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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.

Introduction

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink

without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Welcome to Worship

Prayer of Confession

Please stand in body or spirit.

 P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

All Amen

P Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. Reconciling God,

- All we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives.
 - We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
 - We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
 - We fear difference and do not welcome others
 - as you have welcomed us.
 - We sin in thought, word, and deed.
 - By your grace, forgive us;
 - through your love, renew us;
 - and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

P Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Come, let us wor-ship and _ bow kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our down, let us wor-ship and ____ Mak Come. let us down. bow let us er. ____ kneel be-fore the Lord, our God, our For He_____ Mak - er. is our God, and the peo - ple of His and the sheep of His are pas ture, we sheep His hand, the of hand. just Greeting The Lord be with you Ρ All And also with you.

Pra<mark>yer of the</mark> Day

- *P* Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance.
- All Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Opening Song

A Reading from Isaiah, the 55th chapter

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

, Isaiah 55:1-5

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from Romans, the 9th chapter

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I, myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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Romans 9:1-5

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation Please stand in body or spirit. θ Hal-le, hal - le, hal le Hal - le, hal - le, hal -lu jah. _ Ο jah. le lu Hal - le. hal - le, hal _ le θ Hal - le - lu - jah. lu Hal - le jah. lu iah. Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 14:13-21

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated





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 Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.



L: You hear us, O God. All: Your mercy is great.

Passing of the Peace

- *P* Christ become peace with you.
- All And also with you.

Offering of Song Is He Worthy?

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*



Communion Songs



- 2. Have you ever stood at the ocean With the white foam at your feet, Felt the endless thunderin' motion? Then I say . . . (pause) you've seen Jesus, My Lord. (Refrain)
- 3. Have you ever looked at the cross,
 With a man hangin' inpain
 And the look of love in His eyes?
 Then I say . . . (pause)
 you've seen Jesus, My Lord. (Refrain)
- 4. Have you ever stood in the family
 With the Lord there in your midst,
 Seen the face of Christ on each other?
 Then I say . . . (pause)
 you've seen Jesus, My Lord.(*Refrain*)

Holy Holy Words and Music by Jimmy Owens



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.

Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

Please be seated for Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements



All Amen.



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 harvest.

All Thanks be to God.



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Readings for next Sunday, August 13th Pentecost 11	First Reading: Psalm:	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13
	Second Reading: Gospel:	Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

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