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# ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### **Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Call to Worship: "Jesus Loves Me!" (ELW 595)

Jesus loves me! this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong. (repeat 2 more times)

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#### Welcome and Announcements

Hymn: "Kum Ba Yah"

Refrain: Kum ba yah, kum ba yah,

Kum ba yah, kum ba yah. Kum ba yah, kum ba yah, Kum ba yah, kum ba yah.

Somebody's singing, Lord, kum ba yah, Somebody's singing, Lord, kum ba yah Somebody's singing, Lord, kum ba yah. We're singing Wind, rain, fire, storm, kum ba yah – ole! *Refrain* 

Somebody's dancing Lord, kum ba yah Somebody's dancing, Lord, kum ba yah. Somebody's dancing, Lord, kum ba yah. We're singing Wind, rain, fire, storm, kum ba yah – ole! *Refrain* 

Somebody's praying Lord, kum ba yah Somebody's praying, Lord, kum ba yah Somebody's praying, Lord, kum ba yah We're singing Wind, rain, fire, storm, kum ba yah – ole! *Refrain* 

Somebody's praising Lord, kum ba yah Somebody's praising, Lord, kum ba yah. Somebody's praising, Lord, kum ba yah. We're singing Wind, rain, fire, storm, kum ba yah – ole! *Refrain* 

#### 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: Let us pray... O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Distribution and Blessing of Bibles

#### Children's Message

# First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." <sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

# Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" (ELW 510 Verse 1 Only)

Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending; touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending. Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

# Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ¬Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁵"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁵When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P: This is the gospel of our Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" (CCLI 4768151)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me I once was lost but now I'm found Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

Chorus My chains are gone I've been set free

My God my Savior has ransomed me And like a flood His mercy rains Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures *Chorus (twice)* 

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

# Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

# The Prayers of the Children of God

Each petition ends...God of grace,

Congregation responds...hear our prayer.

#### Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offering Song: "As the Grains of Wheat" (ELW 465 Refrain Only)

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

# Offering Prayer

P: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: Amen.

#### Thanksgiving

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

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 / Distribution of Holy Communion

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Communion Songs: "I Received the Living God" (ELW 477)

**Refrain** I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy. I received the living God, and my heart is full of joy.

Jesus said: I am the bread, kneaded long to give you life; you who will partake of me need not ever fear to die. *Refrain* 

Jesus said: I am the way, and my Father longs for you; so I come to bring you home to be one with us anew. *Refrain* 

Jesus said: I am the truth; come and follow close to me. You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free. *Refrain* 

Jesus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow, but receive this living bread, and my Spirit you shall know. **Refrain** 

"Sanctuary" (CCLI 24140)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true; With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

## Post-Communion Blessing

P: And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

# Post Communion Prayer

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

#### Blessing

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

# Sending Song: "Undignified" (CCLI 1543572)

I will dance I will sing To be mad for my King Nothing Lord is hindering The passion in my soul

I will dance I will sing To be mad for my King Nothing Lord is hindering The passion in my soul

Chorus And I'll become even more

Undignified than this

Some would say it's foolishness but

I'll become even more Undignified than this

I will dance I will sing To be mad for my King Nothing Lord is hindering The passion in my soul

I will dance I will sing
To be mad for my King
Nothing Lord is hindering
The passion in my soul *Chorus* 

Na na na na na hey Na na na na na hey

\*\*Chorus\*\*

## Dismissal

P: As an open and progressive congregation,

C: we boldly make Christ's vision known.

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

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