

crumbs you say?..  
we'll take crumbs!



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*12th 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

*In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

# 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.

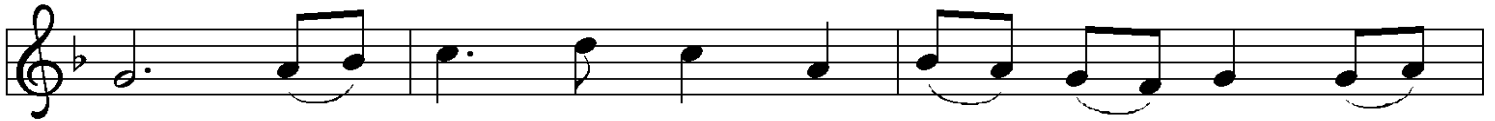
**All Amen.**

# Opening Song

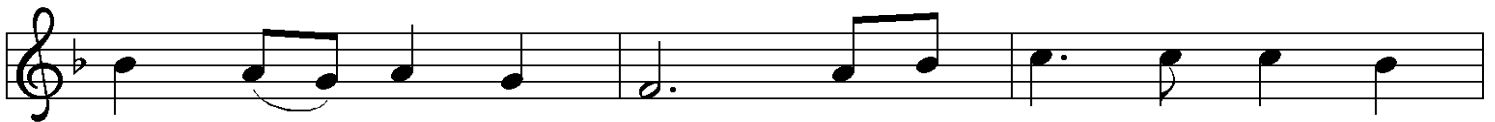
## All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
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  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
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  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
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  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
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:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



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

## Greeting

*P* The Lord be with you

**All** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

*P* God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.

**All** Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*You may be Seated*

## A Reading from Isaiah, the 56<sup>th</sup> chapter

*The prophet calls upon*

*Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

*Isaiah 56:1, 6-8*

*L* The word of the Lord

**All** Thanks be to God!

# A Reading from Romans, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter

*God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.*

[Paul writes:] <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin.

<sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

<sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*

*L* The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

## Gospel Reading

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.*

[<sup>10</sup>[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:<sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” <sup>13</sup>He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” <sup>16</sup>Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

*15:[10-20] 21-28*

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

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

[You may be Seated](#)

## Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

## Make me a servant

Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek.

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:

Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

make me a ser - vant to - day.

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



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:* 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

The musical score is written in 4/4 time on a single treble clef staff. It features a variety of rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and some notes with accidentals (sharps and naturals). The lyrics are printed below the staff, with some words aligned with specific notes or rests.

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic - es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have,  
all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.  
We lift our voi - ces, we lift our hands, we lift our  
lives up to You, we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## 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

## Here Is Bread Here Is Wine

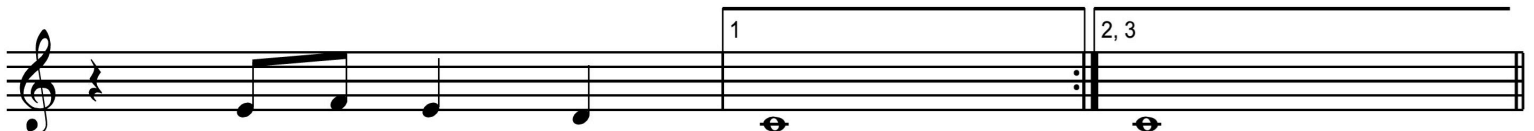
Words and Music by  
Graham Kendrick



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.  
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.

When Peace, like a River  
*It Is Well with My Soul*

- 1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
- 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
- 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

## 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 song of creation restore you,  
the song of justice infuse you,  
the song of heaven enlighten you,  
and the blessing of the living God,  
Father, Son, ✝ and Holy Spirit, be with us now and always.

**All Amen.**

### Closing Song

**Shout To The Lord** Words and Music by  
Darlene Zschech



All of my days I want to praise the won - ders of Your  
 might - y love. My com - fort, my shel - ter,  
 Tow - er of ref - uge and strength; Let ev - 'ry breath,  
 all that I am, nev - er cease to wor - ship You.  
 Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.  
 Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise to the King.  
 Moun - tains bow down and the seas will roar at the  
 sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work  
 of Your hands, for - ev - er I'll love You, for - ev -  
 er I'll stand, noth - ing com - pares to the prom -  
 ise I have in You.

# 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.**

WHO DOES JESUS  
THINK *HE IS*, CALLING  
THIS WOMAN *A DOG!*?



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*SHE KNOWS WHO HE IS. SHE  
CALLS HIM **BY NAME** AND SHE  
KNOWS HE HAS SOMETHING **FOR  
HER**. THAT'S **GREAT FAITH!***



I GUESS THE ONLY  
THING TO SAY TO  
THAT IS... "**WOOF!**"



MATTHEW 15:21-28

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Readings for next Sunday,  
August 27th  
Pentecost 12

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 51:1-6

**Psalm:**

Psalm 138

**Second Reading:**

Romans 12:1-8

**Gospel:**

Matthew 16:13-20

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