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19th 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 Joy

P Today we celebrate the Table of Joy!

Each time we come to Christ's Table, we remember Jesus' life and ministry. Through this table and the meal we share, we are connected with our Christian ancestors and siblings across time and space.

There is great joy to be found at Christ's table; joy in the vibrant relationships that nurture and sustain this community. There is joy in sharing of our gifts and resources. There is joy in the journey as we work toward a more just and equitable world.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Come to the ta - ble of joy.' (first two staves), 'Come to the ta - ble of joy.' (third staff), and 'This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.' (fourth staff). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word 'joy'.

P We hear God's calling to have joyful spirits as Christ's followers.

All We lift our hearts to be filled with vim and vigor!

P We know that sometimes it is difficult to be joyful in life.

All We recognize that joy is a practice, not just a happy feeling.

P We open ourselves to the joy that comes with justice.

All We make room at this table for joy in all its forms.

Confession and Forgiveness

Please stand in body or spirit.

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

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

Prayer for This Day

P God of Joy,

All You have brought us together to your
table of hospitality, peace, love, and grace
simply because you want to.

Knowing that you delight in us, makes our joy complete!
Make us bold to share our stories, our compassion, our resources,
our energy as part of one human family that shares the
love and joy of Christ. Amen.

[You may be Seated](#)

A Reading from Philippians, the 2nd chapter

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my
presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation
with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you
both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:1-13

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, 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 21st chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'

²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

P The Gospel of our Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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Sermon

Pr. Gordon Young

Hymn of the Day

Please stand in body or spirit.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

Lori True

Shirley Erena Murray



1. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta-
 2. For wo - man and man, a place at the ta-
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta-
 4. For ev - 'ry - one born, a place at the ta-



ble, for ev - 'ry - one born, clean wa - ter and
 ble, re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the
 ble, a voice to be heard, a part in the
 ble, to live with-out fear, and sim - ply to



bread, a shel - ter, a space, a
 share, with wis - dom and grace, di -
 song, the hands of a child in
 be, to work, to speak out, to



safe place for grow - ing, for ev - 'ry - one
 vid - ing the pow - er, for wo - man and
 hands that are wrink - led, for young and for
 wit - ness and wor - ship, for ev - 'ry - one



born, a star o - ver - head.
 man, a sys - tem that's fair.
 old, the right to be - long.
 born, the right to be free.

to verse 2
to refrain
to verse 4
to refrain

Refrain

All And God will de - light when
we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy,
yes, God will de - light when
we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
jus - tice and joy!

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.

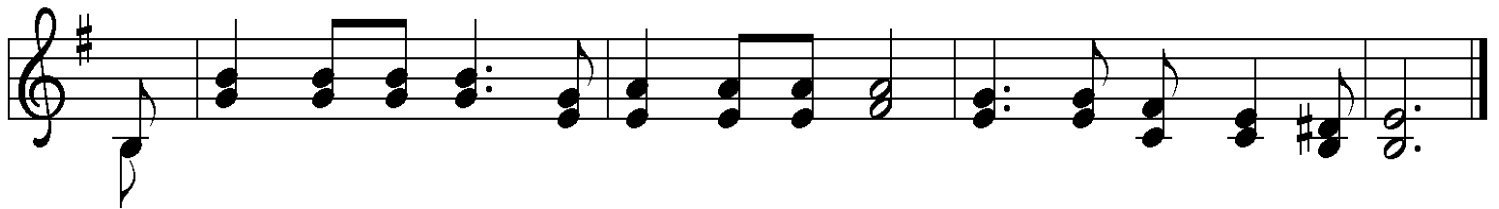
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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Prayers of The People



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: Hear us, O God,

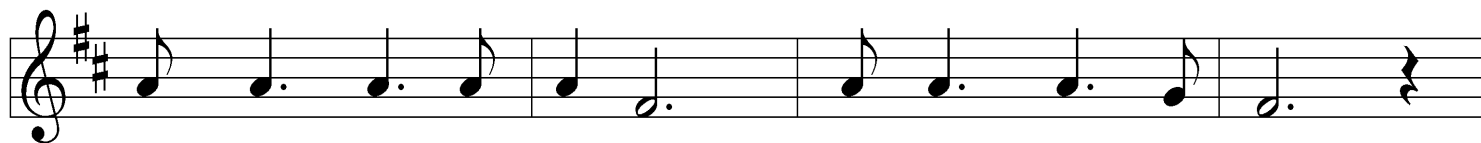
***All:* Your mercy is great.**

Passing of the Peace

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

All And also with you.

Offertory



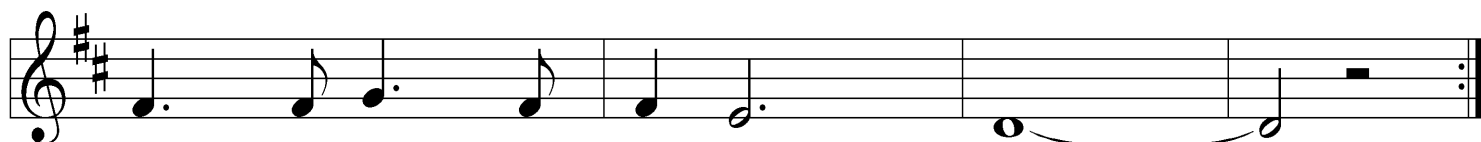
What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?



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

Communion Songs

The Lamb

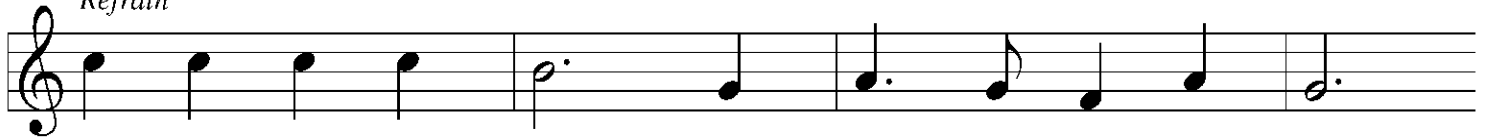


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill.
4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, he rose, my heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
 So still, his will on our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long till ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!



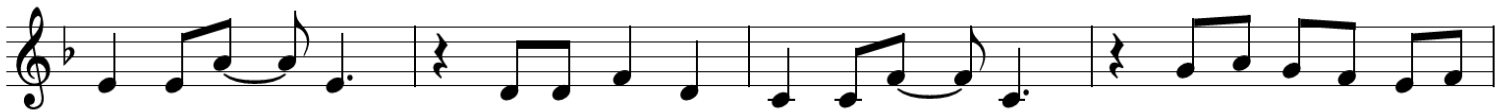
The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne!

There's A Quiet Understanding

Words and Music by
Tedd Smith



1. There's a qui - et un - der - stand - ing when we're gath - ered
 2. And we know when we're to - geth - er, shar - ing love and



in the Spir - it; It's a prom - ise that He gives - us, when we gath - er in His
 un - der - stand - ing, that our broth - ers and our sis - ters feel the one-ness that He



name. There's a love we feel in Je - sus, there's a man - na
 brings. Thank You, thank You, thank You, Je - sus, for the way You

that He feeds _ us; It's a prom - ise that He gives _ us,
love and feed _ us, for the man - y ways You lead _ us,

when we gath - er in His name. thank You, thank You, Lord.

Let there be praise

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

Sing to the Lord, give God the glo - ry. glo - ry.

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

For - ev - er - more let his love fill the air, and let there be praise.

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 Joy requires much of us.

It asks us not to rely on expecting to feel good all the time
in order to do good in the world.

It shows us that we can have fuller, more invigorating lives
when we choose to cultivate a practice of joy
by staying fully present to ourselves and one another
and by staying open to the unexpected movements of Spirit.

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

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 out with Joy. Follow Jesus.

All Thanks be to God!

Readings for next Sunday,
October 6th
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First Reading:

Gospel:

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