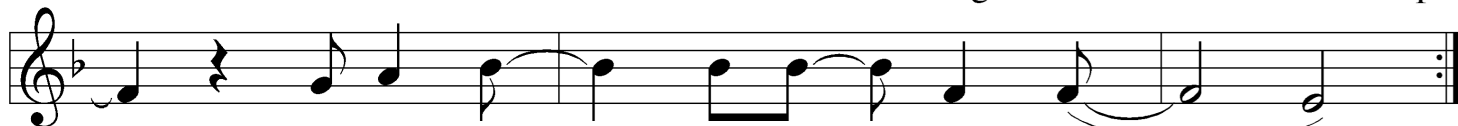
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.  
Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.



Be my eyes, be my ears, be the on -  
Ev-'ry step that I make, be the road



- ly voice I hear; guide my soul, give me sight,  
I will take; be the thoughts that I keep



help me walk with - in your light.  
and in ev - 'ry word I speak.



3 Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me through the dark;



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, heal this wan - d'ring heart.



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, you and you a - lone:



Lord, my strength, Lord, my rock, lead me safe - ly home.

*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

AS YOU GO ON YOUR WAY

John Ylvisaker

Unknown

As you go on your way may Christ go with you. May he go be-  
fore you to show you the way; May he go be- hind you to en-  
cour- age you; Be- side you to be- friend you; A- bove you to watch  
o- ver; With- in you to give you peace.

## 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,  
August 28<sup>th</sup>

**First Reading:** Proverbs 25:6-7

**Psalm:** Psalm 112

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

**Gospel:** Luke 14:1, 7-14

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