A silver ring is placed on an open book. The book's pages contain text in both English and Gujarati. The English text includes phrases like "clapped", "stolen", "written by Tagore", and numbered list items (9) through (14). The Gujarati text is interspersed with the English. The background is a soft, light green gradient.

Take up your cross
and follow me.

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4th 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 worshipping 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

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in 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.

Opening Song

Kyrie eleison



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



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,



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

Refrain

Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Teach us, good Lord God,

All to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Jeremiah, the 20th chapter

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me.

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

⁹If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him,

and take our revenge on him.”

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;

therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD!

For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Jeremiah 20:7-13

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Responsive Reading from Psalm 69

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

⁸**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰**I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**

¹¹I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

¹²**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:
“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

¹⁴**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

¹⁶**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

¹⁸**Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.**

Psalm 69:7-18

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 10th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you

in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Matthew 10:24-39

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.

Cry Of My Heart

Words and Music by
Terry Butler



It is the cry of my heart to___ fol - low___ You.



It is the cry of my heart to be close___ to___ You. It is the cry of my heart



to___ fol - low___ all of the days___ of my life.____



1 Teach me Your ho - ly ways,___ oh___ Lord,___ so I can walk in Your truth.____
2 O - pen my eyes so I___ can___ see___ the won - der - ful things that You do.____



___ Teach me Your ho - ly ways,___ oh___ Lord, and make me
___ O - pen my heart up more___ and___ more and make it



whol - ly de - vot - ed to You. Oh! Oh! Whoa!____
whol - ly de - vot - ed to You. Oh! Oh! Whoa!____

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 Intercession

[*You may be Seated*](#)

L Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.



The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with

End



sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

(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.

You may be Seated

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

Here Is Bread Here Is Wine

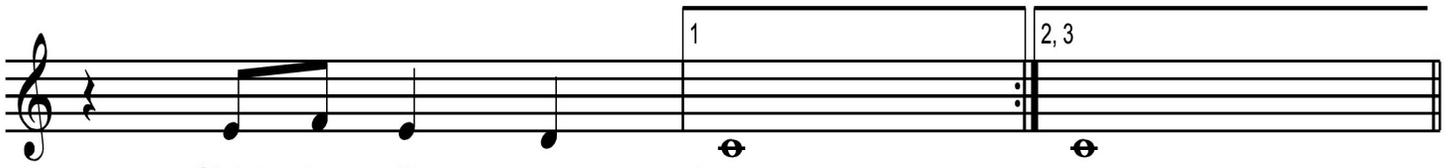
Words and Music by
 Graham Kendrick



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in One, Christ is with us,



He is with us. Break the bread, drink the wine,
 He is with us. Know His grace, find His peace,
 He is with us. We'll pro-claim, 'til He comes,



Christ is with us here. here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Lord Be Glorified

Words and Music by
Bob Kilpatrick

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has four vocal lines and a bass line. The second system has four vocal lines and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2. In my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3. In Your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
4. In our home, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
In my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
In Your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
In our home, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

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.

Closing Song

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 Ybu, give You the glo - ry.

Hon- or Your Ho - ly Name.

Dismissal

P Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-1

Go in peace. Share the good news.

All Thanks be to God.

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Readings for next Sunday,
July 2nd
Pentecost 5

First Reading:

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm:

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

Second Reading:

Romans 6:12-23

Gospel:

Matthew 10:40-42

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