

Best are They



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All Saints 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 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

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Welcome to Worship

Prayer of Confession

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

All Amen

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection

Holy One,

**All We are not faithful in using your gifts.
We forget the least of our siblings.
We do not see your beautiful image in one another.
We are infected by sin
that divides your beloved community.
Open our hearts to your coming,
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,
open our hands to serve your creation.**

P Beloved, we are God's children,
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.
Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven,
by Jesus you are welcome,
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!
Let us live in the promises prepared for us
from the foundation of the world.

All Amen.

Opening Song

LEADERS:

Do You feel the world is broken?
Do You feel the shadows deepen?
But do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through?

CONGREGATION:
(After each question)



LEADERS:

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

CONGREGATION:



LEADERS:

Is all creation groaning?
Is a new creation dawning?
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?

CONGREGATION:
(After each question)



LEADERS:

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

CONGREGATION:



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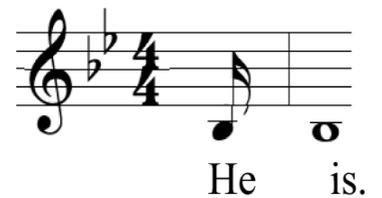


Is an - y - one wor - thy? Is an - y - one whole? Is
an - y - one a - ble to break the seal and o - pen the scroll? The Li - on of Ju - dah who
con - quered the grave, He is Da - vid's Root and the Lamb who died to
ran - som the slave.

LEADERS:

Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this?

CONGREGATION:



He is.

Greeting

P The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

In Remembrance of the Saints from the Congregation

P On this All Saints Sunday we remember those from this congregation who have entered the church triumphant this past year...

Joan Marlow

Bruce Marlow

Lonnie Kearns

Eunice Snyder

Jonathan William Street

P I invite you to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of those dear to your hearts who have passed.

(Please use the tall candles on either side to light your candles.)

A Reading from The Revelation, the 7th chapter

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Revelation 7:9-17

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from 1 John, the 3rd chapter

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

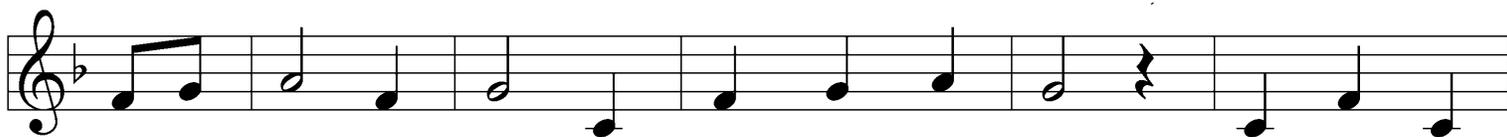
1 John 3:1-3

L The word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, 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 5th chapter.

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

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

[You may be Seated](#)

P Please pray with me...

O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je -
 -sus, to reach out and touch Him, and
 say that we love Him. O - pen our ears, Lord,
 and help us to lis - ten, o - pen our
 eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

Sermon

Pr. Gordon Young

Hymn of the Day

Blest Are They

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -
 king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled. (to verse 2)
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill. (to refrain)
 pure of heart; they shall see God. (to verse 4)
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs. (to refrain)
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see. (to refrain)

Refrain

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

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.

[You may be Seated](#)

Prayers of The People

L Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(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



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.

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Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.

All We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 And with our hearts and voices raised we remember...



(All) On the night You were be - trayed You took the bread;__ Af - ter



giv - ing thanks,__ You broke it and said, "This is My __



bod - y, bro - ken for__ you, and as you



eat__ it, re - mem - ber Me; This is My__



bod - y bro - ken for__ you, and as you



eat__ it, re - mem - ber Me." On the



night You were__ be - trayed__ You held the cup;__ Af - ter



giv - ing thanks,__ You lift - ed it up. "This is My__



blood, poured out for__ you, and as you drink__ it, re - mem - ber



Me; This is My blood, poured out for you, and as you
 drink it, re-mem-ber Me." So, we
 thank You for the wine and for the bread; For we
 see the life You gave and the blood You shed. And we re -
 mem - ber Your won - drous love, You gave Your
 bod - y, You shed Your blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous
 love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your blood.

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..

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

Remembrance (The Communion Song)

Words and Music by
Matt Maher and Matt Redman

1 Oh, how could it be that my God would welcome me in -
2 See His body, His blood; know that He has overcome ev - 'ry

to this mys - ter - y, say, "Take this bread, take this wine?" Now the
tri - al we will face. And none too lost to be saved, none too

sim - ple made di - vine for an - y to re - ceive. By Your mer -
bro - ken or a - shamed. All are wel - come in this place.

cy we come to Your ta - ble. By Your grace

You are mak - ing us faith - ful. Lord, we re -

mem - ber You, and re - mem - brance leads us to wor - ship. And as we

wor - ship You, ___ our wor - ship leads ___ to com - mun -
 ion. We re - spond ___ to Your ___ in - vi - ta - tion. We re - mem - ber
 You. ¹ See His ² Dy - ing, You de -
 stroyed ___ our death. Ris - ing, You re - stored our ___
 life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry. Lord Je - sus, come in
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 mem - ber You, ___ and re - mem - brance leads ___ us to wor - ship. And as we
 wor - ship You, ___ our wor - ship leads ___ to com - mun -
 ion. We re - spond ___ to Your ___ in - vi - ta - tion. we re - spond ___
 ___ to Your ___ in - vi - ta - tion. We re - mem - ber You.

Refrain

Bind us together



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



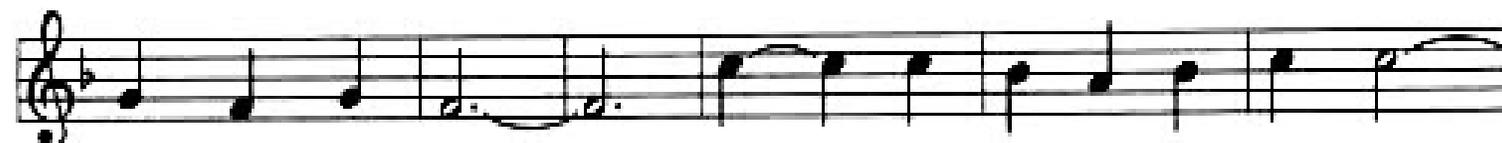
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,



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 Blessed be your name, O God,
for we have feasted on your Word,
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.

**All Strengthened by this food,
send us to gather the world to your banquet,
where none are left out and all are satisfied.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Please be seated for Stewardship of Life & Ministry
Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!
The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.

All Amen.

Closing Song

ONE VOICE:



Does the Fa - ther tru - ly love us?

MEN:



Does the Spir - it move a - mong us?

WOMEN:



And does Je - sus, our Mes - si - ah, hold for - ev - er those He loves?

CONGREGATION:
(After each question)



He does.

CONGREGATION:



Does our God in - tend to dwell a - gain with us?

He does.

CONGREGATION:



Is an - y - one wor - thy?

Is an - y - one whole?

Is



an - y - one a - ble to break the seal and o - pen the scroll?

The Li - on of Ju - dah

who



con - quered the grave,

He is Da - vid's Root and the Lamb who died to

ran - som the slave. From ev - 'ry peo - ple and tribe, ev - 'ry

na - tion and tongue, He has made us a king - dom and priests to God to reign

with the Son. Is He wor - thy, is He wor - thy of all bless - ing and hon - or and

glo - ry?

LEADERS:

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this?

CONGREGATION:

He is. Is He wor - thy, Is He

wor - thy? He is. He is.

Dismissal

P ¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God;

1 John 3:1

Beloved of God,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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Readings for next Sunday,
November 12th
Pentecost 24

First Reading:	Amos 5:18-24
Psalm:	Psalm 70
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel:	Matthew 25:1-

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