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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

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the

love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this lifetransforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

### 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.



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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.



- P Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age.
- All Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Jeremiah, the 31th chapter

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### *L* The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 46

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

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,

a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,

and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

- God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. <sup>10</sup>"Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

### A Reading from Romans, the 3rd chapter

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Romans 3:19-28



### All Thanks be to God!

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The word of the Lord



*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

- *P* The Gospel of our Lord.
- All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated

Message

A Conversation with Martin and Katie



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# Baptism of Shelie Dawn Ingram and Ada Ingram

### Presentation

- P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.
- *Sponsor:* I present Shelie Dawn Ingram to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- *Sponsor:* I present Ada Ingram to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
- P Shelie and Ada, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

### The Promises

P Cindy and James, as Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Shelie and Ada in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

P People of God, do you promise to support Shelie and Ada and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

# Profession of Faith

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response* I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**Response** I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response* I renounce them.

- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All 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.

- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- All 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.

## Thanksgiving at the Font

- P The Lord be with you.
- All And also with you.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- All It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P For you, dear friends, the Spirit of God moved over the waters at creation, and the Lord God made covenants with his people.

It was for you that the Word of God became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

For you, Shelie and Ada, Jesus Christ suffered death crying out at the end, "It is finished!"

For you,

Christ triumphed over death, rose in newness of life, and ascended to rule over all.

All of this was done for you, and so the promise of the gospel is fulfilled: "We love because God first loved us."

All Amen.

## Baptism

 P Shelie Dawn Ingram, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
 You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Ada Ingram, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

#### At the altar

WA Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

### Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized:

P Sustain Shelie, Ada with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

### All Amen.

### Anointing with oil, making the sign of the cross:

- P Shelie, Ada, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- All Amen.

### A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized.

WA Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.

### Welcome

- P Let us welcome Shelie and Ada.
- All We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share; join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.



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



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.



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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.
 Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

### All Amen. Come Lord Jesus!

#### Chorus—All

Do this in remembrance of Me Do this in remembrance of Me This is My body this is My blood Do this in remembrance of Me

Verse

Presider—This is My body given for you All—Do this in remembrance of Me Presider—This cup's the new covenant sealed in My blood All—Do this in remembrance of Me For whenever you eat this bread And whenever you drink this cup As you do you proclaim the Lord's death Until He comes Chorus

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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	
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*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









- *P* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- All Amen
- P God of the abundant table,you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
- All Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# Please be seated for

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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.





My friends, "act as a child who is being taught…" (Martin Luther)
 ...For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Go in peace, LIVE the Good News!

All Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday,	First Reading:	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Psalm:	Psalm 149
All Saints Sunday	Second Reading:	Ephesians 1:11-23
	Gospel:	Luke 6:20-31



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