

I will not leave you orphaned



*May 14, 2023*

*6th Sunday of Easter*



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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 50 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.

**Children are always welcome in worship services;  
however please know a nursery space is available for  
parents who need to tend to their little ones**

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### Introduction

*Jesus does not abandon his followers.*

*Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

# Welcome to Worship

## Call to Worship

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*P* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## Confession and Forgiveness

*P* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**All** Amen.

*P* Let us come into the light,  
the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection*

God of grace and glory,

**All** you have brought us through the night of sin  
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

**Make us alive in Christ, O God.**

**Make us new as you make all things new.**

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace,  
and restore us to living in your holiness,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

*P* Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds,  
washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen,  
casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you and ✝ frees you from your sins by his blood.  
To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**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.

## Greeting

*P* The boundless grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love and wisdom of God,  
and the light and communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All** And also with you.

*P* In peace, in peace,

*Pastor:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray\_ to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.

*P* For the reign of God and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...(Refrain)

*P* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...(Refrain)

*Pastor:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.  
*Congregation:*  
A - - - men.



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

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## Greeting

*P* The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you.

## Prayer for This Day

*P* Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth.

**All** In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and 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 Acts the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets

have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

*Acts 17:22-31*

*L* Word of God, Word of Hope!

**All Thanks be to God!**

## A Responsive Reading from Psalm 66

<sup>8</sup>Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup>**Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup>For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup>**You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup>You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup>**I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup>those that I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup>**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

<sup>16</sup>Come and listen, all you who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

<sup>17</sup>**I called out to God with my mouth, and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup>If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup>**but in truth God has heard me  
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**



<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

*Psalm 66:8-20*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*Congregation*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life: Al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel Reading

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

*John 14:15-21*

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

**All** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pr. Gordon Young

Hymn of the Day

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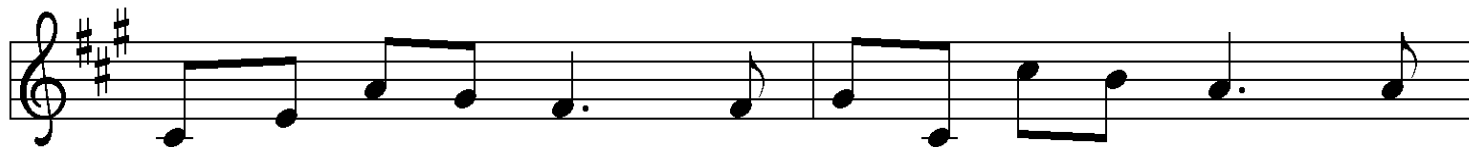
You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
am the peace the world can - not give.



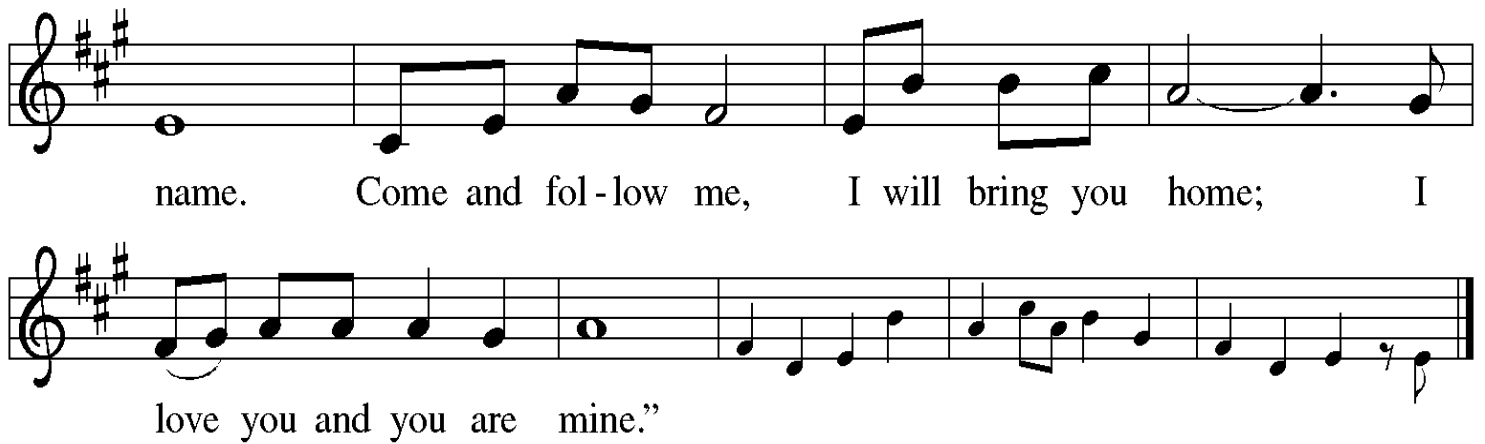
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *to verse 2*  
Come and rest in me. *to refrain*  
all will know my name. *to verse 4*  
up, now walk and live! *to refrain*



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I  
love you and you are mine.”

4 “I

## The Apostles' Creed

*P* Let us join together with the saints across the ages 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 The People

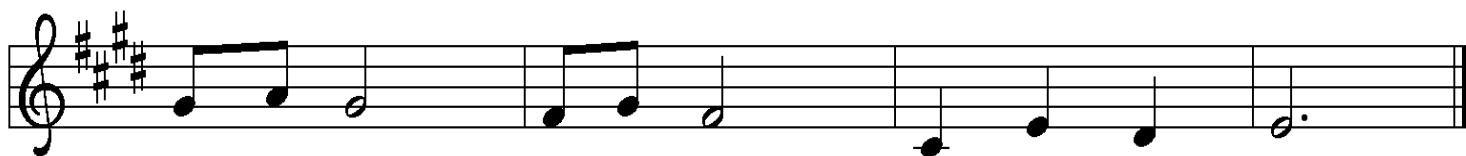
*L* United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

*(each prayer petition ends with)*

*L:* Hear us, O God.

*All:* Your mercy is great.

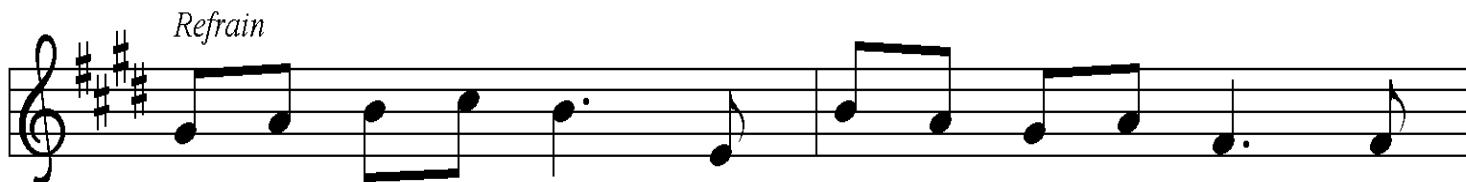
## Passing of the Peace

*P* Christ become peace with you.

*All* And also with you.

## Offertory

*Please stand in body or spirit.*



As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

## Offertory Prayer

*P* Generous God,  
ruler of heaven and earth.

**All** Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
give us glad and generous hearts,  
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need. Amen.

## Holy Communion

*P* The Holy One be with you

**All** And also with you.

*P* Lift up your hearts

**All** We lift them up to our God.

*P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*P* It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who by his death on the cross and glorious resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

*P* On the night of his betrayal 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.

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.

**All Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

*P* Remembering his command to love one another,  
his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension,  
we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

**All Amen, Come Lord Jesus.**

*P* Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

**All Amen, Come Lord Jesus.**

*P* This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

**Congregation**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
u-ni-ty\_ of the Spir-it \_\_\_\_\_ all glo-ry and hon-or is

Two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the words "yours, O God, now and for - ev - er," with a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note. The second staff contains the melody for "A - - - - men." with a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note.

## 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* Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,  
 offers everyone a place of welcome at His table of grace.  
 Come to the feast.

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

### There's A Quiet Understanding

Words and Music by  
Tedd Smith



1. There's a qui - et un - der - stand - ing when we're gath - ered  
2. And we know when we're to - geth - er, shar - ing love and



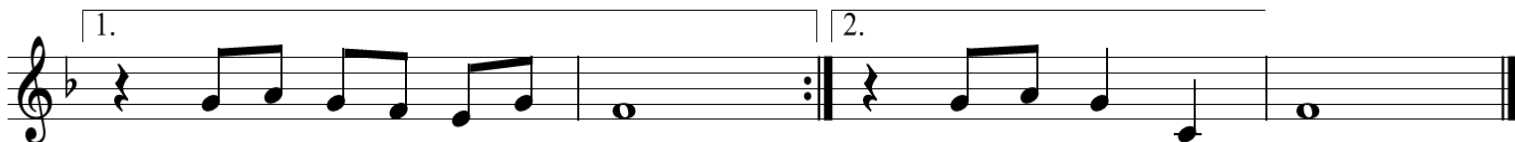
in the Spir - it; It's a prom - ise that He gives \_ us, when we gath - er in His  
un - der - stand - ing, that our broth - ers and our sis - ters feel the one-ness that He



name. There's a love we feel in Je - sus, there's a man - na  
brings. Thank You, thank You, thank You, Je - sus, for the way You



that He feeds \_ us; It's a prom - ise that He gives \_ us,  
love and feed \_ us, for the man - y ways You lead \_ us,



1. when we gath - er in His name. 2. thank You, thank You, Lord.



# One Bread, One Body



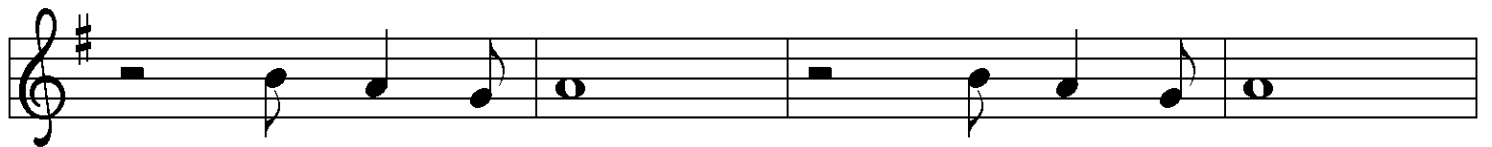
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

## 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

# THANKS BE TO YOU

*Congregation:*



1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:



Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice



weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for - ev - er!



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.



3. Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



Thanks be to you for ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

# Please be seated for Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

## Benediction

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

*(Leaders sing each line, the congregation repeats.)*

May the Lord bless you and keep you.  
May the Lord make His face to shine on you.  
And be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift His countenance on you.  
May the Lord lift His countenance on you.  
May He keep you in perfect peace.

## Dismissal

*P* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

With the joy of new life in Christ Jesus,

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ has forgiven you.” *Ephesians 4:23*

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Happy Mother's Day!

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Readings for next Sunday,  
May 21<sup>st</sup>

<b>First Reading:</b>	Acts 1:6-14
<b>Psalm:</b>	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
<b>Second Reading:</b>	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
<b>Gospel:</b>	John 17:1-11

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