

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 25, 2022

Welcome Guests and Visitors to **Pentecost** Season Worship at **Ascension**. We pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We also pray that our Friend and Comfort, the Holy Spirit, would fill your spirit with Christ's peace, power, and joy for daily life in Him. We invite you to sign the Record of Fellowship as it is passed to you this morning.

Our worship theme for this morning follows a Biblical outline **ACTS: Adoration – Confession – Thanksgiving – Supplication**. This simple outline provides blessed work for us as we gather for our Sabbath *liturgy*. ("Leiturgos" is the New Testament word for the "work of God's people"). The shape of Christian worship is *triangular*: 1. The Holy Spirit's Word of **Promise** from God to me; 2. The Holy Spirit's Word of **Encouragement** from me to my fellow worshipers; 3. The Holy Spirit's Word of **Praise** from us spoken, sung, and prayed to the Holy Trinity. You are invited to sign the **"Record of Fellowship"** as it is passed to you this morning.



ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

Father, I adore You, Lay my life before You. (3x)

How I love You.

Jesus, I adore You, Lay my life before You.

How I love You.

Spirit, I adore You, Lay my life before You.

How I love You.

ASCENSION MISSION PRAYER: *Almighty God, Heavenly Father as Your baptized children You call us again this morning to prayer for Your Church and world. We bring before You now in our hands and our hearts both the beauty and the brokenness of our suffering creation. Across this groaning planet are millions of Your creation who do not know You, and ignorant of Your gracious presence struggle and suffer in sin – in sickness, sorrow, and emptiness. There are in our city and our communities thousands of Your children who, mindless of Your mercies, waste their days and their dreams in pursuit of a*

joy only You can give. Breathe into us through Your eternal Spirit Your wisdom, Your compassion, and Your strength that we might be formed for mission and fit for ministry to Your world and this city. We pray in the precious Name of Jesus. Amen.

THE OPENING HYMN "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" vs. 1-3 LSB. 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter

Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my

ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

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THE INVOCATION AND REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

LEADER In the strong Name of the Holy Trinity:

PEOPLE **THE FATHER, THE ✠ SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.**

THE ADORATION FOR THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C Let us sing of His glory for He has shown His mercy to us.

P Offer to God, all His creation, Offer to the Lord eternal glory and power.

C Offer to God the glory due His Name; Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness.

P This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

C From the rising of the sun to its setting, the Name of the Lord is praised.

P You are our God, and we will give thanks to You.

C You are our God and we will praise You forever.

P Your steadfast love Lord reaches beyond the heavens,

C Your faithfulness to the very skies.

P Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C For His steadfast love endures forever!

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C Let us sing of His glory for He has shown His mercy to us.

A CONFESSION AND PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

P We have gathered together this morning to hear God's Word, to call upon Him in prayer and to worship Him in our praise and thanksgiving. As we prepare to receive His grace and promises anew this day, I invite you to first remember the brokenness of our creation, the hatreds between nations, the heartaches of our neighbors near and far, and our own failure to daily follow Jesus in His mission. We confess to our heavenly Father and before one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our broken promises and broken lives. We come to Him as beggars seeking bread, as thirsty souls longing for living water and we pray to Him now, because of His grace and promise in Jesus, "*God be merciful to me a sinner.*"

I invite you now to bring to Him silently our personal deep needs of body, mind, heart, and spirit.

- SILENCE -

P We Pray:

C God be merciful to me a sinner. Have mercy upon me, forgive me my sin, and lead me to everlasting life.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father in His mercy has given His Son to live, to die, and to rise again for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and His Church, I speak His promise: I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

HYMN VERSE OF PRAISE "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" vs. 4 LSB. 686



4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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THE PSALM FOR THE DAY

Psalms 141

O LORD, I call to You; Come to me quickly!

Hear my voice when I call to You!

Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Set a watch before my mouth, O LORD

And guard the door of my lips!

Let not my heart be drawn to anything evil,

Or become possessed with any sinful deeds

For my prayers are always against those who plan immorality

And my eyes are toward You, O GOD, my LORD;

In You I seek my rest and security; do not leave me without Your protection!

Keep me from the trap that the evil ones have laid for me

And from the snares of those who plan division and lies!

Let those who seek corruption finally fall into their own destruction ,

As You lead me from temptation into Your purpose.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

O LORD, I call to You; Come to me quickly!

Hear my voice when I call to You!

Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Amos 6:1-7

¹Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ²Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in His testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which He will display at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which

is truly life.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You Lord Jesus!

THE APOSTLES' CREED


A *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.*

THE SERMON HYMN


"Listen, God Is Calling"

LSB 833

Refrain
Leader All




Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing Through the Word in - vit - ing,




Of - fer - ing for - give - ness, Com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



1 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



That He came to save us And set us free.
In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.
Walk - ing in Your pre - cepts, Led by Your Word.

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THE SERMON

OFFERING

CHORAL ANTHEM | "Christ Be Our Light" | Bernadette Farrell

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

L Lord God, Heavenly Father we lift up our hearts in gratitude to You, and for all Your loving kindness we bless Your holy Name.

For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy with which You have guided us all the days of our life.

C **WE THANK YOU.**

L For the wonder and beauty of Your creation, and for all things true and honorable, just and pure, lovely and gracious

C **WE PRAISE YOU.**

L For the gift of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord; for the grace and truth that

have come by Him; and for His obedience unto death, even death on a cross

C WE WORSHIP YOU.

- L** For His glorious resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion

C WE GLORIFY YOU.

- L** For the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Lord and Giver of life; for Your holy Church throughout the world; for all the means of grace; and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth

C WE THANK YOU.

- L** We lift up our thanksgiving, praise, adoration and love to You, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

C AMEN!

THE SUPPLICATIONS

- L** Almighty God, because You have committed to Your people the ministry of intercession for our world hear us as we pray for others, and fill our spirits with Your grace for Your holy Church throughout all the world, that You would pour out upon Your ministers to Word and Sacrament the abundance of Your grace and truth and that You would create in all Your people a hunger for Your Word, a love for Your church, a passion for Your mission and a compassion for those in need,
LORD IN YOUR MERCY,

C HEAR OUR PRAYER.

- L** For the nations that You would breathe on them the spirit of peace and understanding: For those in authority, that You would inspire in them a true desire for peace, a zeal for Justice, a heart for the weak, and a love of concord,
LORD IN YOUR MERCY,

C HEAR OUR PRAYER.

- L** For all our schools and colleges, and for all who teach in them and all who learn, that in humility of heart they may ever look to You, the fountain of all wisdom,
LORD IN YOUR MERCY,

C HEAR OUR PRAYER.

- L** For all in sickness and distress that You would give strength to the weary, relief to the suffering, and comfort to the dying ... today heavenly Father we remember before Your throne of grace particularly LORD IN YOUR MERCY,

C HEAR OUR PRAYER.

- L** (Here other intercessions may be offered)

L For all Your servants who have departed this life in Your faith and fear we give You our highest thanks, and we pray You to give us grace to follow them as they followed Christ. Bring us, with them, into Your eternal kingdom of peace and life and "to those things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A *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.*

COLLECT FOR THE WORD

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers, carry us through all temptations and grant us the wisdom and grace of our Brother Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE BLESSING

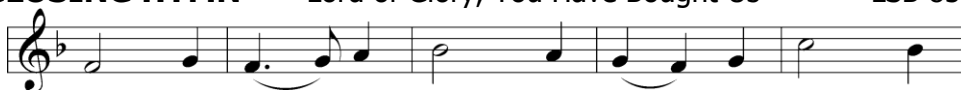
P Go out into the world in Christ's peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And Almighty God the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

C AMEN.

THE CLOSING HYMN

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

LSB 851



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



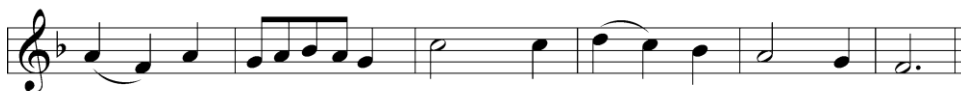
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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WELCOME FRIENDS!

We're so glad to have you worship Jesus with us!

- First-time visitor? Welcome to Our Lord's House!
Please fill out a blue Friendship Card.
- Education Hour 9:00-10:00 A.M.
- Fellowship Gathering 10:00-10:30 A.M.
(Join us for refreshments and fellowship time)
- Worship 10:30 A.M.

Ascension Lutheran Preschool (2 years through Pre-K)

Children are provided with a loving Christian foundation.

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Ascension Reminders

News & Notes

- The flowers in the altar area are given by Mike and Charlene Radach in memory of June Radach and Kay McLeod. *Thank you!*
- Cell Phones—Out of courtesy to others, please don't forget to put your mobile phone on vibrate or silent mode during the worship service. Thank you!
- Flower Chart—Here's a lovely way to enhance the worship service and to remember birthdays, anniversaries, and loved ones. One set of flowers cost \$25 or both for \$50. Sign up on the flower chart on the A Frame by the Fellowship Hall. Please place your check in the offering plate and indicate "altar flowers" on the memo line, or drop it off in the church office during the week.
- Contact Information—Has your address or phone numbers changed recently? Does the Church Office have your most updated contact information? Please make any updates or changes on a blue friendship card or e-mail the Church Office at alc6520@swbell.net.

Adult/Youth Sunday Bible Study

Adult/Youth Bible Study @ 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

The Study entitled, "**Old Foundations - New Beginnings**" will be taught by Pastor Patten and will focus on the "3 Books" upon which Lutheran Christianity is founded and from which it grows -**The Holy Scriptures - The Lutheran Hymnal - The Lutheran Confessions**. The series will feature a discussion of the Liturgy through the centuries; the foundation of the Bible in the creation of our worship, how the Liturgy shapes our daily spiritual life and growth.

This Week @ Ascension

Sunday (September 25)

9:00 AM | Adult/Youth Bible Study

10:30 AM | Worship

Monday (September 26)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday (September 27)

6:30 PM | Women's Bible Study | Zoom

6:45 PM | Boy Scouts | Church Basement

7:00 PM | Men's Bible Study | Library

Wednesday (September 28)

11:00 AM | The Sewing Group | Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM | Choir Rehearsal

Thursday (September 29)

9:45 AM | Women's Bible Study | Fellowship Hall

Friday (September 30)

8:00 AM | Preschool Staff Development | Fellowship Hall

Prayer Ministry

Philippians 4:6-7

Please call the church office @ 833-1009 to include a prayer request for the bulletin.

If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at oveja6925@aol.com.

Illness and Recovery:

Ryan Walker, (Daren & Kelley's nephew; cancer), **John Bearman**, (Daren & Kelley Walker's brother in law; bone marrow transplant), **Mariella Kraus**, (cancer), **Brad Voge**, (recovery from blood clots), **Bob Lambeth**, (infection), **Shirley Goldsmith**, (Hospice), **Richard Goldsmith**, (Heart problems, surgery), **Christopher Holguin**, (recovery from surgery), **Mary Henderson**, (sister of Barbara Lewis; recovery from surgery), **Wanda Melendez**, (recovery from surgery), **Diana Holguin**, (recovery from surgery), **Barbara Naumann**, (wife of Gretchen Schmalz cousin; in hospice), **Laura Spott**, (Barb Spott's sister in law; health problems), **Darlene Kono**, (sister of Phyllis Willadsen, breast cancer), **Don Wiegert**, (Lymphoma), **John Switzer**, (father of Kent Switzer; cancer), **Kathy Kiphart**, **Martha & Richard Neal**, **Steve Prince**, **John Weiske**, **Bob Gallagher**, **Juan Chacon**, **Tony & Olga Sullivan**, **Linda Seiders**.

Deployed Troops:

Please pray for all deployed troops and their families as they serve our country around the world.

Lessons for the Liturgy

Ever wish you had more opportunity to prepare for Sunday's Lessons ... **Old Testament** ... **Epistle** ... **Gospel** ... **Who wrote it?** ... **When?** ... **Why?** ... Or an opportunity to relax on Sunday eve and join in a study of the day's Readings ("Oh that's what Isaiah meant?"). Each week Pastor Stephen Heimer and Pastor Howard Patten record a (1 Hr.) dialogue study of the Scripture Lessons for the Day. You can access these studies at your *leisure*, *Thursday through Monday simply by entering on your computer*, Zion Lutheran Church El

Paso.Org. and scrolling down to "Lessons for the Liturgy" ...tap in – enjoy and grow in the Word.

Ascension Lutheran Preschool



Ascension Lutheran Preschool
"A Place of Grace for All of God's Children"

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12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

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Sermon Notes
