

Ascension Lutheran Church Livestream Worship
August 2 – 9:15am

Welcome! A few pointers to make this worship service meaningful:

- Set the space. Clear a table of everything except the screen, a Bible, and the candle. Turn off the TV, radio, and phones.
- Make sure your computer/tablet/phone is charged, connected to the internet, and has the volume up.
- We will be receiving communion this morning. Have your bread and wine or grape juice ready.
- We won't be receiving an offering during the service, but please still support the ministry of Ascension. You can give online at www.ascensioncos.org/give or mail a check to:

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- If you have prayer requests or concerns, email us:

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Prelude

Trombone Solo: Scott Crump

“Nearer, My God, to Thee” arr. by Ed Hogan

Announcements

Call to Worship

Trombone Solo: Scott Crump

“I Will Sing My Redeemer” arr. by Ed Hogan

+ Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, abounding in steadfast love toward us, healing the sick and raising the dead, showering us with every good gift.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Just and gracious God,

we come to you for healing and life. We confess to you our sins which hurt others, grieve you, and hinder your dreams for creation. Our lives bear the scars of sin, so we bring them to you. Show us your mercy, O God. Bind up our wounds, forgive us our sins, and free us to love, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn – I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (619)

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise – “Glory to God”

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,

glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple,

peace to God's peo-ple, peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

- 1- Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*
- 3- For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God, the Father. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

God of hope,

your promise of life and light burns within us. When the world turns dark, give us faith to hold to your promise that we might still hope. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

Amen.

Reading: Job 14:7-15, 19:23-27

‘For there is hope for a tree,
if it is cut down, that it will sprout again,
and that its shoots will not cease.

Though its root grows old in the earth,
and its stump dies in the ground,
yet at the scent of water it will bud
and put forth branches like a young plant.

But mortals die, and are laid low;
humans expire, and where are they?

As waters fail from a lake,
and a river wastes away and dries up,
so mortals lie down and do not rise again;
until the heavens are no more, they will not awake
or be roused out of their sleep.

O that you would hide me in Sheol,
that you would conceal me until your wrath is past,
that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me!

If mortals die, will they live again?

All the days of my service I would wait
until my release should come.

You would call, and I would answer you;
you would long for the work of your hands.

...

‘O that my words were written down!
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for ever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

+ Gospel Acclamation

The musical notation consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 6/8 time signature. It features eighth-note patterns. The second staff starts with a bass clef and continues the pattern. The third staff begins with a treble clef and includes lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we go? For". The fourth staff begins with a bass clef and includes lyrics: "you have the words, you have the words, the words of e - ter - nal life, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia." A square-shaped fermata is placed over the word "ia" in the final phrase.

Gospel Reading John 14: 4-6

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ‘And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Smith

Hymn of the Day – There Is A Balm in Gilead (614)

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

+ Apostle's 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 into hell.

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.

Prayers

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

(a brief silence)

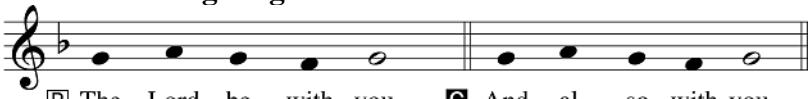
After each petition:

*Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

Those remembered in prayer this week ...

Scott Allen, Beth Ayen, Brad Buhler, Tom & Sandy George, Elaine Glover, Rich Gaona, Rose Erickson, Andrea Gallant, Sonny Campbell, Carlos Quiles, Jan Thompkins, Allen Brooks, Wanda Wade, Rick Rogers, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Ilene Steinkruger, Dee Yocum, Laura Gann, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon, and all others we lift up to you at this time.

The Great Thanksgiving



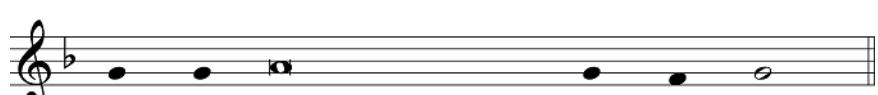
The Lord be with you. And also with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

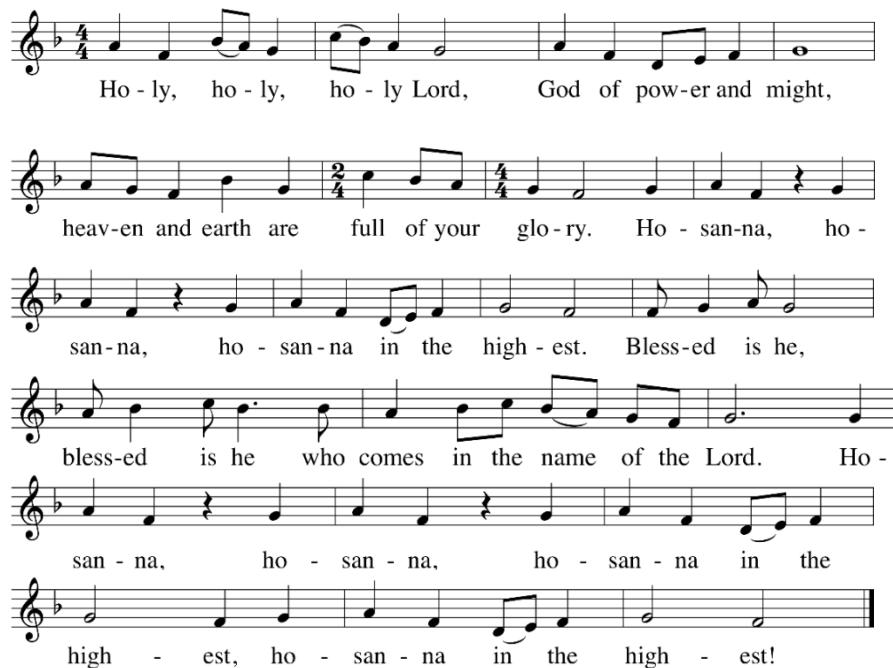


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho -
san-na, ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,
bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san-na, ho - san-na, ho - san-na in the
high - est, ho - san-na in the high - est!

The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,

you have brought us this far along the way.

In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,

but guided us into the path of love and light.

The cry of the poor has become your own cry;

our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast, and to ransom those in bondage to sin.

Holy God, we praise you, for you have brought us this far along the way.

Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed, ...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

At the time of communion, we encourage you to have your bread and wine or grape juice ready. When the pastor says "the body of Christ given for you" eat the bread and when the pastor says "the blood of Christ shed for you" drink the wine, trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you. If you are worshipping with others, one person might take the bread and wine with the pastor's words and then offer the same words to others as they eat and drink. God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your children are not yet ready to receive, offer a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

+ The Blessing

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

O God,

as a mother comforts her child, so you comfort your people, carrying us in your arms and satisfying us with this food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us now as your disciples, announcing peace and proclaiming that the reign of God has come near; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn – O God, Our Help in Ages Past (632)

1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un-der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se-cure;
3 Be-fore the hills in or-der stood or earth re-ceived its frame,
4 A thou-sand a-ges in your sight are like an eve-ning gone,
5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Benediction

Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Trombone Solo: Scott Crump

“All Hail the Power of Jesus” arr. by Ed Hogan

Calendar August 2-9

<u>SUNDAY 8/2</u>	9:15 AM	Live Worship
	10:15 AM	Fellowship via Zoom
	7:00 PM	Outdoor Services (Weather Permitting)
<u>TUESDAY</u>	10:30 AM	Pastors Bible Study in Parking Lot
	7:00 PM	Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting
<u>SUNDAY 8/9</u>	9:15 AM	Live Worship
	10:15 AM	Fellowship via Zoom
	7:00 PM	Outdoor Service (Weather Permitting)

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