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18th 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

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 Grace

P At the table of grace, there is always more than enough to go around. Everyone makes mistakes, and we have all needed forgiveness at some point; we've all needed gentle guidance to adjust – to make amends. Grace doesn't keep track of how many times we've messed up, and it doesn't hinge on the condition that next time we'll do better.

Grace exists outside of time and says, we are enough, right now and always, no matter what!

The musical score consists of four staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics 'Come to the ta - ble of *grace.' The second staff has the lyrics 'Come to the ta - ble of *grace.' The third staff has the lyrics 'This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.' The fourth staff has the lyrics 'Come to the ta - ble of *grace.'

P We often invoke the idea of “grace”
when we say a blessing over our meals.

All We know that grace is an essential need for our survival.

P We “say grace,” but do we always share grace with others?

All We need reminders that we are all human.

P We thank God for another opportunity
to make room at the table for others.

All We give thanks for such a large table!

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

Silence for reflection

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

Prayer for This Day

P Lord God, giver of life,

**All At your table of grace, there is more than enough for all of us.
Teach us to receive your grace for ourselves and to
share your grace with one another. Amen.**

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Philippians, the 1st chapter

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of

believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1:21-30

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 20th chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about

noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Matthew 20:1-16

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

[You may be Seated](#)

Sermon

Pr. Gordon Young

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

Grace Flows Down

Words and Music by
David E. Bell, Louie Giglio
and Rod Padgett

A - maz - ing grace, _____ how sweet _ the sound; .
_____ a - maz - ing love, _____ now flow - ing down .
_____ from hands _ and feet _____ that were nailed _ to _____ the tree .
_____ as grace _ flows down _____ and cov - ers me. _____
It cov - ers me, _____ it cov - ers
me, _____ it cov - ers me, _____
_____ and cov - ers
me. _____

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 Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.



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: Merciful God,

All: receive our prayer.

Passing of the Peace

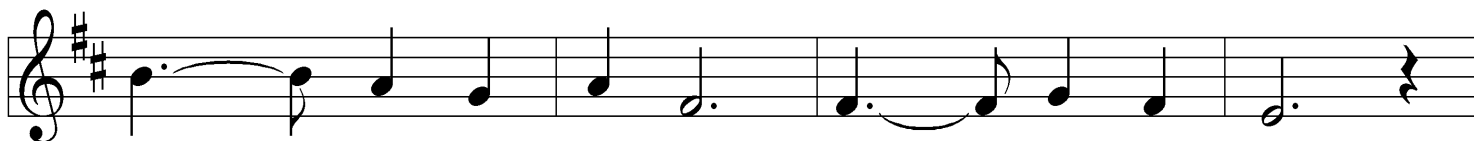
P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

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:

Blessed are you, O God,

All source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts we bring and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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

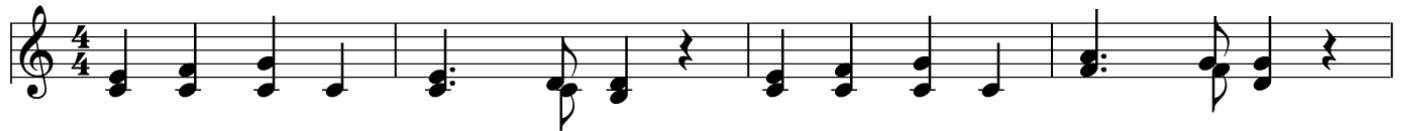


All are Welcome!

Communion Songs

Grace Alone

Words and Music by
Scott Wesley Brown
and Jeff Nelson



1. Ev - 'ry prom - ise we can make, ev - 'ry prayer and step of faith;
2. Ev - 'ry soul we long to reach, ev - 'ry heart we hope to teach;



Ev - 'ry dif - frence we will make is on - ly by His grace.
Ev - 'ry - where we share His peace is on - ly by His grace.



Ev - 'ry moun - tain we will climb, ev - 'ry ray of hope we shine;
Ev - 'ry lov - ing word we say, ev - 'ry tear we wipe a - way;



Ev - 'ry bless - ing left be - hind is on - ly by His grace. Grace a -
Ev - 'ry sor - row turned to praise is on - ly by His grace.

-lone which God sup - plies, strength un - known He will pro -
 -vide, Christ in us our Cor - ner - stone; We will go forth in grace a -
 1. lone. lone. We will go
 forth in grace a - lone. We will go forth
 in grace a - lone.

Words and Music by
Call It Grace Michael Farren, Jonathan Lowry,
 Chad Mattson and Seth Mosley

1. It's the light that pierc - es through you to the dark - est hid - den place.
 It knows your deep - est se - crets, but it nev - er looks a - way. It's the
 gen - tle hand that pulls you from the judg - ment of the crowd when you stand be - fore them

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gult - y and you've got no way out. Some may call it fool - ish and im - pos - si -

ble, but for ev - 'ry heart it res - cues it's a mir - a - cle. It's noth - ing less than

2nd time to Coda ⊕

scan - dal - ous, this love that took our place. Just call it what it is, call it grace.

2. It's the breath that's breath - ing new life in - to

what we thought was dead. It's the fav - or that takes or - phans, plac - ing crowns up - on their

heads. It's the hope for our to - mor - rows, the rock on which we stand. It's a

D.S. al Coda

strong and might - y for - tress e - ven hell can't stand a - gainst. Some may

call it grace.

BRIDGE

A - maz - ing, un - shak - ing, this is grace, this is
Un - chang - ing, un - fail - ing, this is grace, this is



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grace. Some may call it fool - ish and im - pos - si - ble, but for
grace.

ev - 'ry heart it res - cues it's a mir - a - cle. It's noth - ing less than scan - dal - ous, that

Je - sus took our place. Call it what it is, just call it what it is,

call it grace.

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 Grace requires much of us.

It insists that we withhold judgment from those who seem to be “taking the easy way out” or don’t have to work as hard as we feel we do.

Grace is a great equalizer —
none of us are above receiving it, or exempt from needing to give it.

Perhaps the hardest grace of all
is the grace we must have for ourselves.
The grace of God abounds!

The invitation of Christ is wide!

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

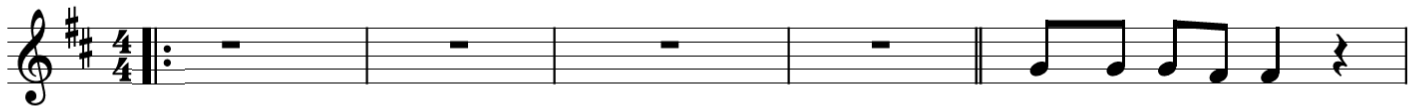
May the blessings of hospitality you find here
go with you and move through you to others ✝
wherever you go this week.

All Amen.

Sending Song

All The People Said Amen

Words and Music by
Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan
and Paul Moak



1. You are not a-lone
2. If you're rich or poor,



if you are lone - ly. When you feel a - fraid, you're not the on - ly.
well, it don't mat - ter. Weak _ or strong, you know love is what we're af - ter.

We are all the same, in need of mer - cy, to be for - giv - en and be
 We're all bro - ken, but we're all in this to - geth - er. God knows we stum - ble and fall,

free. It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need. _____
 and He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.

And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Whoa. _____ And all the peo - ple said, "A -

-men." Give thanks to the Lord, for His love nev - er ends.

last time to Coda ⊕ 1. _____

And all the peo - ple said, "A - men."

2. _____

men." Bless-ed are the poor in spir - it who are torn a - part. Bless-ed are

the per - se - cut - ed and the pure in heart. Bless-ed are the peo - ple hun - gry for an -

-oth - er start, for theirs is the king - dom, the king - dom of God. _____

D.S. al Coda

⊕ Coda ENDING _____

- men." And all the peo - ple said, "A - men."

Dismissal

WA Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

All Thanks be to God!

Readings for next Sunday,
September 29th
19th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading:

Philippians 2: 1-13

Gospel:

Matthew 21: 23-32

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