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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

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential.

The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

## Welcome to Worship

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

- 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 Ο **A** Ky - ri - e **C** Lord, have mer le - i - son: e \_ cy. *Lord*, . . . . have mer cy: θ A Chri le **G** Christ, have mer ste i - son: e cy. -Christ, . . . have mer cy: -Ο **A** Ky - ri - e **C** Lord, have e - le - i - son: mer cy. have mer -Lord, . . . . cy: Opening Song of Praise **G** Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est; glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. glo-ry to God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and **I** Lord God, Fa - ther, we 0

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





- 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.



- P Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us.
- All When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be Seated

## A Reading from Habakkuk, the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> chapters

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. <sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous therefore judgment comes forth perverted. <sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

L The word of the Lord

## All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 37

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

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. <sup>2</sup>For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. <sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD<sup>1</sup> and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture. <sup>4</sup>Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire. <sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do. <sup>6</sup>The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun. <sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes. <sup>8</sup>Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

Psalm 37:1-9

A Reading from 2 Timothy, the 1st chapter

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

2 Timothy 1:1-14



#### *L* The word of the Lord

#### All Thanks be to God!



Gospel Reading

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

## All Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus said to his disciples, "Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to anyone by whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for you if a millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea than for you to cause one of these little ones to stumble. <sup>3</sup>Be on your guard! If another disciple sins, you must rebuke the offender, and if there is repentance, you must forgive. <sup>4</sup>And if the same person sins against you seven times a day, and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive." <sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Luke 17:1-10

- 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.



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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.

#### Prayers of Intercession

*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.



L: God of grace,

#### All: You hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

- *P* Christ become peace with you.
- All And also with you.



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.
- P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who rose beyond the bounds of death and, [on this day,] as he had promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon the chosen disciples. At this the whole earth exults in boundless joy. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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. P Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## All Amen.



*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*  Communion Songs

You may be Seated



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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



Please stand in body or spirit.

God, who gives life to all things Ρ 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.

	First Reading:	Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Readings for next Sunday,	Psalm:	Psalm 11
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Second Reading:	2 Timothy 2:8-15
	Gospel:	Luke 17:11-19

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