

...whoever gives  
even a cup of cold water  
to one of these little ones...



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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.**

## Introduction

*The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.*

# 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.

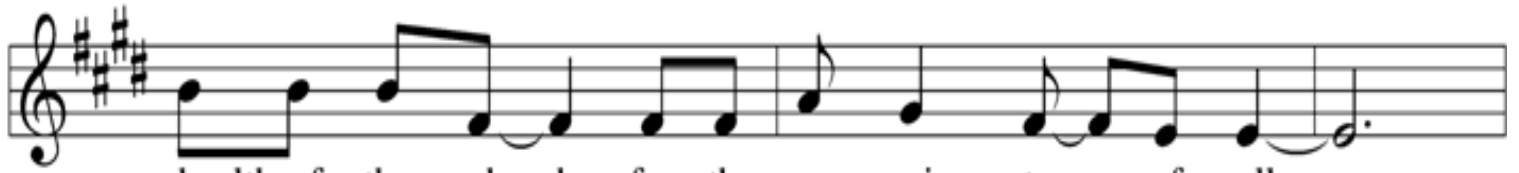


Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev - 'ry day.

*Last time*



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* O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world.

**All** Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*You may be Seated*

## A Reading from Jeremiah, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

<sup>5</sup>The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

*Jeremiah 28:5-9*

*L* The word of the Lord

**All** Thanks be to God!

## A Reading from Romans, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

<sup>12</sup>Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 6:12-23*

*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.



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## Gospel Reading

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

*Matthew 10:40-42*

*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.

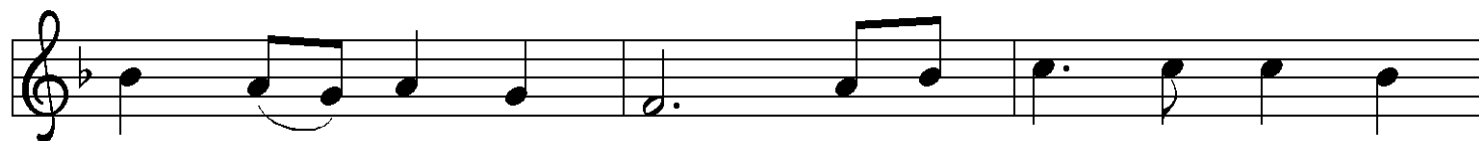
## All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter: All are wel - come,



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.



# 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.**

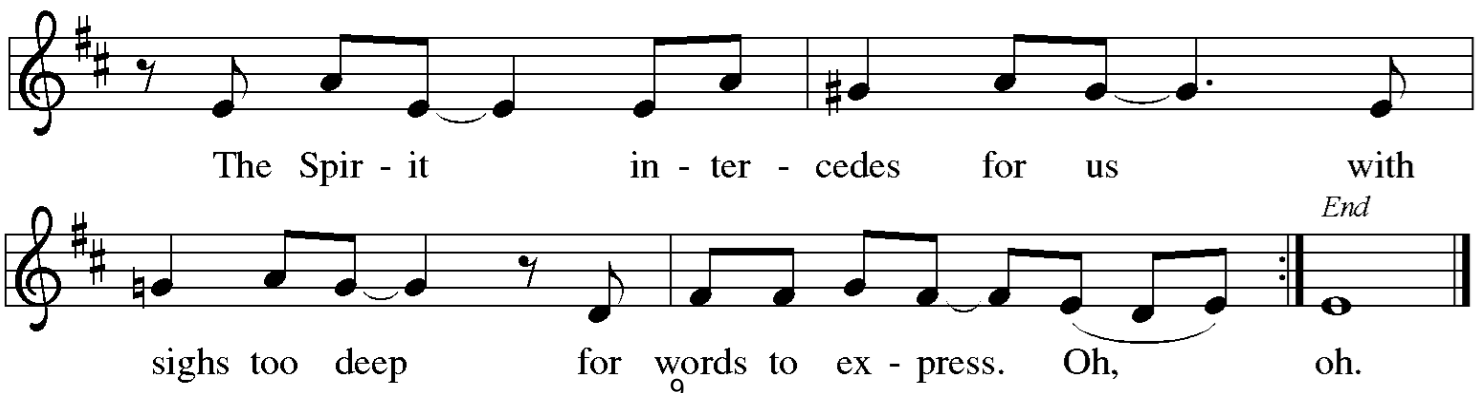
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at 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  
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

*End*

(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

### Dance with Me Greg Evans



This is ho - ly time We're ga - thered to - ge - ther to wor - ship



you to love one an - oth - er And as we pray And as we



sing And as we dance and as we dream Oh Lord I



beg of you Just this one thing Won't you



dance with me Throu - out the heav - ens and be - low the sea and



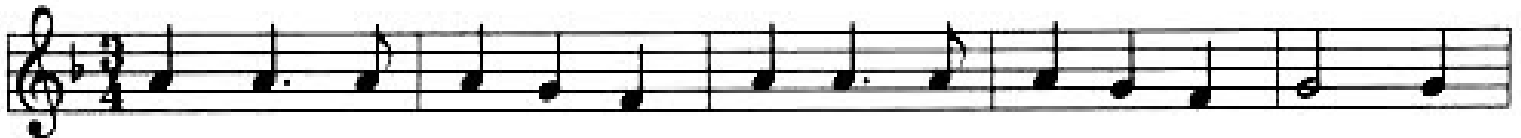
u - pon the moun - tain tops Flow with the breeze Come car - ry me



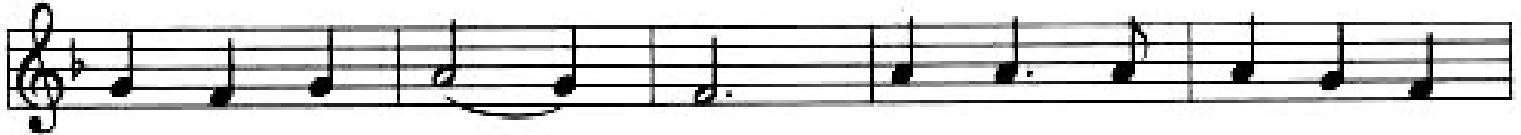
Lord won't you dance with me.

*Refrain*

## Bind us together



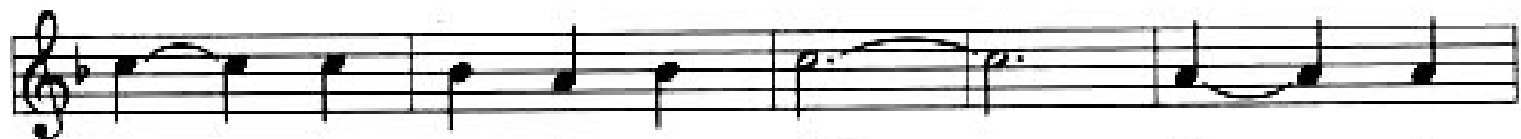
Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that



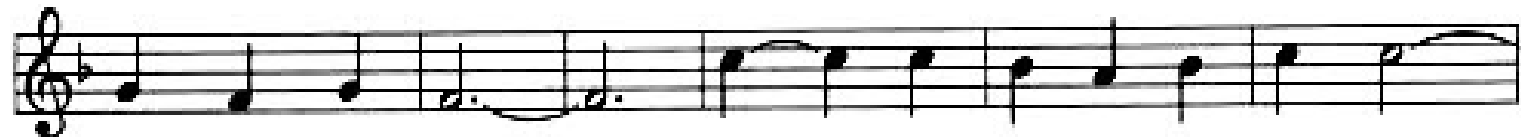
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,



bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.

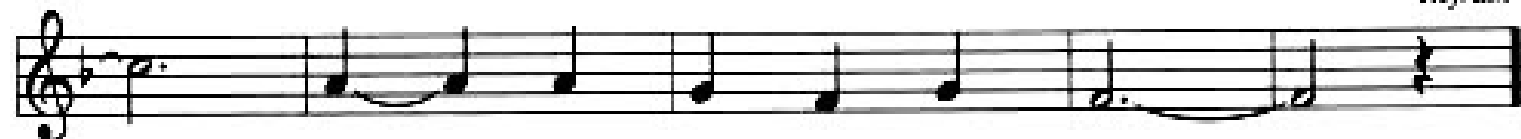


1 There is on - ly one God. There is  
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the



on - ly one King. There is on - ly one Bod - y;  
prom - ise di - vine. You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .

*Refrain*



that is why we can sing:  
you are the glo - rious new wine.

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## 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 You, 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 9th  
Pentecost 6

**First Reading:**

Zechariah 9:9-12

**Psalm:**

Psalm 145:8-14

**Second Reading:**

Romans 7:15-25a

**Gospel:**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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