

A Service of Thanksgiving
Stewardship
Holy Communion



November 20, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

1479 Morse Road + Columbus, OH 43229

"Our mission is to welcome all people in learning, living, and sharing God's grace."

A few notes about worship:

Ascension strives to be a welcoming and safe place for all. Here are the COVID-19 protocols in place:

- The Church Council meets monthly, and if transmission rate remains low, we will continue to lift our Covid protocols.
- The transmission risk for our area is “low” (on a scale of low-medium-high). You can find the current level at:

https://covidactnow.org/us/metro/columbus_oh/?s=26541558

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/current-trends>

- Masks are optional in the church. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19, following an immediate quarantine period, should wear a mask. If you are immunocompromised, learn more about [how to protect yourself](#).
- Disposable masks are available on the table as you enter the building or on the table at the rear of the sanctuary.
- We will not be passing the offering plates; plates are available on the table as you arrive or leave the sanctuary.
- Please pick up communion elements as you arrive. Gluten-free wafers are available in a separate plastic bag. You will be directed as to the appropriate time to receive. Empty cups should be placed in the trash receptacle as you leave.



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Bold print indicates Congregation.

ELW - indicates Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal - which is in your pew.

ACS - indicates All Creation Sings

W&P - indicates Worship & Praise

WOV - indicates With One Voice

Please rise in body or spirit at the titles marked with a plus sign - +.

At places where the cross ✝ appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

Introduction to Worship

This year's stewardship drive theme is Gather Us In! from ELW hymn 532. Gathering seems particularly poignant this year as we learn to be church and come together again. Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." God assembles us together every week so that our hearts can be healed, our wounds tended, and our sins forgiven. We are made new so that we can leave this place to bring love, justice, and compassion in the world we live. Our mission is fueled by the grace of God received when we're together, *"called to be light for the whole human race."*

✠ Gathering ✠

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

~the service continues on the next page~



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

+Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

+Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

✠ Word ✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Lesson

The offering of the first fruits

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A: A reading from Deuteronomy.

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

First Lesson *God raised Christ from the dead and made him head over the church* Ephesians 3:14-21

A: A reading from Ephesians.

For this reason, we bow our knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth takes its name. We pray that, according to the riches of his glory he may grant that we may be strengthened in our inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith, as we are being rooted and grounded in in love. We pray that we may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Your faith has made you well

Luke 17:11-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

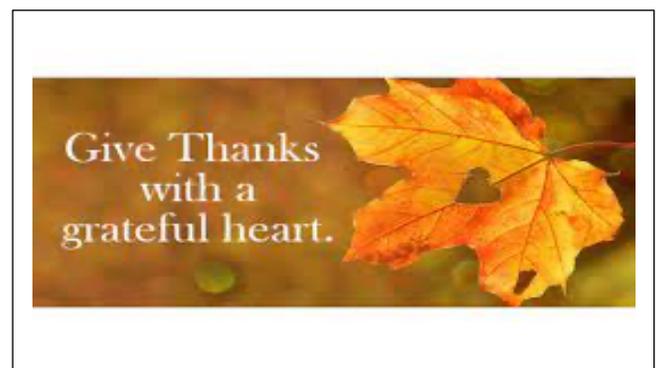
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten people who had leprosy approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then Jesus said to the Samaritan, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon





Refrain/Estrillo
 To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té*
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estrillo
 pul - so de tu a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

Prayers of Intercession

A: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

A: We give thanks for the church in every land. Sustain the faithful with your living word. Inspire radical hospitality toward all who are searching, and call us into a more generous way of living. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks for the earth. Bring forth plentiful harvests and renew our commitment to share abundantly. Preserve the lands and waters that bring nourishment. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks for leaders in our communities. Kindle a passion for justice and peace in every national and local elected official. Curb selfish impulses and guide us toward collaborative solutions. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks for all who provide for others. Sustain caregivers, social workers, and volunteers in their efforts. Provide homes, food, employment, and medical care to all who are struggling. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks to you, O God, for you are the source of all healing and health; and you alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to all in need an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you, (*especially...*). In their pain, their weariness, and their anxiety, surround them with your care and protect them by your loving might. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

(For whom and for what else does this community pray? Please feel free to add your prayers to the prayer board at any time before, during, or after the worship).

A: We give thanks for this congregation and those who plan worship. Guide deacons, pastors, musicians, and lay leaders in their creation of meaningful experiences. Instill in us a sense of joy and wonder when we come to worship you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We give thanks for the faithful who now rest in you. Teach us by their example and bring us with them into your loving embrace. Lord, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

Sharing of Christ's Peace

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you. *Please share with one another Christ's peace, and then be seated.*

Offering

Please place your offering in one of the plates as you leave the sanctuary; or go to www.ascension-columbus.org

Offering Music

"We Are an Offering"

W&P 146

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
Lord use our voices
Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are Yours
We are an offering

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to You
We give to You

We lift our voices
We lift our hands
We lift our lives up to You
We are an offering
We are an offering

Offering Prayer

A: God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
C: Amen.

✠ Meal ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus the Christ.

Thanksgiving at the Table

+Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

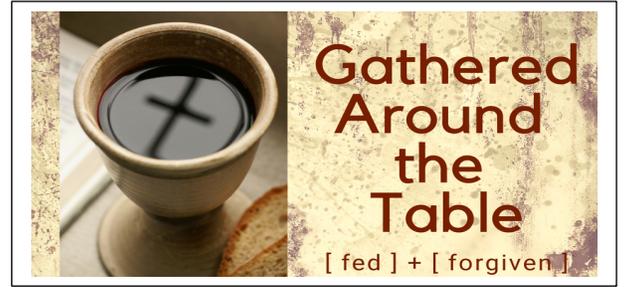
C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



+Words of Institution

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.

+Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

C: **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.**

+Invitation to Communion

P: Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Lutherans practice what is called Eucharistic hospitality, and all who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ are welcome at the Lord's table. Communion elements are on table in the back of the sanctuary, as at this time, we are taking the elements in the pew. You are invited to receive the elements at this invitation with the words from the pastor: "The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you."

Communion Music

"One Bread, One Body"

W&P 111



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Blessing at the Table

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A: We give you thanks, most gracious God,
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.

Enliven us to be your body in the world
and to serve those who are in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Ministry Announcements

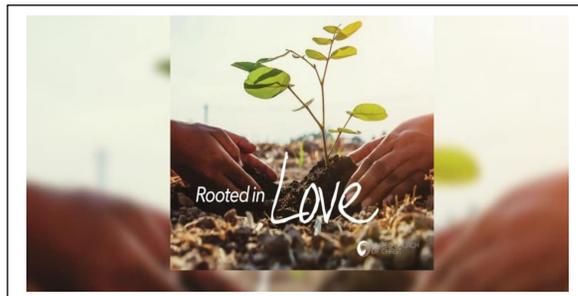
✠ Sending ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+Benediction

P: Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
as you are being rooted and grounded in love,
strengthened by the Spirit, ✠
and filled with the fullness of God.

C: **Amen.**





1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

+Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Karen Asmus-Alsnauer

Assisting Minister: Carol Dixon

Organist and Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Ed Duling

CWS Band: Tom Martin (Director and bass), Ed Hinton (drums), Von Smith (guitar),
Chris Young (piano).

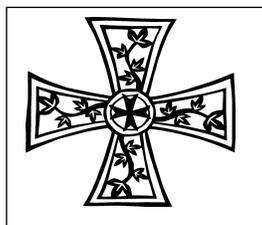
Ascending Tones Bell Choir: Jan Dahlstrom, Director

Altar Guild: Jan Dahlstrom, Brenda Noe, Peggy Dlusky, Pam Kratzer

Ushers: Alan Dahlstrom, Mike Fitak

Tech Crew: Oscar Kamazima, Joel Kratzer, Dave Holtzapple

Librarians: Celeste Schnabel, Martha Gostely



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