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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

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases

a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

# Bread of Life

# Welcome to Worship

- *P* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- All And also with you.







- *P* The Lord be with You
- All And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

 P Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>+</sub> one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

#### All Amen

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

God, our provider,

All help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

- We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.
- We turn to our own understanding

rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life

and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

*P* Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,

- you are fed and nourished.
- By Jesus, the worker of miracles,

there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, 🕂 the bread of life,

you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

All Amen

Prayer for This Day

- *P* Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people.
- All Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
  Amen. You may be Seated

A Reading from Lamentations, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,

his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him,

to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth,

<sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it,

<sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope),

<sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

<sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not reject forever.

<sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion

according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 3:22-33

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!

## A Reading from 2 Corinthians the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

L The Word of the Lord,

#### All Thanks be to God!



*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup>Immediately her

hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Mark 5:21-43

- *P* The Gospel of our Lord.
- All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated



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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

WA One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.



WA: In your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

# Passing of the Peace

- *P* Jesus Christ become peace with you.
- All And also with you.



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 God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.
- All Accept these gifts that you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# Holy Communion

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 Please stand in body or spirit. God in Community, Holy and One, Ρ 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.

The Invitation

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

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

One Bread, One Body



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- *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



Benediction

P The blessing of God,who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

+ be upon you now and forever.







# Dismissal

P God, who created us to join in His work also created us to rest in his peace.

Go in peace, celebrate God's love!

All Thanks be to God!





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Readings for next Sunday,<br/>July 7<sup>th</sup>First Reading:Ezekiel 2:1-5Sunday after PentecostPsalm:Psalm 123Second Reading:2 Corinthians 12:2-10Gospel:Mark 6:1-13

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