



*November 12, 2023*  
*24th 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

*Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.*

# 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:**



## CONGREGATION:

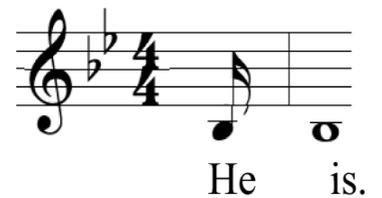


Is an - y - one wor - thy? Is an - y - one whole? Is  
an - y - one a - ble to break the seal and o - pen the scroll? The Li - on of Ju - dah who  
con - quered the grave, He is Da - vid's Root and the Lamb who died to  
ran - som the slave.

## 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** O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son.

**All** Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## A Reading from Amos, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter

*In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.*

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,  
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

## A Reading from 1 Thessalonians, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter

*Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.*

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

<sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

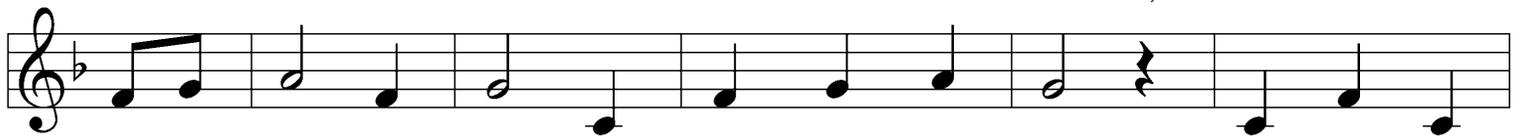
*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

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 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*Matthew 25:1-13*

*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. Debra Jimenez**

**Hymn of the Day** **I Will Offer Up My Life** Words and Music by Matt Redman

1 I will of - fer up my life, in spir - it and truth,  
 2 You de - serve my ev - 'ry breath, for You've paid the great cost,  
 — pour - ing out the oil of love as my wor - ship to You.  
 — giv - ing up Your life to death, e - ven death on a cross.  
 — In sur - ren - der I must give, my ev - 'ry part.  
 — You took all my shame a - way, there de - feat - ed my sin.

Lord, re - ceive the sac - ri - fice of a bro - ken heart.  
 o - pened up the gates of heav'n and have beck - oned me in.  
 Je - sus, what can I give, what can I bring to so faith - ful a friend,  
 to so lov - ing a King? Sav - ior, what can be said, what can be sung  
 as a praise of Your name for the things You have done?  
 Oh, my words could not tell, not e - ven in part  
 of the debt of love that is owed by this thank - ful heart.

## 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 The People

*You may be Seated*

*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.

I cast all my cares up - on You. I  
 lay all of my bur - dens down at Your feet. And  
 an - y - time that I don't know what to do, I will  
 cast all my cares up - on You.

*(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 voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, 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 voices, we lift our hands, we lift our  
lives up to You, we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The piece concludes with a final chord and a double bar line.

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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** There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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

**Blessed Assurance** Words and Music by  
Fanny Jane Crosby and Phoebe Palmer Knapp



1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! \_\_\_\_\_ O what a  
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! \_\_\_\_\_ Vi - sions of  
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion - all is at rest, \_\_\_\_\_ I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! \_\_\_\_\_ Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; \_\_\_\_\_ An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
Sav - ior am hap - py and blest; \_\_\_\_\_ Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



God, \_\_\_\_\_ born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood. \_\_\_\_\_ This is my  
bove \_\_\_\_\_ ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. \_\_\_\_\_ This is my  
bove, \_\_\_\_\_ filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. \_\_\_\_\_ This is my



sto - ry, this is my song, \_\_\_\_\_ prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day



long; \_\_\_\_\_ This is my sto - ry, this is my song, \_\_\_\_\_ prais - ing my



Sav - ior all the day long. \_\_\_\_\_

## Spirit Song

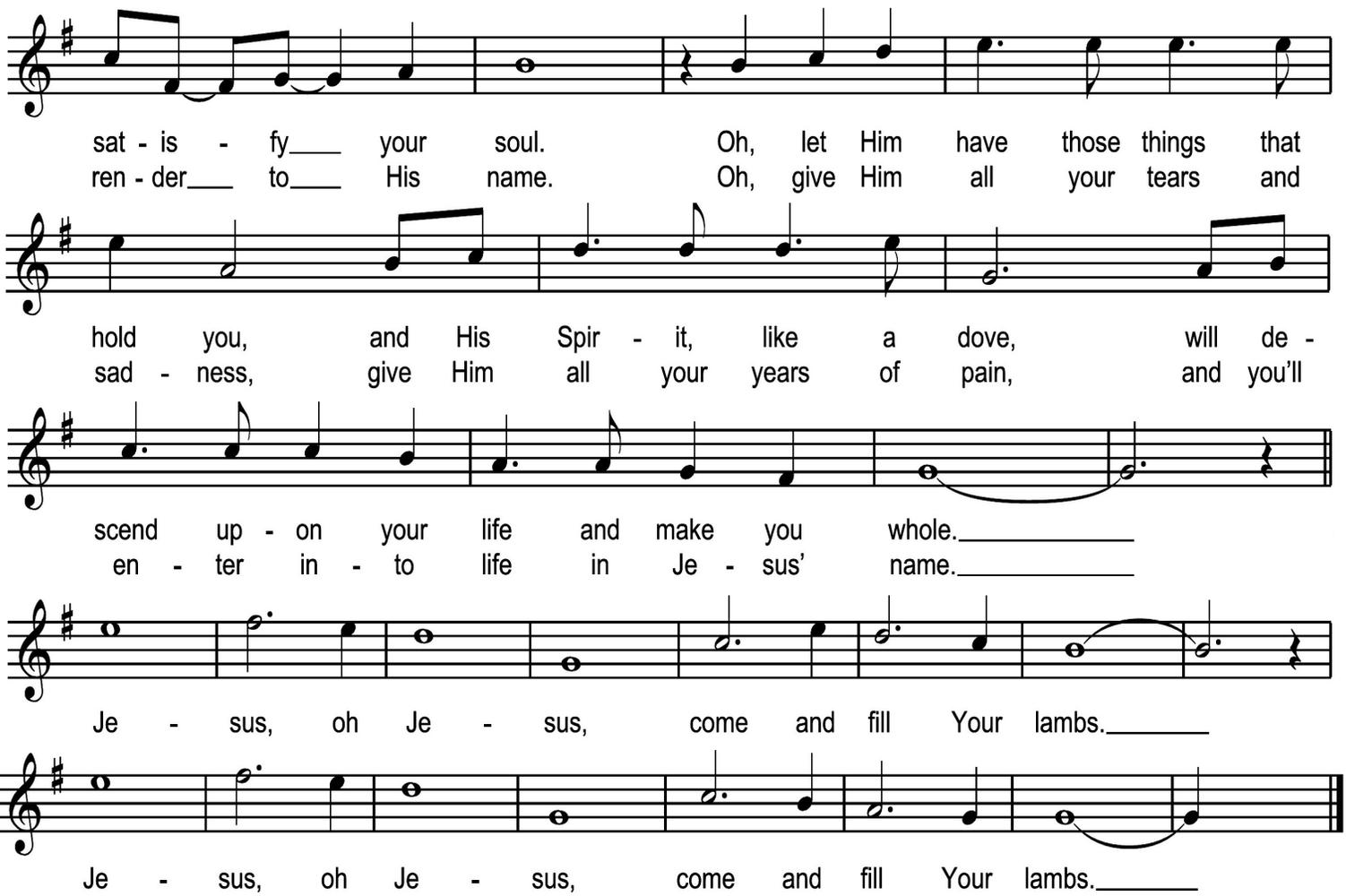
Words and Music by  
John Wimber



1 Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with His  
2 Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness as your



Spir - it and His love; Let Him fill your heart and  
hearts are filled with joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur -



sat - is - fy your soul. Oh, let Him have those things that  
ren - der to His name. Oh, give Him all your tears and

hold you, and His Spir - it, like a dove, will de -  
sad - ness, give Him all your years of pain, and you'll

scend up - on your life and make you whole.  
en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.

Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your lambs.

Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your lambs.

## 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.

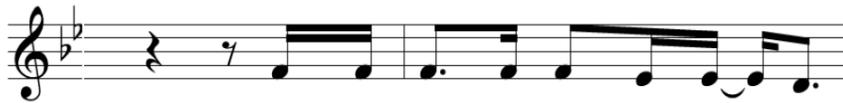
## Closing Song

**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:



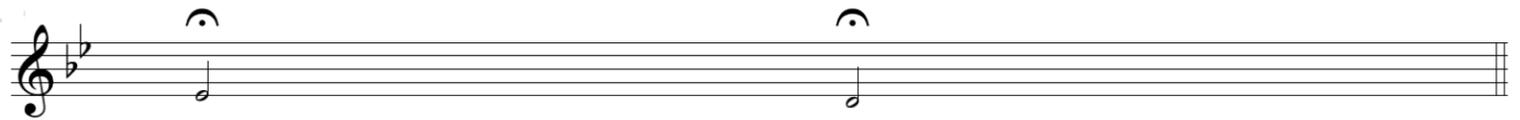
He is.

Is He wor - thy, Is He



wor - thy? He is.

He is.



## Dismissal

*P* <sup>1</sup>See 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 19<sup>th</sup>  
Pentecost 25

**First Reading:**

**Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

**Psalm:**

**Psalm 90:1-12**

**Second Reading:**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**Gospel:**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

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