

*Together in Jesus Christ  
We are free by grace to  
live faithfully,  
Witness boldly  
and serve joyfully.*

# GodsWorkOurHands

*September 11, 2022*

*14th 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*

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

## *Welcome to Worship*

### *Confession and Forgiveness*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who is eager to forgive  
and who loves us beyond our days.

***All* Amen.**

*P* Dear friends, together let us acknowledge  
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness

***All* we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice,**

**love kindness,**

**and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**

**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

*P* Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ✝ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,

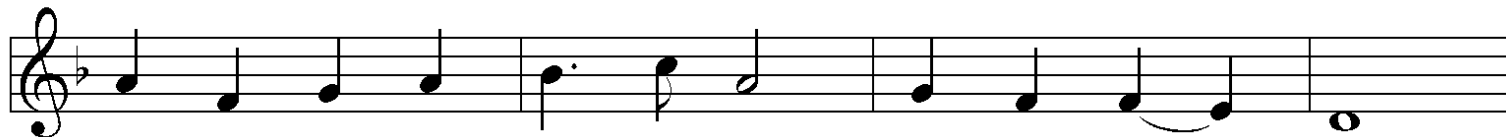
who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God's abiding love

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

***All* Amen.**

## Kyrie



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

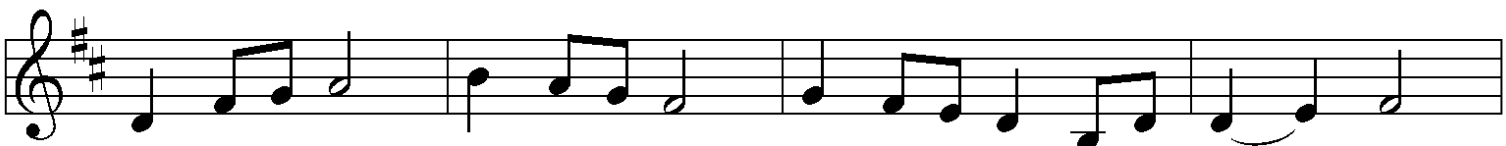


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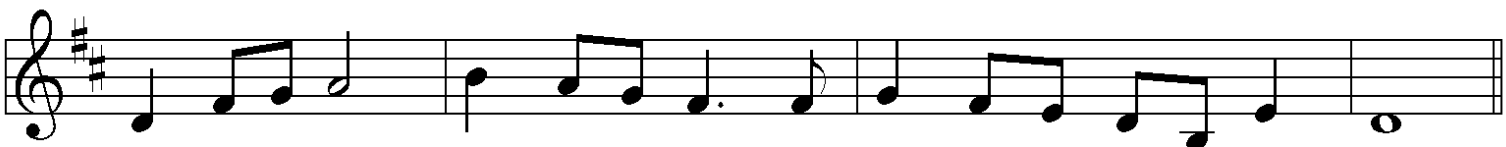


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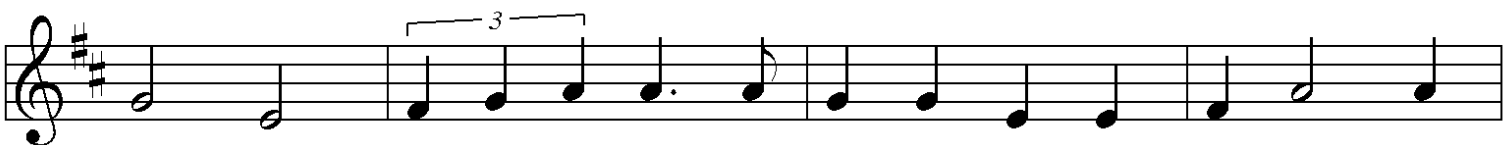
## Opening Song of Praise



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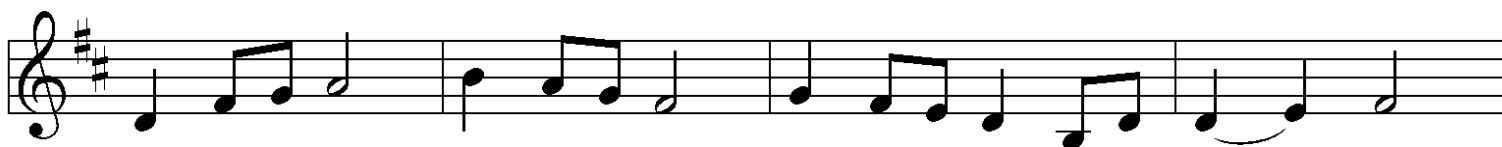
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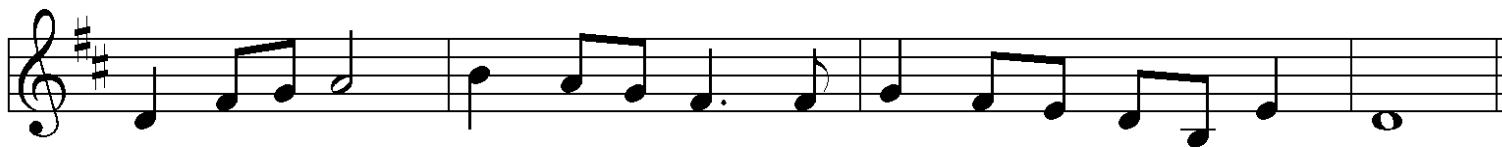
**I** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



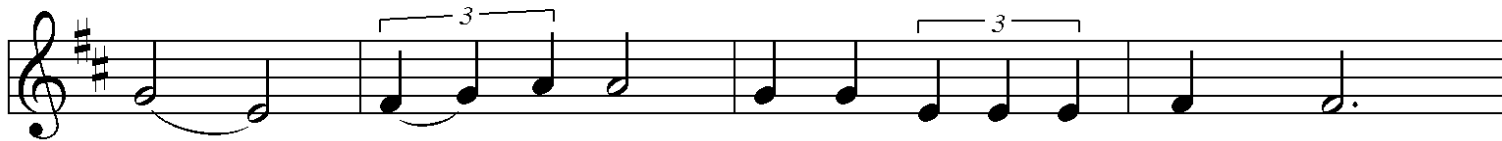
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



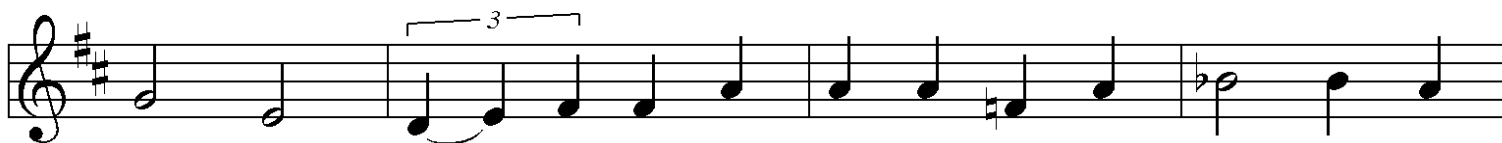
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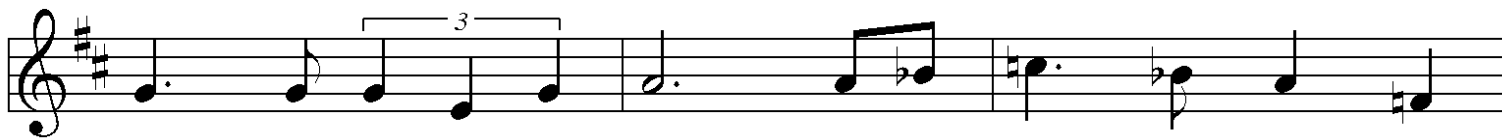
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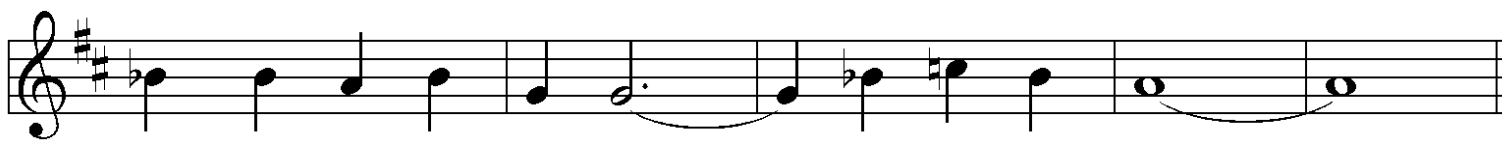
**☐** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



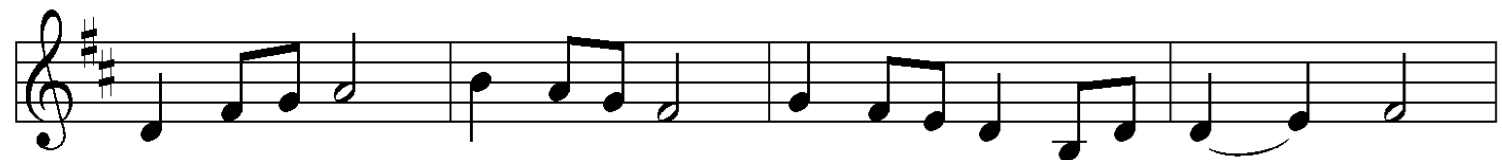
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



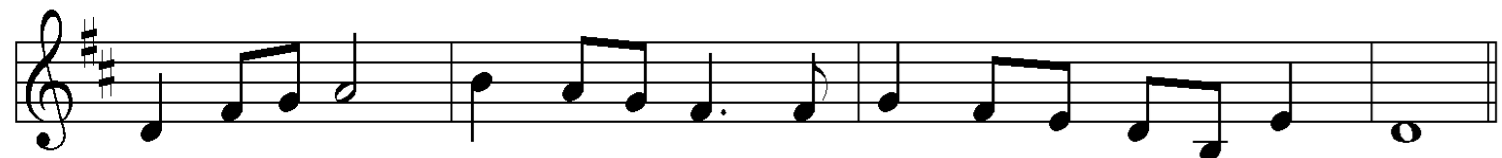
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



**☐** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



**☐** For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.  
☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth,  
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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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray.

**All** Preserve your people in your loving care,  
that we may reject whatever is contrary to you  
and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

*A Reading from Exodus, the 32<sup>nd</sup> chapter*

*While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.*

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people.

<sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

*Exodus 32:7-14*

L The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

*A Reading from 1 Timothy, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter*

*The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was

formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,<sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.<sup>15</sup> The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost.<sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life.<sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

*1 Timothy 1:12-17*

**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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*Gospel Reading*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.*

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.]

<sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow



welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

*Luke 15:1-10*

*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.*

### Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for  
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for  
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

*Refrain*

watch-ing for you and for me.  
mer - cies for you and for me?  
par - don for you and for me.

“Come home,      come home!  
Come home,      come home!

You who are wea-ry, come home.”      Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, “O sin - ner, come home!”

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909  
Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

### *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.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

*You may be Seated*

**L** As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.



Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing. Lord, send Your Spir - it in this  
place; Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing, send us  
love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*(each prayer petition ends with)*

**L:** God of grace,     **All:** You hear our prayer.

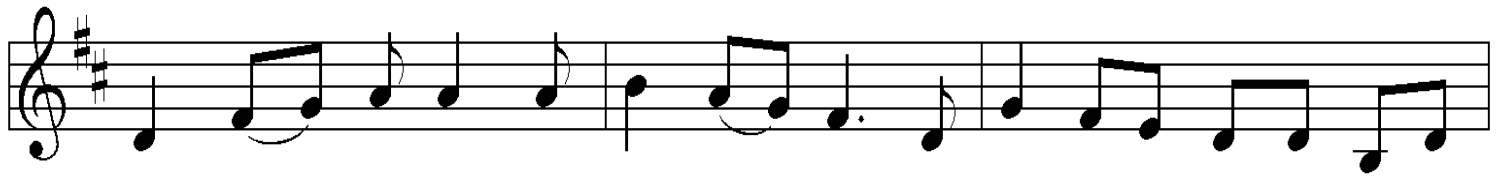
*Passing of the Peace*

**P** Christ become peace with you.

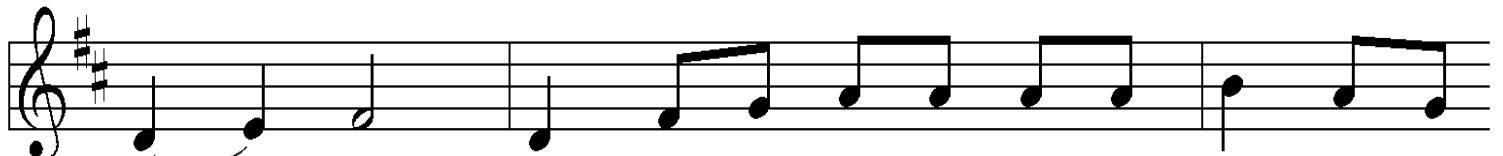
**All** And also with you.

*Offering*

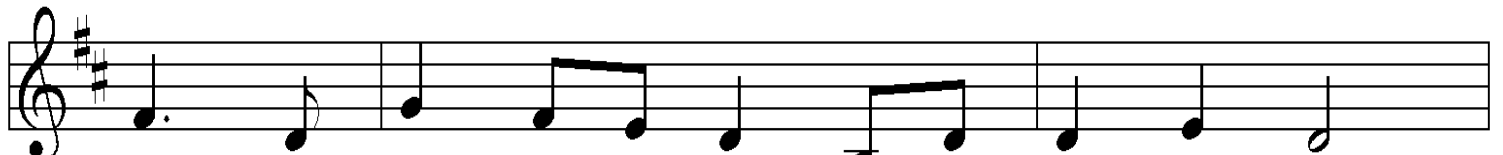
*You may be Seated*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*Offertory Prayer*

*P* Gracious God,  
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

**All** Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,  
and make us ready to share with all in need;  
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. 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.

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 invites you to this table.  
Come, taste and see.  
All are welcome.

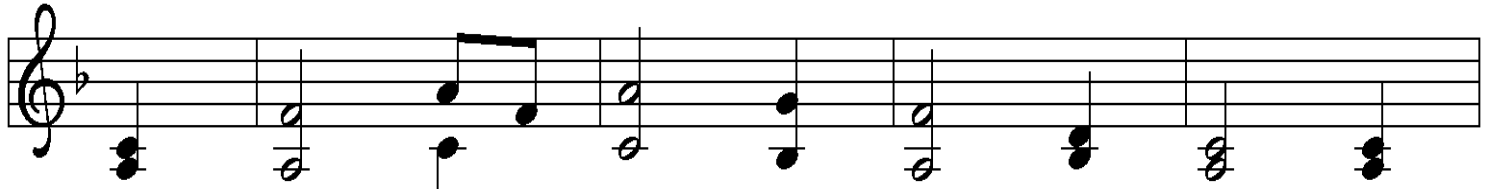
Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.  
*Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant*

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

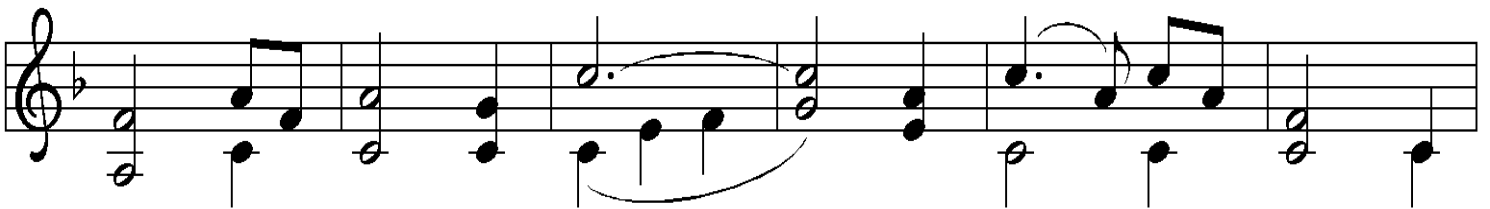


**All are Welcome!**

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

# Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.  
Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.  
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, O  
Lord, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the words. The first two staves form the first line of the song, the next two form the second line, and the final four staves form the third line. The music ends with a double bar line on the eighth staff.

Text: Psalm 51:10-12  
Music: CREATE IN ME, anonymous



*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* God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**All Amen.**

# Sending Song

## Pass It On

Words and Music by  
Kurt Kaiser



1. It \_\_\_ on - ly takes a spark to get a fire \_\_\_ go - ing, \_\_\_\_\_
2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are bud - ding. \_\_\_\_\_
3. I \_\_\_ wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that I've \_\_\_ found \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_ and soon all those a - round can warm up to its  
\_\_\_ The birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their  
\_\_\_ You can de - pend on Him, it mat - ters not where



glow - ing; \_\_\_\_\_ That's how it is with God's \_\_\_ love,  
bloom - ing. \_\_\_\_\_ That's how it is with God's \_\_\_ love,  
you're \_\_\_ bound; \_\_\_\_\_ I'll shout it from the moun - tain - top,



once you've ex - per - i - enced it: \_\_\_ You spread His love to  
once you've ex - per - i - enced it: \_\_\_ You want to sing, it's  
I want my world \_\_\_ to know: \_\_\_ The Lord of love has



ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on. \_\_\_\_\_  
fresh like spring, you want to pass it on. \_\_\_\_\_  
come to me, I want to pass it on. \_\_\_\_\_

*Dismissal*

*P* Be alert. Continue strong in the faith. Have courage and be strong.  
Do everything in love.

*1 Corinthians 16:13-14*

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday,  
September 18<sup>th</sup>

**First Reading:**

**Amos 8:4-7**

**Psalm:**

**Psalm 113**

**Second Reading:**

**1 Timothy 2:1-7**

**Gospel:**

**Luke 16:1-13**

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