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“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday



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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

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Welcome to Worship

Prayer of Confession

Please stand in body or spirit.

P In the name of the ✝ triune God,
who loves us into being,
calls us to community
and inspires us to love.

All Amen

P Confronted by the law and called to life in the gospel,
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of love and community,

All we confess that we have not loved as God has loved us.

We look to ourselves to fulfill your law.

We seek to satisfy our own desires.

We turn away from our neighbors and live for ourselves alone.

Teach us again your statutes and help us to love your will,

that in and through us your beloved community is made known.

P Beloved of God,
love is the fulfillment of the law,
and in ✝ Jesus, God's love for you is made known.

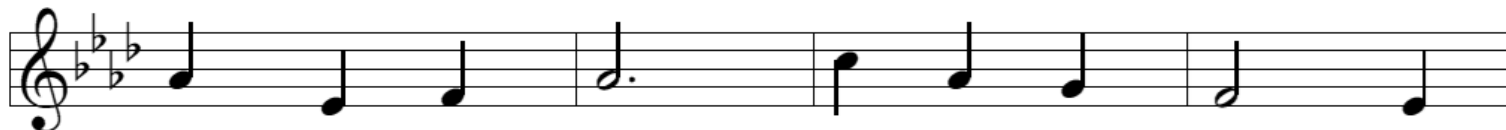
Through Jesus your sins are forgiven,
and you are drawn into God's love and life.

Life fully, knowing that God loves you.

All Amen.

Opening Song

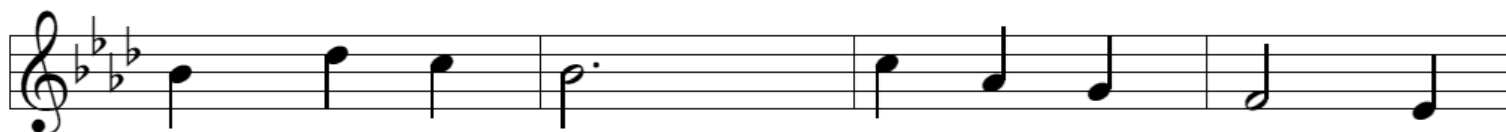
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy.

All Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that give life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Romans, the 13th chapter

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

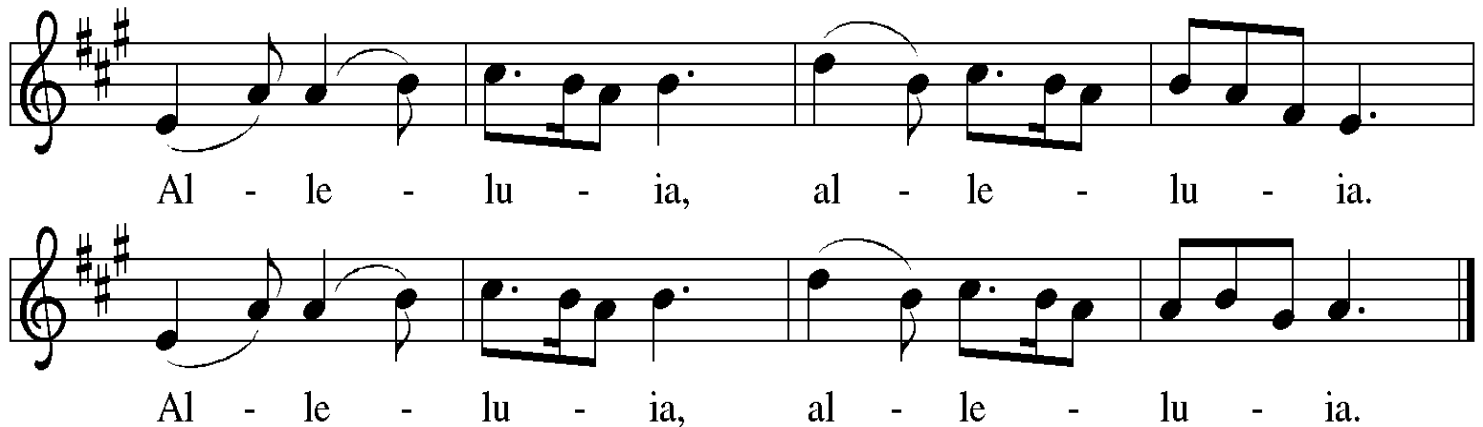
Romans 13:8-14

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter.

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

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Matthew 18:15-20

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Sermon

Pr. Chelsea Page

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your
 Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring
 It is in par - don - ing that we are



love; where there is in - ju -
 hope; where there is dark - ness,
 par - doned, in giv - ing of our -

last time to Coda ⊕



ry, your par - don, Lord; and
 on - ly light; and
 selves that we re -



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.

2

3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er

seek so much to be con - soled as to con -

sole, to be un - der - stood

as to un - der - stand, to be

D.C. (stanza 4) al coda

loved as to love with all my soul.

Coda

ceive and in dy - ing that we're

born to e - ter - nal life.

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Prayers of Intercession

L Gathered into God's embrace, let us lift our voices on behalf of a weary and wounded world.



O Lord, hear our prayer we of-fer up to you; O Lord, hear our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

L: God, we pray, ***All:*** open our hands in love.

Passing of the Peace

P Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offering



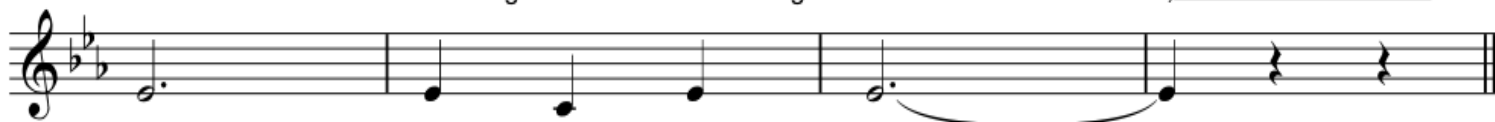
All that we have _____ and all that we of - fer _____



comes from a heart both fright - ened and free. _____



Take what we bring now and give what we need; _____



All done in His name. _____

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

Holy God, giver of all good things,

All receive the gifts we bring,

fruit of the earth and the work of human hands,

that they may be used to your purposes for life and love in the world.

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 Jesus invites you to this table.
Come, eat and live.

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

Freely Freely

Words and Music by
Carol Owens



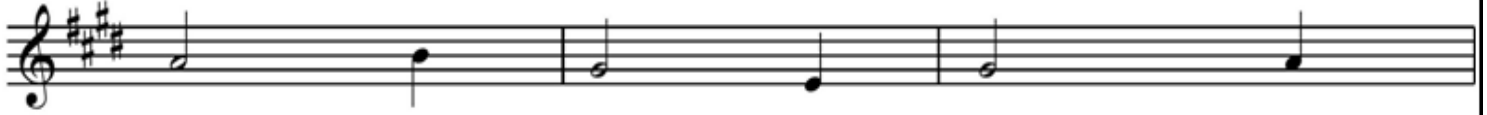
1 God for - gave my sin in Je - sus'
2 All _____ pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus'



name, I've been born a - gain in in
name, In _____ earth and heav'n in



Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name |
Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name |



come to you To share His
come to you to share His



love as He told me to: He said,
pow'r as He told me to: He said,



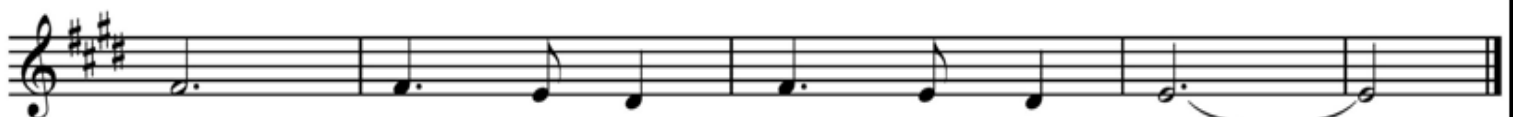
"Free - ly free - ly, you have re -



ceived. Free - ly, free - ly give; _____



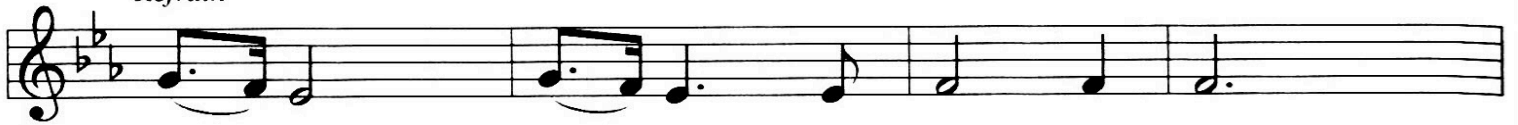
Go in My name and, be - cause you be -



lieve, Oth - ers will know that I live." _____

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;



for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



Lord, let me walk each day with thee.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.



1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,



to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.



Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Refrain

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 God who sets forth the law of love,
Jesus who fulfills the law for you,
and the Spirit through who you are called to love, ✝
bless you this day,
that you may be God's hands and heart and voice at work in the world.

All Amen.

Closing Song

SEND US OUT James Hersch



We have been called by the Lord. We have been saved by the Word.
We who were bound by our shame, ruled by our fears with - in.



Now let the Word be re - stored. Now let the Gos - pel be heard. Send us
Stand and de - clare by the name free - dom from all of our sin.



out to teach what God has done. Send us out to reach ev - 'ry



sin - gle one. Send us out. Send us out.



Teach what God has done. Reach ev - 'ry sin - gle one.



Teach what God has done. Reach ev - 'ry sin - gle one. Send us

Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are God's hands at work in the world!

All Thanks be to God.

Readings for next Sunday,
September 17th
Pentecost 15

First Reading:

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm:

Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

Second Reading:

Romans 14:1-12

Gospel:

Matthew 18:21-35

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