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2nd 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 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

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Welcome to Worship

Prayer of Confession

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who greets us in this and every season,
whose word never fails,
whose promise is sure.

All Amen

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of our neighbors.
Merciful God,

**All we confess that we have sinned.
We have hurt our community.
We have squandered your blessings.
We have hoarded your bounty.
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Righteous God,

**All we confess that we have sinned.
We have failed to be honest.
We have lacked the courage to speak.
We have spoken falsely.
In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**
Silence is kept for reflection.

P God is a cup of cold water when we thirst.
God offers boundless grace when we fail.
Claim the gift of God's mercy:
you are freed and forgiven
in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being.

All **By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world,
and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

You may be Seated

A Reading from Genesis, the 12th chapter

God's call of Abram and Sarai has a clear purpose—that through them all the families of the earth would gain a blessing. As they set out on their journey they are accompanied by promises of land, nation, and a great reputation. As they journey, they inaugurate sacrificial worship at every stopping point.

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on

the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Genesis 12:1-9

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from Romans, the 4th chapter

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Romans 4:13-25

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to___ my feet and a light un-to my path.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to___ my feet and a light un-to my path.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been

suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

[You may be Seated](#)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

My Jesus

Words and Music by
Anne Wilson, Jeff Pardo
and Matthew West

VERSE 1

1. Are you past the point of wea - ry? - Is your bur - den weigh - ing heav - y? - Is it
all ___ too much to car - ry? - Let me tell you 'bout my Je - sus. Do you
feel ___ that emp - ty feel - ing - 'cause shame's ___ done all ___ its steal - ing, - and you're des
- p'rate for ___ some heal - ing? - Let me tell you 'bout my Je - sus. He -

§ CHORUS 1a

makes a way ___ where there ain't no way. Ris - es up ___ from an emp - ty grave.



Ain't no sin-ner that He _ can't save. _ Let me tell you 'bout my Je - sus. _ His _

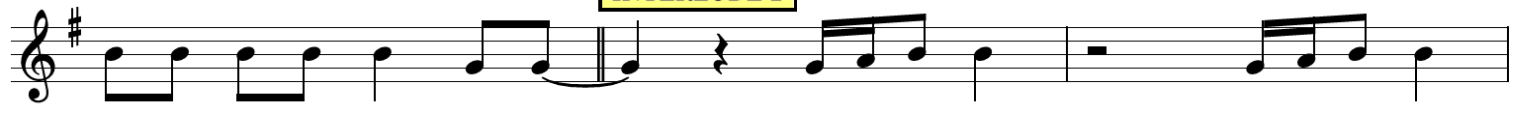


love is strong _ and is grace is free, _ and the good news is _ I know that He _ can



do for you _ what He's done _ for me. _ Let me tell you 'bout my Je - sus. _ And

INTERLUDE 1



let my Je - sus change your life. _ Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

2nd time to Coda ⊕

VERSE 2



Hal-le-lu-jah, a - men, a - men. 2. Who can wipe a-way the tears _ from bro-ken



dreams and wast - ed years, _ and tell the past _ to dis - ap - pear? _ and



let me tell you 'bout my Je - sus, and all the wrong turns that you would go and



un - do if you could. Who can work it all for your _ good?



D.S. al Coda

Let me tell you 'bout my Je - sus. He _

⊕ Coda



men, a - men, a - men. 3. Who would

VERSE 3

take _ my cross to Cal - v'ry? Pay the price _ for all my guilt - y? Who would
 care _ that much _ a - bout _ me? Let me tell you 'bout my Je - sus, oh. He _

CHORUS 1b

makes a way _ where there ain't no way. Ris - es up _ from an emp - ty grave.
 Ain't no sin-ner that He _ can't save. _ Let me tell you 'bout my Je - sus. _ His _
 love is strong _ and is grace is free, and the good news is _____ I know that He _ can
 do for you _ what He's done _ for me. _ Let me tell you 'bout my Je - sus. _ And

INTERLUDE 2

let my Je - sus change your life. _ Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.
 Hal - le - lu - jah, a - men, a - men. Hal - le - lu - jah.
 Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Let my Je - sus change your life. _

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God, in your mercy, **All:** You hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offering

You may be Seated

♪ ♪ Praise God from whom all blessings flow. ♪ ♪

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise God above! Praise God above ye Heav'nly Host!

Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

Holy Community of Love,

All use our gifts as you reach out to heal the broken,
as you take the hands of the lost

and as you pull out a chair to welcome the outcast to your table
of wonder and hope. 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 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 All people are called to Christ's table.
Come, eat what is good.

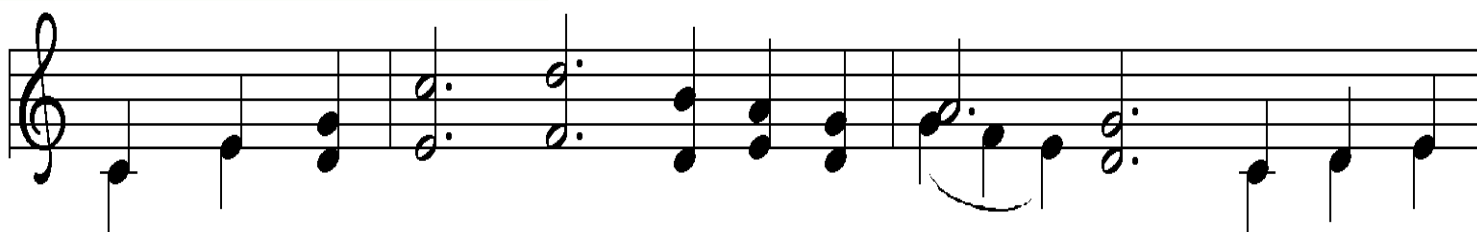
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Note: the communion cups on the periphery of the tray contain red wine while the cups in the center contain white grape juice.

Gluten Free wafers available –ask the communion attendant

Communion Songs

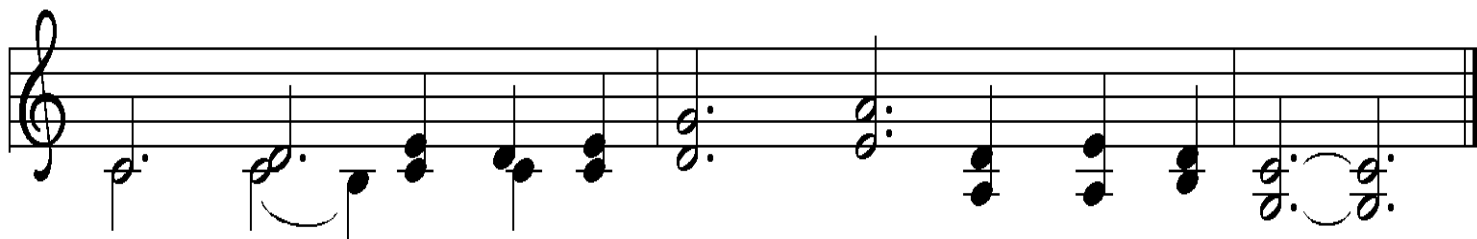
Morning Has Broken



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing, born of the



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry

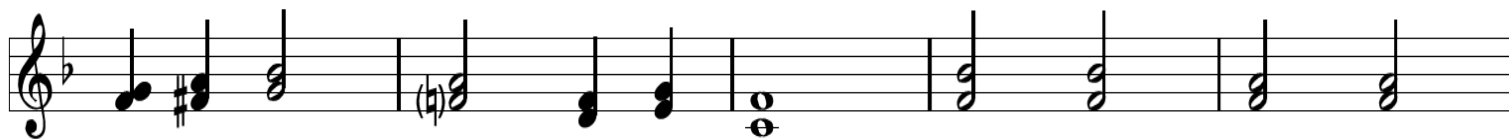


morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
 morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

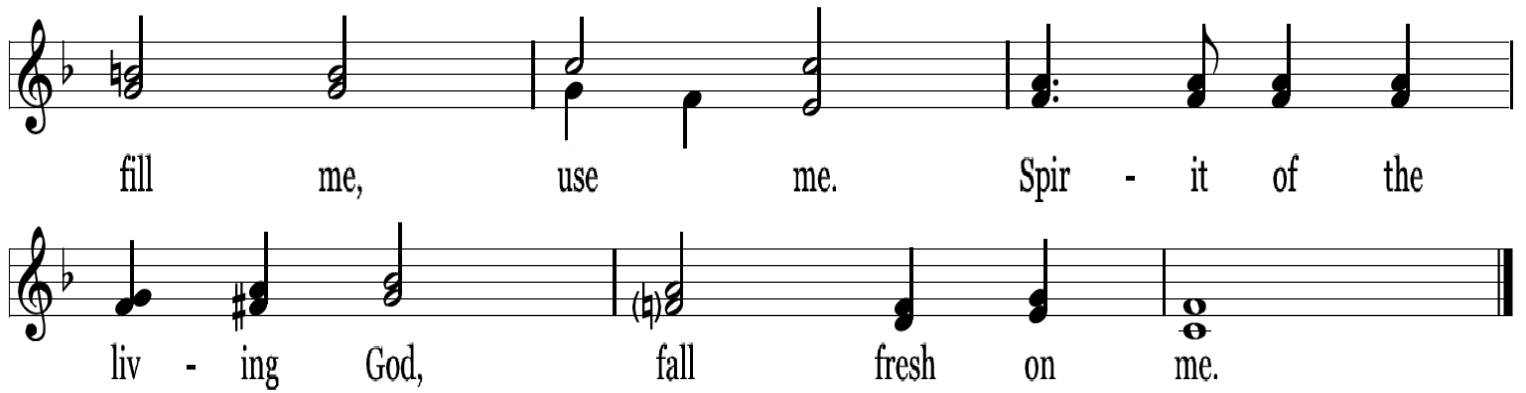
Spirit Of The Living God Words and Music by Daniel Iverson



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Spir - it of the



liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me,



fill me, use me. Spir - it of the
liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

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 We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.

**All Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated for Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

P The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed
✝ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

All Amen.

We Love You, Praise You, Give You the Glory

by Don Roseland

We love you, praise you, give you the glo-ry, love You,
 praise you, give you the glo-ry, We love You, praise You give You the
 glo - ry, Hon-or Your Ho - ly Name. We Name. We
 love You, praise You, give You the glo-ry, Love you, praise You,
 give You the glo-ry. We love You, praise Ypu, give You the glo - ry.
 Hon- or Your Ho - ly Name.

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Share the good news.

All Thanks be to God!

Readings for next Sunday,
June 18
Pentecost 3

First Reading:	Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm:	Psalm 100
Second Reading:	Romans 5:1-8
Gospel:	Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

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