



SEEKING
HUMAN
KINDNESS

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20th 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

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

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.

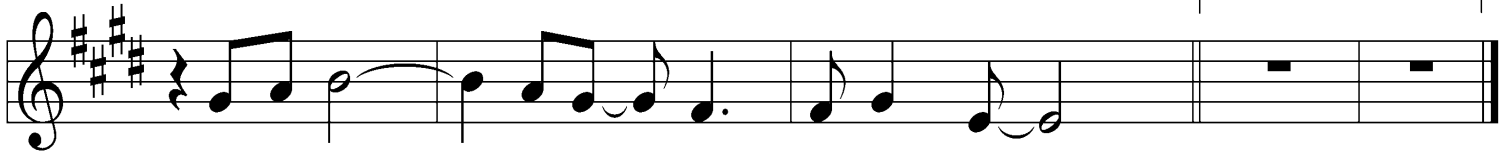
Opening Song of Praise

Kyrie eleison

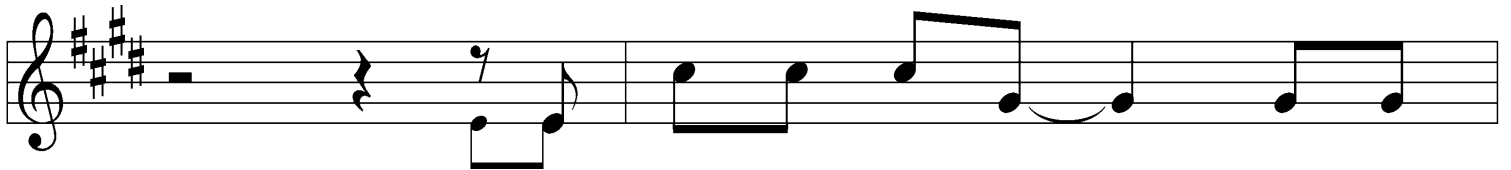


Refrain Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Last time



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the
2 That we may live out your im -
3 For peace in our hearts, for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you



health of the church, for the u - ni - ty of all;
passioned re - sponse to the hun - gry and the poor;
peace in our homes, for friends and fam - i - ly;
cen - ter our lives in the wa - ter and the word;



for this ho - ly house, for all who wor - ship and praise,
that we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
for life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
that you nour - ish our souls . . . with your bo - dy and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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 Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness.

All **Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Jeremiah, the 14th chapter

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night?

⁹Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet;

therefore the LORD does not accept them,
now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?

Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us?

We look for peace, but find no good;

for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,

the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;

do not dishonor your glorious throne;

remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?

Or can the heavens give showers?

Is it not you, O LORD our God?

We set our hope on you,

for it is you who do all this.

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 84

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

¹How dear to me is your dwelling,

O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;**

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she
may lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell in your house!**

They will always be praising you.

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Psalm 84:1-7

A Reading from 2 Timothy, the 4th chapter

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

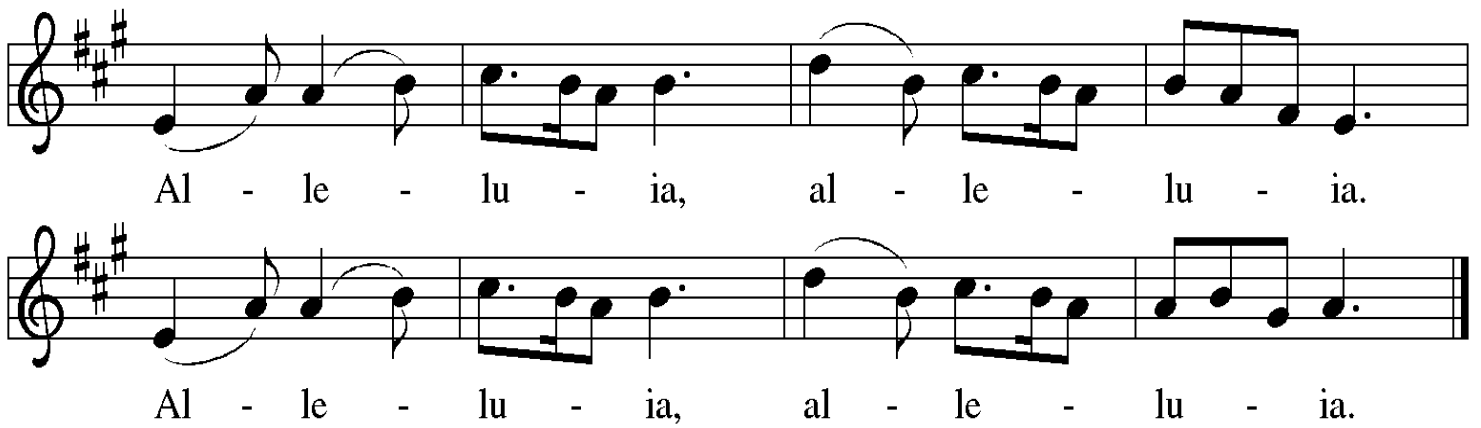
⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

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Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt.¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Luke 18:9-14

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

[You may be Seated](#)

Sermon

Kelly Martin

The Ragman

Better Is One Day

Words and Music by
Matt Redman



1. How love - ly is Your dwell - ing place, O Lord al - might-
(2. One) thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beau -



- y. For my soul longs and e - ven faints for You.
- ty, to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells.



For here my heart is sat - is - fied with - in Your pres -
One thing I ask and I would seek: To see Your beau -



- ence. I sing be - neath the shad - ow of Your wings. _____
- ty, to find You in the place Your glo - ry dwells. _____

⌘ CHORUS



Bet-ter is one day in Your courts, bet-ter is one day in Your house, bet-ter is



one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where. _____ Bet - ter is



one day in Your courts, bet - ter is one day in Your house, bet - ter is



one day in Your courts than thou - sands else - where, _____ than thou - sands else - where. _____

Last time to Coda ⊕ 1.



2. One else - where. _____ My heart and flesh cry out



for You, the liv - ing God. _ Your Spir - it's wa - ter to my soul. _____



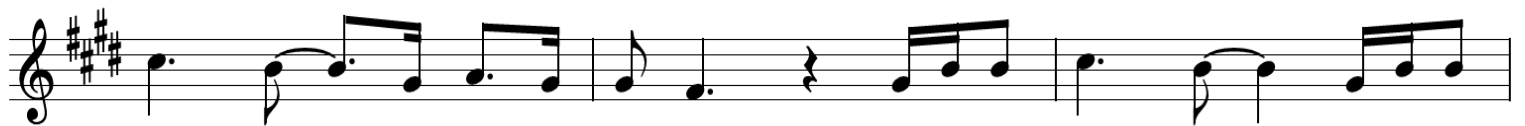
I've tast - ed and I've seen. Come once a - gain to me. _ I will draw near to You,



I will draw near to You, _ to You. _



Bet - ter is one day, _ bet - ter is one day, _ bet - ter is



one day _ than thou - sands else - where. Bet - ter is one day, _ bet - ter is



one day, _ bet - ter is one day _ than thou - sands else - where. _ Bet - ter is



else - where, _ than thou - sands else - where. _

Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with one voice confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

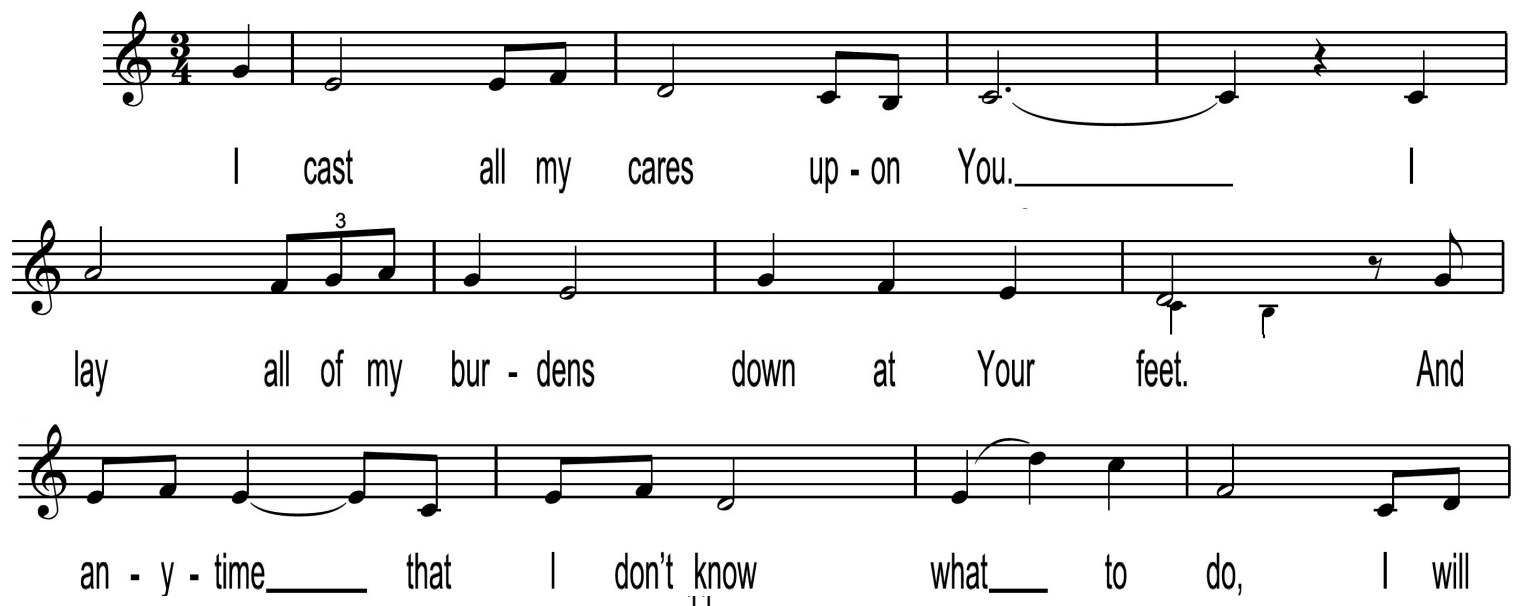
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

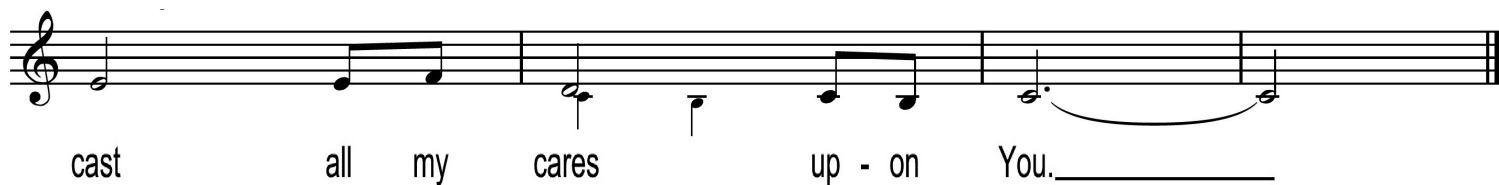
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

L In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.



I cast all my cares up - on You. I
lay all of my bur - dens down at Your feet. And
an - y - time that I don't know what to do, I will



(each prayer petition ends with)

L: Hear us, O God. **All:** Your mercy is great.

Passing of the Peace

P Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offering

You may be Seated

We Are An Offering

Words and Music by
Dwight Liles

We lift our voi - ces, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voi - ces, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voi - ces, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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 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.**

*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

THOSE WHO SEE LIGHT Nancy Elze



1-3. Those who see light can walk in the dark. Those who see



1. love can see God. Those who look up will dis -
2. love can see God. Those who have wit - nessed the
3. love can see God. Those who see good in each



1. cov - er God's face, those who look down will un - cov - er God's
2. sun rise and set, those who have stud - ied a flow - er un -
3. per - son they meet, those who look af - ter their neigh - bors in



1. path, those who per - ceive God is here with us
2. fold, those who have fo - cused on land, sea, and
3. need, those who be - lieve God's now liv - ing in



1. now will see God's re - turn.
2. sky have seen Je - sus Christ.
3. them will see God's re - turn.

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,
October 30th
Reformation Sunday

First Reading:

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalm:

Psalm 84:1-7

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel:

Luke 18:9-14

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