



God's work. Our hands.



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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

Hear the call to dine with Jesus — an invitation that means much more than a simple eating experience. It never was simply about eating with Jesus.

The table was the place where he fed people, and also challenged them to acts of hospitality that reflect God's way. When we say "yes" to the place at Christ's table, we accept a way of life that embraces God's definition of love, peace, grace, and joy.

The Table of Love

P Who among us doesn't enjoy the fragrance of freshly baked bread! This week we will explore how "Christ's own love" is baked into the bread we break each time we gather in Jesus' name, around God's table. We don't need to save this love only for the times when we partake in Holy Communion.

The beauty of God's love is that we invoke love every day when we sit down at our kitchen tables for home-cooked meals or takeout, or game night with friends and family – even for difficult conversations with our loved ones. Love is present in the sweetest, the spiciest, the bitterest, and the blandest moments of our everyday lives.

Love is present because love is God, and God is love.

Come to the ta - ble of love.

Come to the ta - ble of love.

This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.

Come to the ta - ble of love.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, G major. The first staff has lyrics 'Come to the ta - ble of love.' The second staff has lyrics 'Come to the ta - ble of love.' The third staff has lyrics 'This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.' The fourth staff has lyrics 'Come to the ta - ble of love.' The music consists of simple chords and melodic lines.

P We come to this table not only for food, but for friendship and family.

All We are here not only to eat, but to serve.

P We prepare our meal of bread and fruit of the vine with compassion.

All We invite everyone to join in the feast.

P We are all part of one human family.

All We are united in love.

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Before God, with the people of God we confess our brokenness:

Silence for reflection

**to the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others,
and the life of the world.**

P If we have known aliens in our community,
and have not loved them as ourselves, forgive us, God.

All Forgive us God.

WA Where we have colluded with unjust laws,
and been insensitive to suffering and fear, forgive us, God.

All Forgive us God.

P If we have left it to others to offer hospitality
and made excuses to ourselves for inaction, forgive us, God.

All Forgive us God.

WA Where we have remained ignorant of different customs
and assumed that all should observe ours, forgive us, God.

**All May God forgive us,
Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.**

P God says: 'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, ✝ you are mine.'

**All In the name of Jesus, we are forgiven!
Amen.**

♪ ♪ **Come to the Table of Love.** ♪ ♪
Come to the Table of Love.
This is God's table; not yours or mine.
Come to the Table of Love.

Prayer for This Day

P Holy One,

All you stretch wide your tent that all may be welcomed in,
and in Jesus you stretched out your hands
in expansive love for a weary and wounded world.
Help us to reach out with your own wounded hands of love,
that through us your life may be known in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be Seated

A Reading from Romans, the 13th chapter

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and

licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13:8-14

L The Word of the Lord,

All Thanks be to God!

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
-lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, And we lift our hands be-fore You as a
to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew, the 18th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell

you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Matthew 18:15-20

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

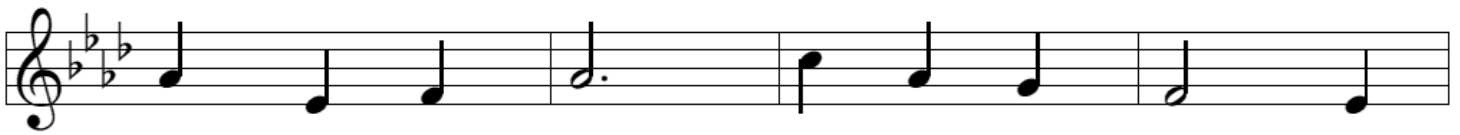
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Hymn of the Day

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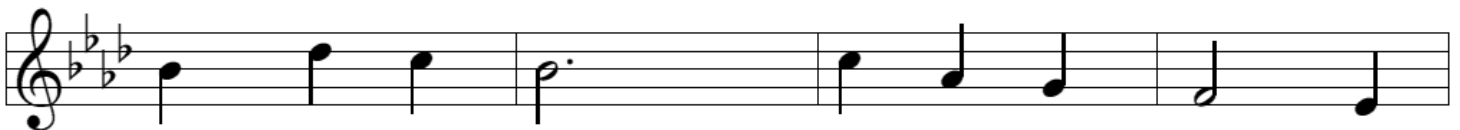
God's Work, Our Hands



1 God's work,	our hands:	work - ing	to - geth - er,
2 God's work,	our feet:	trav - 'ling	to - geth - er,
3 God's work,	our voice:	sing - ing	to - geth - er,
4 God is at	work	in and	a - round us:



build - ing	a fu - ture,	re - pair - ing	the world,
fol - low - ing	Je - sus	to plac - es	un - known,
prais - ing,	pro - claim - ing	to all who	will hear,
seed - lings	are sprout - ing	and bread's	on the rise!



rais - ing	up homes,	plant - ing	new gar - dens,
walk - ing	as friends,	march - ing	for free - dom,
pray - ing	for peace,	shout - ing	for jus - tice,
Washed and	set free,	hum - bled	and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

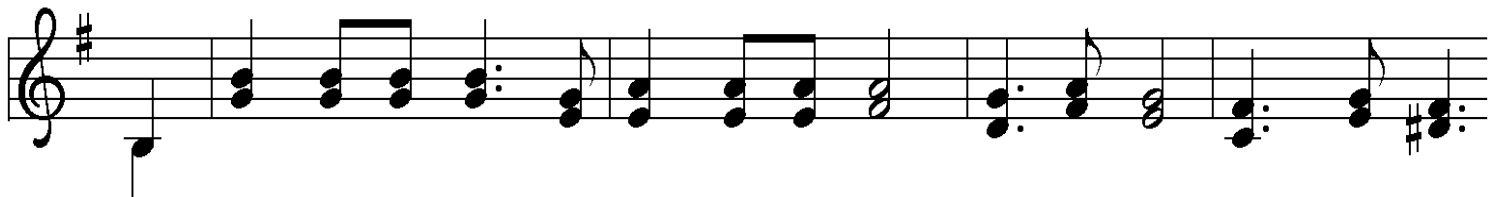


shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

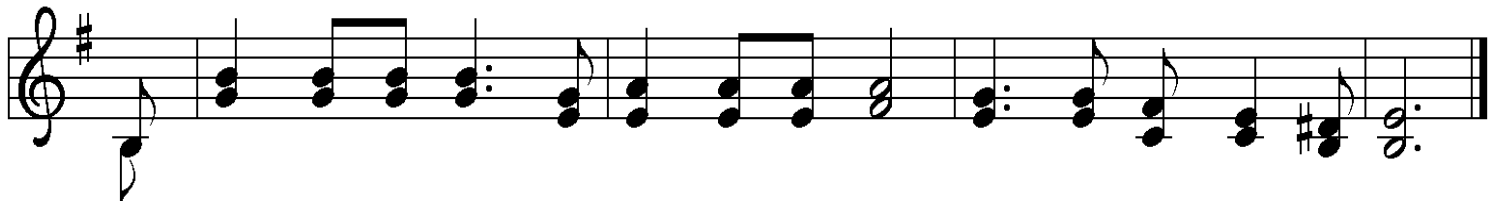
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Prayers of The People

WA Gathered into God's embrace, let us lift our voices on behalf of a weary and wounded world.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and lis - ten to me.

(each prayer petition ends with)

WA: God, we pray

All: open our hands in love.

Passing of the Peace

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory



What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?



Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.



God will not fal - ter; so let us dare



lay it at the al - tar there.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray:

Holy God, giver of all good things,

All receive the gifts we bring,

fruit of the earth and the work of human hands,

that they may be used to your purposes

for life and love in the world. 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

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

shed for you and
for all people
for the forgiveness of sin



All are Welcome!

Communion Songs

Freely Freely

Words and Music by
Carol Owens



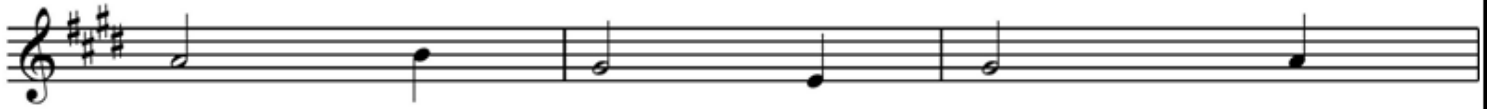
1 God for - gave my sin in Je - sus'
2 All _____ pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus'



name, I've been born a - gain in
name, In _____ earth and heav'n in



Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I
Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I



come to you To share His
come to you to share His



love as He told me to: He said,
pow'r as He told me to: He said,



"Free - ly free - ly, you have re -



ceived. Free - ly, free - ly give; _____

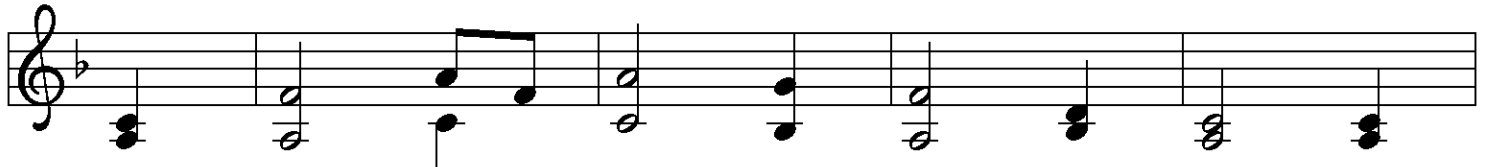


— Go in My name and, be - cause you be -



lieve, Oth - ers will know that I live." _____

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

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 Holy God,

All you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.

Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You may be Seated

Stewardship of Life & Ministry Announcements

Benediction

Please stand in body or spirit.

P This Table of Love requires much of us.

It insists that we love one another as we love ourselves,
and that we love ourselves as we love others.

Love asks that we raise one another up by saying,

“Yes, you are worthy! You are welcome at this table.”

When we surrender to the mysterious ways of love,

we may be surprised to find just how much there is to go around.

The grace of God abounds!

The invitation of Christ is wide!

The power of the transforming Spirit will surprise us every time!

May the blessings of love you find here

go with you and move through you to others

wherever you go this week.

All Amen.

Sending Song

Go Out With Joy

Words and Music by
Joe Huerta and Leila Huerta

Go out with joy and be led forth in peace, the moun-
- tains and the hills shall break forth sing - ing. sing - ing. And
all the trees of the field shall clap their hands, the Lord Je - ho - vah shall be
praised. And all the trees of the field
shall clap their hands, the Word of the Lord shall be for - ev - er.

Dismissal

WA Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

All Thanks be to God!

Readings for next Sunday,
September 15th
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First Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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