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11th 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

We are in the third week of our "Quest" theme that is exploring our relationship with the wider world and a wider perspective of our own communities. Let us continue to imagine ourselves "far from home," meeting each new insight with wonder, letting our experiences lead us to deeper reflection about ourselves.

The Reflection

Lea - ving home, we set our see - ing,
on a quest for dee - per mea - ning.
What we find can change us for the love of
all the cre - a - tion and its be - ings.

(Repeat as led)

The image shows a musical score for the song 'The Reflection'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves end with a repeat sign. The third staff ends with a repeat sign and the instruction '(Repeat as led)'. The fourth staff begins with a 7-measure rest, followed by the lyrics 'all the cre - a - tion and its be - ings.' and ends with a repeat sign.

P When we travel, whether within our own country or abroad, we experience new people, new cultures, and new religious thought and practices. We may even find ourselves uncomfortable at first; unsure about how to understand these new ideas. With time we may just discover that what at first seemed so different – so foreign, is no longer as different as we first imagined.

The light we seek and the life-sustaining river that runs through God’s Kin-dom is full of common themes across religions. We all seek peaceful coexistence, food, shelter, love, and compassion for those who are suffering and oppressed.

And so we ask,

“How can deeper reflection about our own hesitation to connect to the wider human family free us to explore more possibilities for a better world?”

♪ ♪ *Leaving home, we set our seeing, ♪ ♪
on a quest for deeper meaning.*

*What we find can change us for the love of all
the creation and its beings.*

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P We come to the water again today.
Today's scripture comes from the Book of The Revelation –
a powerful vision of a new creation,
where the divisions are wiped away and all beings are one.

It says,

“To the thirsty I will give water
as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Our baptism reminds us of this gift. We reside in the waters of life.

Our thirst, our despair, our fears come when we forget this.

Let us pray:

All Merciful God,

***we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts
and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves,
through what we have done and left undone.***

***Forgive us when we create boundaries of “us” and “them”
and assume scarcity where you offer abundance.***

Guide us as we seek to turn around toward greater love.

Lead us to travel in your ways. Amen.

P Know this:

There is a spring of life that flows throughout creation
and is available to all – to us – when we need it most.

In the midst of our fear, Jesus calls us to be a new creation.

He is our constant companion, inviting us to reach out to one another,
traveling together toward the Kin-dom of Love.

P In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen!



Far from home, we know we're see - ing,
ev - ery - where is full of mea - ning;
diff' - rent folx ex - pand our world and awe of
all the cre - a - tion and its be - ings.

Prayer for This Day

P Sojourning God,
your Spirit exists everywhere, on every path,
inviting us to move with curiosity and compassion toward each other.

All Move us from our comfort zones.
Show us how to be humble and willing to accept
that all beings are sacred as created by you.
May we grow in peace, expand in love,
and deepen in understanding of one another.
Nudge and guide us, we pray.
Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Isaiah, the 65th chapter

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

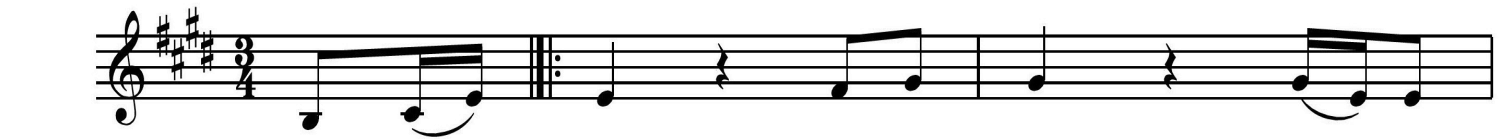
They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

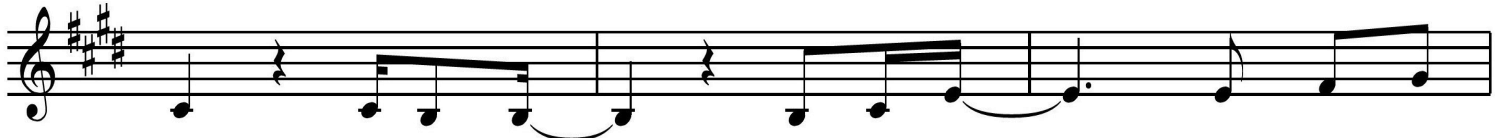
Isaiah 65: 17-25

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!



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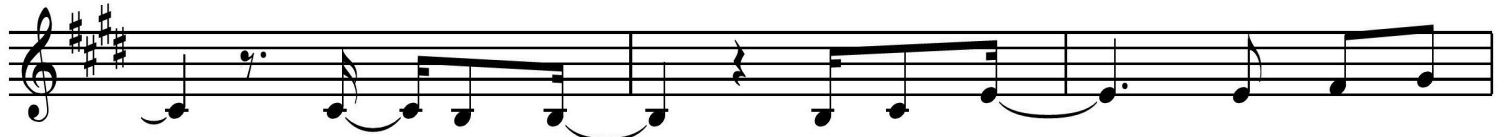
walk in this world; They re - sound with God's own



heart, O, let the an - cient words im - part;



Words of life, words of hope, give us strength,



help us cope; In this world wher - e'er we



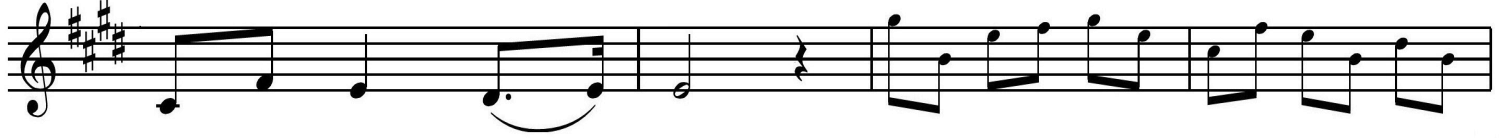
roam, an - cient words will guide us home. An - cient



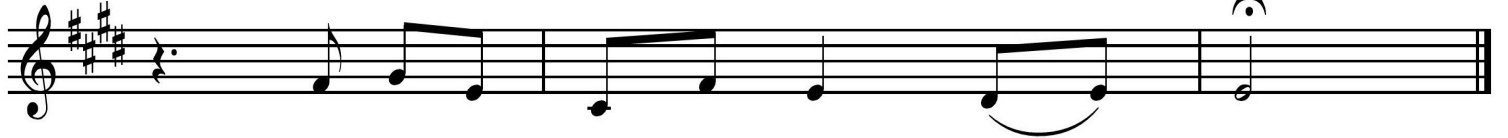
words, ev - er true, chang - ing me, chang - ing



you; We have come with o - pen hearts, O let the



an - cient words im - part.



O let the an - cient words im - part.

A Reading from The Revelation, the 21st chapter

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

Revelation 21: 22-26

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

Hymn of the Day

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Words and Music by
Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Please stand in body or spirit.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor - ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name. 1The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing, it's time to sing Your song a - gain. What - ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes. Bless the". There are musical markings such as a repeat sign at the beginning, a double bar line, and a "2nd time to Coda" instruction. The score ends with "D.S. al Coda".

Coda

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to an-ger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your good-ness, I will keep on sing-ing; Ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to find. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho-ly name. Sing like nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho-ly name. 3 And on that day, when my strength is fail-ing, the end draws near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing Your praise un-end-ing ten thou-sand years, and then for-ev-er-more! Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho-ly name. Sing like nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho-ly name, wor-ship Your ho-ly name.

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.**

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Prayers of The People

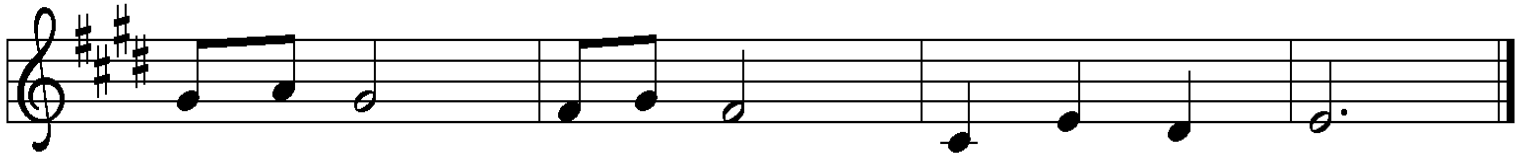
WA Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.



Hear our prayer, hear our prayer, Lord, make us whole:



peace to all peo - ple, hope for each soul.



God of grace, in this place, hear now our prayer.

(each prayer petition ends with)

WA: Lord, In your mercy,

All: You hear our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory



Com - ing home, we set our see - ing



to hold on - to dee - per mea - ning;



lov - ing life and mak - ing home a place for



all the cre - a - tion and its be - ings.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

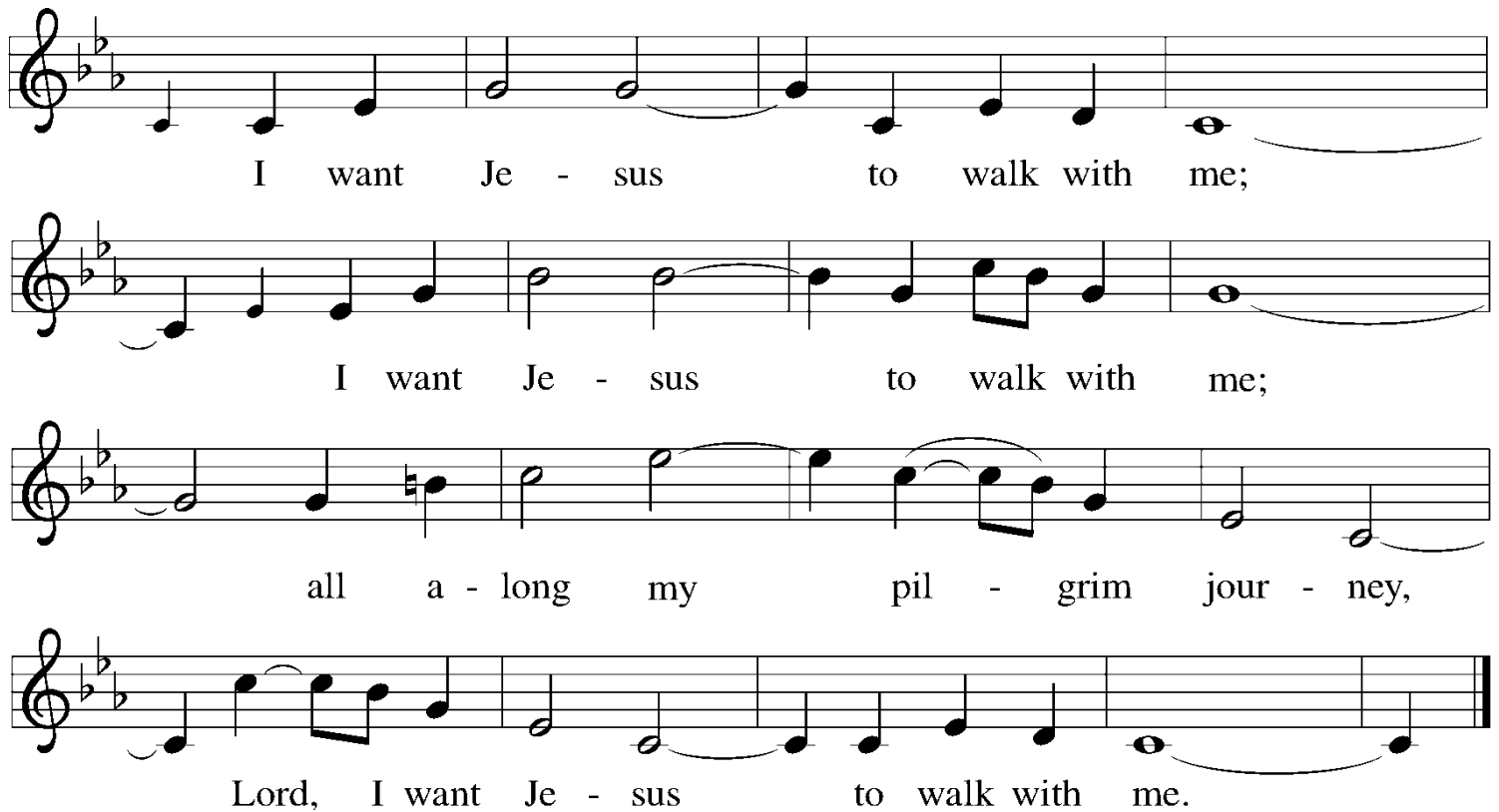
Holy Community of Love,

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. Amen.

Holy Communion



I want Je - sus to walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;

all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

P The Holy Living God 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.

♪ ♪ *When I'm singin' Lord walk with me* ♪ ♪
When I'm singin' Lord walk with me
When I'm praisin' all of God's goodness
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

P God of Grace,
It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you.
Your delight filled the skies and land
with colors beyond the spectrum of our knowing.
Your playful creating offered up humankind
with such diversity that we cannot comprehend it.
Your breath left waters frothy and lungs exploding
with the power of life and prophetic utterances.

All **And yet we back away from such promise,
unable to claim your love as ours.
But here you are to meet us—speak to us—once again,**

P always faithful, always present
in this Body, the bale... in this Body the people.

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.

P And so...

We remember...

We offer ourselves...

We claim a new freedom in this truth.

I invite you to raise your hands in the ancient Christian posture of prayer...

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the vision of your Reign realized,
so that we may be for the world your dream come true.

By your Spirit open us to each other and to the world,
making us one in You, through Christ,
in the power of Your redeeming Grace!

♪ ♪ **When I'm lovin' Lord walk with me** ♪ ♪
When I'm lovin' Lord walk with me
When I'm caring for all God's children
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with 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

Shall We Gather at the River



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

GOD IS SO GOOD

African melody

1. God is so good, God is so good, God is so good He's so good to me.

2. He cares for me _____ 3. I'll do His will _____ 4. He loves me so _____
 5. He answers prayer _____

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 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

P As you move into this week,
may your love for self and neighbor reflect God's deep love.

May compassion for yourself and your neighbor flow from within.

May God's vision of the City on a Hill expand our horizons and
challenge our preconceptions.

And may the Creator continue your unfolding,
the Christ accompany your deeper knowing,

the ✝ Spirit enliven your growing,

until one day we all gather in the Kin-dom of Love.

All Amen.

Sending Song

God Is Good All The Time Words and Music by
Don Moen & Paul Overstreet

§ CHORUS



God is good all the time, — He put a song — of praise — in this



heart of mine; — God is good all the time, — through the dark - est night — His

Last time to Coda ♯



light will shine. — God is good, God is good all the time. —

VERSE



1. If you're walk - in' — through the val - ley, — and there are
2. We were sin - ners, — so un - wor - thy, — still for



shad - ows all a - round; — Do not fear, He will guide you, — He will
us He chose to die, — filled us with His Ho - ly Spir - it, — now we can



keep you safe and sound. 'Cause He — has prom - ised to nev - er leave -
stand and tes - ti - fy that — His love — is ev - er - last -



— you — not for - sake you, — and His Word is true. God is — Though I
- ing — and His mer - cies — they will nev - er end.

BRIDGE

may not un - der-stand _____ all the plans You have for _____ me; My

D.S. al Coda

life is in Your hands, and, through the eyes of faith I can clear - ly see. _____ God is

ENDING Coda Coda symbol

good, He's so good, God is good, He's _____ so good God _____ is

good, He's so good all the time. _____

Dismissal

WA In all your travels,...remember...
We are the walking feet of Jesus.

All Thanks be to God!

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Readings for next Sunday,
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First Reading: Psalm 36: 5-9

Second Reading: John 15: 1-17



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