

July 7, 2024 7th 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

Introduction

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

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,

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 God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
- All Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Ezekiel, the 2nd chapter

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Ezekiel 2:1-5

- L The Word of the Lord,
- All Thanks be to God!

A Reading from 2 Corinthians the 12th chapter

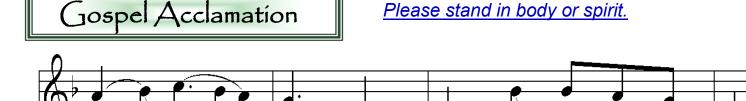
Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—4was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 8Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, 9but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

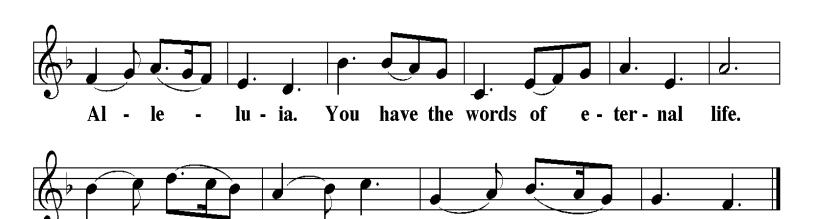
2 Corinthians 12:2-10

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!



9 Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go



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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter.

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All Glory to you, O Lord.

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

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¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they

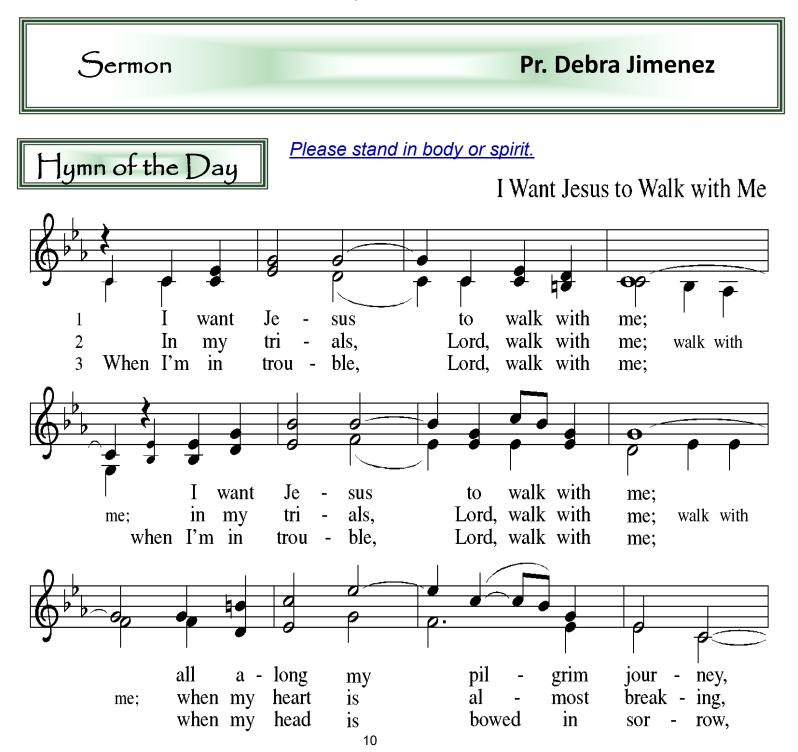
refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

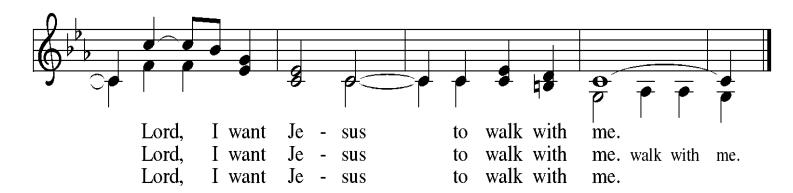
Mark 6:1-13

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be Seated





Text: African American spiritual

Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version

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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.

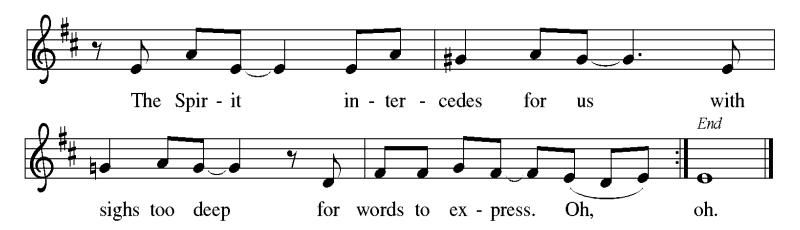
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of 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.

<u>You may be Seated</u>

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.



(each prayer petition ends with)

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



- 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.

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.

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

When Peace, like a River It Is Well with My Soul



- 1 When peace like a riv er at tend eth my way, when
- 2 Though Sa tan should buf fet, though tri als should come, let
- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo ri ous thought; my
- 4 Lord, has ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast sea blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I sin. not clouds be rolled back as scroll. the trum - pet shall sound and the a



taught me well. well with my say, it is it is to soul. his own help - less es - tate, and hath shed blood for my soul. more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, soul! it my no 0 Lord shall de - scend; well it is soul. e - ven SO with my



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876



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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 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

- All Amen.

Sending Song

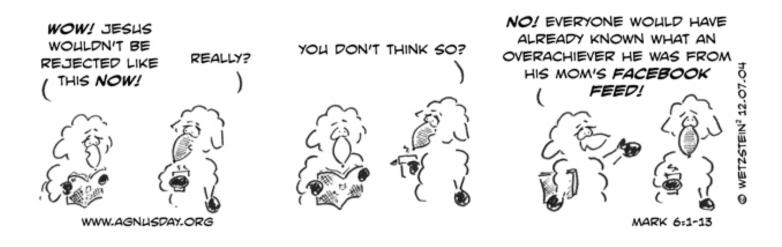




P God, who created us to join in His work also created us to rest in his peace.

Go in peace, celebrate God's love!

All Thanks be to God!



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Readings for next Sunday, July 14th Sunday after Pentecost First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29