

Draw Us into the Dance



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Trinity 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

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God.

The Holy Community—Creator Father, Son, and Holy Spirit join hands in joyful relationship with one another. They want to share that dance with us—to teach us the steps, to help us hear the music.

Draw Us into the Dance

Welcome to Worship

P Called to be faithful stewards of creation, we come to worship

All To sing to the One

**who has created all that is good, beautiful and true,
and who has shared everything with us.**

P Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we come to learn:

All To follow the One

**who meets us in every moment of our lives,
in every place we find ourselves.**

P Called to proclaim the Good News of Easter, we come to find the words:

All To be taught by the Spirit,

**who moves in and through us
as we serve the world.**



P Hearing your whisper, creation tingles with anticipation,
knowing that goodness and wonder are your heart's desires.
Listening to your instructions, the universe shimmers with delight,
and all creatures fall down and worship you.

All Imaginative God, you are as close as the early-morning breeze.

P You spoke, and ran forth to sprinkle the heavens with shimmering stars;
you poured the waters of grace into the hollows of the earth
so that all life might emerge.

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Ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it. Ho - ly Com - mun - ion, Three in One.

Come with Your peace, with Your in - vi - ta - tion. Bind us to - geth - er in ho - ly love.

P Bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh,
you are as close as the love which fills our hearts.
You dreamed, and flowed over chaos— shaping, spinning, weaving
peace, wonder and joy into the fabric of all life.
Your passion for hope became flames which dance in our hearts.
Spirit of fanciful faith, you are as close as a butterfly's wings
brushing our cheeks.

All You are closer to us than we ever dared hope.



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Call to Reconciliation

Please stand in body or spirit.

P When God looks at us,
the One who created us sees hope, joy, grace, life.
But all too often, others see us as broken, hurtful, sinful ...
Let us confess our deeds and words to the One who loves us and longs to
re-create us in the image of true life.

All **Why do you pay us any attention, Artist of creation?**
Created in your image, we show faces filled with desire to do good,
but offer hearts filled with anger and judgement to those around us.
Called to be disciples of Christ, we all too often are seen chasing after
the false promises of the easy life.
Offered the role of being stewards of creation,
we think that everything you have created is to be used up so we can
enjoy life, giving no thought for future generations.
Yet you have declared everything you created to be good,
even us, God of unexpected grace.
So we know that, in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior,
you will reshape our greed into generosity,
our bitterness into blessings
and our brokenness into lives
poured out in service to our sisters and brothers. *Silence for reflection*

Assurance of Pardon

P Lives that are chaotic become cradles of peace;
hearts malformed by meanness are reshaped into goodness;
souls filled with despair are cleansed with grace.
This is the good news:
the God who created us is the same God who redeems us.
The God who redeems us is the God who sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God, ✝ we are forgiven!

All **Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen**

You may be Seated

A Reading from Genesis, beginning with the 1st chapter

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit formed the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the

waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so.

²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

A Reading from 2 Corinthians the 13th chapter

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!

Please stand in body or spirit.

Oh Lord, our Lord, how ma-je-stic is Your name in all the earth. Oh
Lord, our Lord, how ma-je-stic is Your name in all the earth. Oh Lord, we
praise Your name; Oh Lord, we mag-ni-fy Your name; Prince of
Peace, Mighty God, oh Lord God Al-mighty.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

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

The setting is a mountain in Galilee, and the occasion is Jesus' great commission: the sending out of the disciples to preach the gospel to the nations. The group of disciples has mixed feelings: some still have doubts, but some worship him. Besides it is a group that has been shaken and broken by Judas' treason. A pep talk is in order.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:16-20

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

[You may be Seated](#)

Reflection

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Praise The Father Praise The Son

Words and Music by
Ed Cash and Chris Tomlin

10 sov - 'reign__ God, O match - less King— the saints a -
 (2. These suf - fer)__ - ings, this pass - ing tide un - der Your
 (3. To the)__ val - ley, for my soul; Thy great de -

dore, the an - gels sing, and fall be - fore the throne of
 wings I will a - bide, and ev - 'ry en - e - my shall
 scent has made me whole! Your word my heart has wel - comed

1
 grace— to You be - longs the high - est praise. 2 These suf - fer -
 flee; You are my hope and vic - to -
 home; Now peace like wa - ter ev - er

2, 3
 ry. Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, Three in
 flows.

One; Clothed in pow - er and in grace, the name a - bove all oth - er

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 names 3 To the__ names. Oh, praise the

Fa - ther, praise the Son, and Praise the Spir - it, Three in One; Clothed in pow - er and in
 grace, the name a - bove all oth - er names, the name a - bove all oth - er names.

Apostles' Creed

P Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

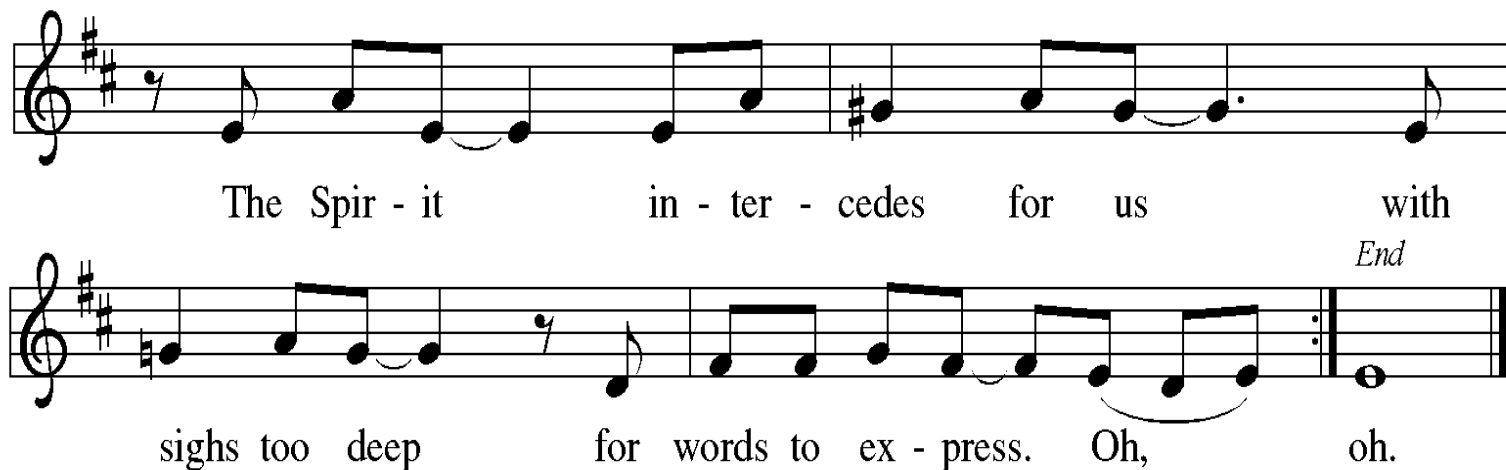
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**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

WA We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.



The Spir - it in - ter - cedes for us with
sighs too deep for words to ex - press. Oh, oh.

End

(each prayer petition ends with)

WA: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory

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♪ ♪ ***Praise God from whom all blessings flow*** ♪ ♪
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise God above, Praise God above ye heavenly host
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Offertory Prayer

P 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.

This we pray. Amen

Holy Communion

P May God in Community be with you.

***All* And with you as well.**

P Shaped in the divine image, let us open ourselves to the Creator.

***All* With grace-filled hearts, we come to the Redeemer's table.**

P Called to be God's household, let us offer our praises.

***All* We rejoice that the Holy Spirit has brought us, from many places,
here to our home.**

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.

P 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.

1. In re - mem - brance of Me, eat this bread. In re -
 mem - brance of Me, drink this wine. In re - mem - brance of Me, pray for the
 time when God's own will is done.

Send your Spirit to flow over
 the gifts of the bread and the cup, and to bring light and goodness
 to those who gather around your Table.

As we break the Bread of life,
 may we become living hope to a world mired in despair.
 As we drink from the Cup of grace,
 may we cradle your kindness and peace in our hearts and souls,
 so we might be poured out to those who thirst for your
 peace and gentleness.

2. In re - mem - brance of Me, heal the sick. In re -
 mem - brance of Me, feed the poor. In re - mem - brance of Me, o - pen the

door and let your broth - er in, let him in.

The Lord's Prayer

Please stand in body or spirit.

P God in Community, Holy and One,
we lift our prayers to you, saying ...

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.

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed, drink and re -

mem - ber, too, that this is My bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for

you, shed for you. 3. In re - mem - brance of Me, search for truth.

In re - mem - brance of Me, al - ways love. In re - mem - brance of Me
 don't look a - bove, but in your heart, look in your heart for
 God. Do this in re - mem - brance of Me.

The Invitation

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.
 Come!

shed for you and
 for all people
 for the forgiveness of sin
All are Welcome!

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

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Glorify Thy Name

Words and Music by
Donna Adkins



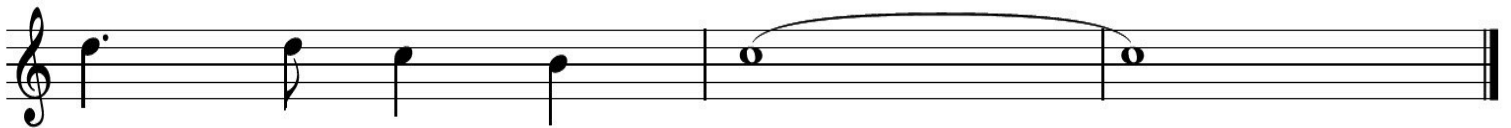
1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You, glo - ri - fy Thy
2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,



name in all the earth. _____ Glo - ri - fy Thy name,



glo - ri - fy Thy name, glo - ri - fy Thy



name in all the earth. _____

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 Let us pray,
Jesus, Bread of life,

All we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.

**As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.**

In your name we pray. Amen

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P May the peace of the rolling waves,
the peace of the silent mountains,
the peace of the singing stars,
and the deep, deep peace of the Prince of Peace
be with you now and forever.

All Amen.

Sending Song

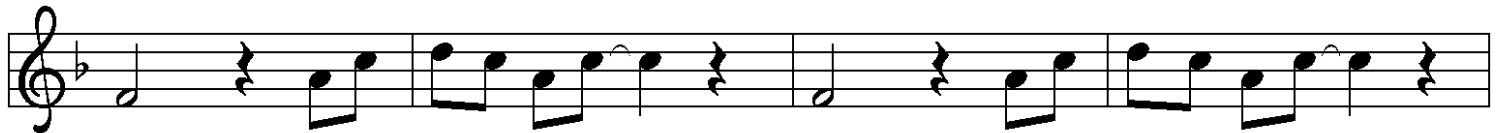
Go, Make Disciples



“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

Dismissal

P God, who created you in the divine image, sends you forth:

**All We go: to reflect the presence of our Creator
to everyone we meet along the way.**

WA Jesus who has redeemed you, has established God's Kingdom in
our midst:

All We go: to bring healing and hope to all the broken of the world.

P The Holy Spirit, who calls you to be God's people, goes with you to
many places:

**All We go: to tear down the walls which divide us,
and to build lives of trust for all God's children.**

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Readings for next Sunday,
June 2nd
Second Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Psalm: Psalm 81:1-10

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Gospel: Mark 2:23—3:6

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