



#### Ascension Lutheran Church

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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 Advent, when we anticipate Christ's coming again. It is

fitting, then, that the readings today tell of the final resurrection and the end time. In the turmoil of hope, fear, and disbelief that these predictions provoke in us, Hebrews sounds a note of confident trust. Christ makes a way for us where there is no way, and we walk it confidently, our hearts and bodies washed in baptismal water, trusting the one who has promised forgiveness. The more we see the last day approaching, the more important it is to meet together to provoke one another to love.

November begins with All Saints Day and ends in or near



## Prayer for This Day

- P Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth.
- All Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

You may be Seated

## A Reading from Daniel, the 12th chapter

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

"At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Daniel 12:1-3

L The Word of the Lord,

#### All Thanks be to God!

## A Reading from Hebrews, the 10th chapter

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

<sup>11</sup> Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But when Christ had offered

for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

- "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord:
  I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,"
- <sup>17</sup> he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

- <sup>18</sup> Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.
- <sup>19</sup> Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:11-25

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#### All Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand in body or spirit.



Thy Word is a lamp un-to\_\_\_ my feet and a light un-to my path.



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# Gospel Reading

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

<sup>1</sup> As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" <sup>2</sup> Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" hen Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

Mark 13:1-8

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

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Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pr. Debra Jimenez

## Hymn of the Day

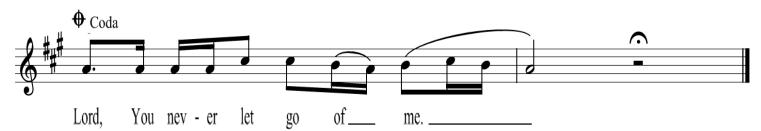
#### You Never Let Go

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Beth Redman











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 Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

We Lift Up By Nick Ehrhardt

#### All Ooooh, Oooooh, We Lift Up Our Prayers.

(Repeat throughout)

*Leader* For the planet, for its people.

For the church and it's many shapes of steeples.

For the hungry, for the cold.

For the young and for the old.

For our joy and for our pain.

For the sunshine for the rain.

For the dying, for the sick.

For our loved ones and the glue that makes us stick.

For our leaders for their minds.

For your wisdom as to how we draw our lines.

For the world and its frantic pace.

For the places where we find deeper space.

For all yearning hearts beneath the sun.

For the chance for a prayer for everyone.

(For our words and for our silence. (Pause)

Ooooh, Oooooh, Ahhhmen.

## Passing of the Peace

Please stand in body or spirit.

P Jesus Christ become peace with you.

#### All And also with you.

#### You may be Seated







- P God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.
- All Accept the gifts 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.

## Confession and Forgiveness

#### All Amen.

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

For our incapacity to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice,

#### All God forgive us.

P For the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion,

#### All God forgive us.

P For those who live their lives in careless unconcern, who cry 'Peace, peace' when there is no peace,

#### All We ask for your mercy.

P For our failings in community, our lack of understanding

#### All We ask for Your Mercy.

P For our lack of forgiveness, openness, and sensitivity

#### All God forgive us.

P For the times we were too eager to be better than others, When we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, When we don't really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives rather than love,

#### All God forgive us.

P Beloved people of God:

These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are 

forgiven

and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

#### All 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

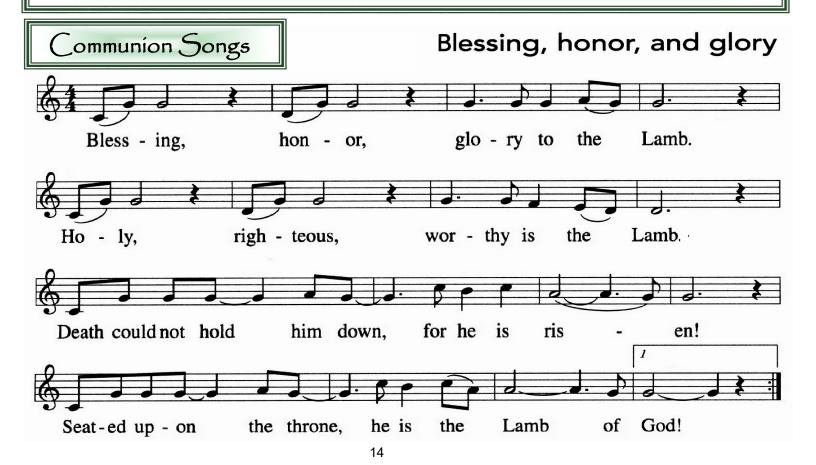
- P God in Community, Holy and One,we lift our prayers to you, saying ...
- All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against 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

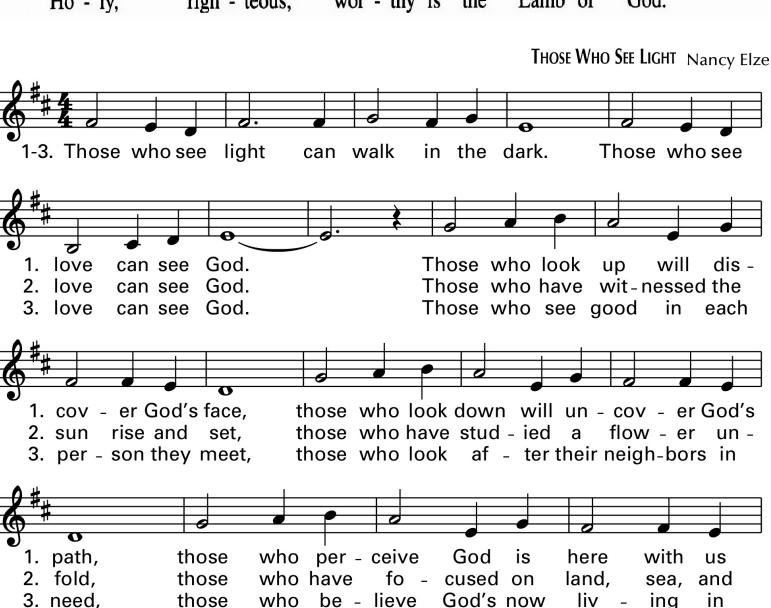
P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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









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God's re - turn.

# Lovely Needy People Music by Gary Rand Lyrics by Lenora Rand



Oh you pris'-ners in your cells, All you in pri - vate hells, \_\_\_\_\_ You chil - dren ripped and torn Battered, bruised and worn,



All who look hate in the face, -----





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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

Please stand in body or spirit.

P May you recognize in your life the presence, power, and light of your soul.

May you realize that you are never alone, that your soul in its brightness and belonging connects you intimately with the rhythm of the universe.

May you have respect for your individuality and difference.

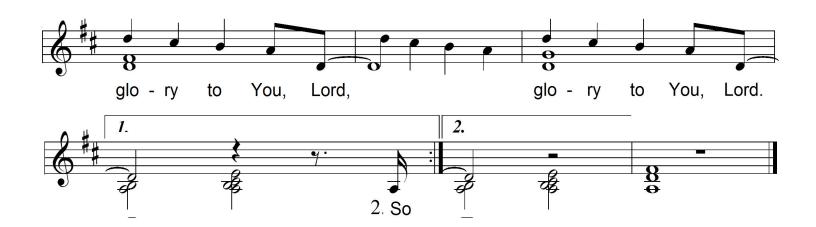
May you realize that the shape of your soul is unique, that you have a special destiny here, that behind the façade of your life there is something beautiful and eternal happening.

May you learn to see your *self* with the same delight, pride, and expectation with which God + *sees* you in every moment.

Blessing for Solitude John O'Donohue

All Amen. Let it be so.





### Dismissal

WA Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:23

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

#### All Thanks be to God!

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Readings for next Sunday,

November 24<sup>th</sup>

Christ the King!

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

**Psalm:** Psalm 93

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

**Gospel:** John 18:33-37