

Scriptures Alone

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As We Gather

Many people today think that there is no ultimate truth, only individual opinions, which are all equally valid. However, our faith is not based on human opinions. It does not come from any human religious leader like the pope or popular TV evangelists – or even Martin Luther. Our faith does not depend on human philosophies or wisdom. We Lutherans base our beliefs solely on what God says in his Word, the Scriptures. We don't go beyond it, and we won't cut out any parts we don't like. Our faith is based on the **Scriptures – the Word of God – alone.**



Prelude

Words of Welcome

Stand

Sharing God's Peace with One Another

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you" as a sign of our unity and reconciliation in the Holy Spirit. As we are forgiven by God, so we forgive each other. (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

Hymn: Thy Strong Word

Lutheran Service Book 578, stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
 Δ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
 laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
 Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

- P** The Word of God shows that all of us are sinners, that is, we have disobeyed the Lord in many ways. For this reason, whenever we draw close to God to worship him, we first ask his forgiveness and his help to be better followers of Jesus.

Personal confession: We take a few moments for reflection and silent prayer. Afterwards we pray together:

- C** **Lord God, before you we acknowledge that we have failed to do your will. You have given us your Word yet all too often we don't listen to it or put it into practice. Even when we try to do what is right, hard words still slip out of our mouths, impure thoughts linger in our minds, or we do something that hurts someone else. Forgive us, Lord, for Jesus' sake. Change our hearts so that we can live more in accordance with your Word. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Song: Since We Are Justified by Faith

(Romans 5:1)

Since we are justified by faith, We now have peace with God on high.
Since we are justified by faith, We now have peace with God on high.

Through Jesus, our Savior, our Lord who restored us.
Through Jesus, our Savior, our Lord.

Words of Forgiveness

- P** The Bible, the Word of God, tells us that we are forgiven. It says:
- C** **The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.** (Psalm 103:8-12)
- P** The Word of God declares that Jesus Christ died for our wrongdoing and rose from the dead to give us a new life, a clean life, eternal life. God gives forgiveness and eternal life to every person who trusts in Jesus Christ as

their Savior. I have the privilege to announce to you today what the Word of God clearly states: all of you who trust in Jesus, have your sins and failures forgiven in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen! Since we have been freely forgiven, now we worship the Lord and with his help do better.

 **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Psalm 119 (selected verses from 89-105)

Men: Your Word, oh Lord, is eternal;

Women: It stands firm in the heavens!

Men: I will never forget your precepts,

Women: For by them you have preserved my life.

Men: Oh how I love your law!

Women: I meditate on it all day long!

Men: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

Women: For they are ever with me.

Men: I have more insight than all my teachers,

Women: For I meditate on your statutes.

Men: I have kept my feet from every evil path

Women: So that I might obey your Word.

Men: I have not departed from your laws,

Women: For you yourself have taught me.

Men: How sweet are your words to my taste,

Women: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Men: Your Word is a lamp to my feet

Women: And a light for my path.

Song of Praise: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Praise him, all creatures here below!

Praise him above, ye heavenly host!

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Hymn: Listen, God is Calling

Lutheran Service Book 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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Prayer for this Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for your Word, the Scriptures. Your Word is powerful. It cuts to the heart. It shows us where we have gone wrong but it also shows us your love and your salvation. Help us to put your Word into practice more and more. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 11:18-28

(We should learn and put into practice the Word of God.)

[God said:] "You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as

frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹ You shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ²⁰ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, ²¹ that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth. ²² For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the Lord your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him, ²³ then the Lord will drive out all these nations before you, and you will dispossess nations greater and mightier than you. ²⁴ Every place on which the sole of your foot treads shall be yours. Your territory shall be from the wilderness to the Lebanon, and from the River, the river Euphrates, to the western sea. ²⁵ No one shall be able to stand against you. The Lord your God will lay the fear of you and the dread of you on all the land that you shall tread, as he promised you.

²⁶ "See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse: ²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you today, ²⁸ and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way that I am commanding you today, to go after other gods that you have not known."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

(Study the Word and pass it on to others.)

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

4 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵ But as for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Song: God's Word is Our Great Heritage LSB 582 (Tune of LSB 657)

God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever.
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teaching pure
Throughout all generations!

Reading from the Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:15-28

(We should put into practice what Jesus tells us in his Word.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 7th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

²⁴ "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

²⁸ And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Children's Song: The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock

1. The wise man built his house upon the rock.
The wise man built his house upon the rock.
The wise man built his house upon the rock.
And the rain came a-tumbling down.
The rain came down and the floods came up.
The rain came down and the floods came up.
The rain came down and the floods came up.
But the house on the rock stood firm!
2. The foolish man built his house upon the sand.
The foolish man built his house upon the sand.
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
And the rain came a-tumbling down.
The rain came down and the floods came up.
The rain came down and the floods came up.
But the house on the rock stood firm!
3. So I'll build my house on the Lord Jesus Christ.
I'll build my house on the Lord Jesus Christ.
I'll build my house on the Lord Jesus Christ,
'Cause his Word is as firm as a rock!
The storms may come but I'll still stand firm.
The storms may come but I'll still stand firm.
The storms may come but I'll still stand firm.
I can always trust in him!

Children's Message

Hymn

God Will Be Our Refuge (Psalm 46)

(Traditional Spanish Song – English Translation Mary Bingle)

1. God will be our refuge, strength and mighty fortress,
Ever-present help in our times of deep distress.
Though the mountains tremble and crumble into dust,
Though earth and seas are shaken, in God we put our trust.
Though earth and seas are shaken, in God we put our trust.

Refrain: Heaven and earth may pass away;
Your Word will never pass away.
No, no, never pass away. No, no, never pass away.

2. Nations rage and bellow, kings and empires totter,
God speaks but a Word and its thunder melts the earth!
Ever-present with us, through depth and height and length,
The Lord remains our refuge, our stronghold, and our strength.
The Lord remains our refuge, our stronghold, and our strength. (Refrain)

Sermon: "Scriptures Alone"

Stand

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord God, thank you for loving and forgiving us, in spite of all the mistakes we make. Strengthen our faith and help us to live for you. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer!**

- P** Lord, keep our country under your care. Guide our leaders and help us to work together for the good of everyone. Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer!**
- P** Heavenly Father, please extend peace and justice to our world, especially in those places where there is violence or oppression. In particular, we pray that you would bring healing and peace to Israel, and that the Jews as a whole would turn back to Jesus the Messiah; and that the invasion and killing in the Ukraine would come to an end. Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer!**
- P** Lord God, please give courage to our Christian brothers and sisters who are suffering persecution for their faith. Give them relief and help them to give a good testimony for you. Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer!**
- P** Heavenly Father, bless our families and fill our homes with your love. Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer!**
- P** Lord Jesus, bless Ascension Lutheran Church, and all Christian churches throughout the world. Help us to show your love to all. Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer!**
- P** Lord God, you are our only help in time of need. Help us, our families and our friends who are struggling with sickness, with grief, or with all sorts of problems. (*See our prayer list at the end of this order of service*). Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer!**
- P** Almighty God, thank you for hearing our concerns – both the things which we have said aloud and the things which are on our hearts which we lift up to you silently. We know that you will help us and strengthen us no matter what we face. In Jesus' name.
- C Amen.**

Sit

Offering

The Bible says, "Each person should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." (2 Corinthians 9:7-8, NIV).

In response to God's great love, we set aside a portion of what he has given us, for the mission and ministry at this congregation and throughout the world.

Offering Options

You can contribute offerings using any of the following methods:

In-Person donations: You can place your donation in the offering plate as it is passed during the service.

On-line Banking donations: You can utilize the on-line bill pay option at your financial institution to donate to Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912.

Mail donations: Mail your check to the church office: Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912. The mail is checked daily.

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Choir Anthem During the Offering: God Shall Direct Thy Paths (Greg Gilpin)

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart
and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge God
And God shall direct thy paths.//*

*Be still and know that I am God. Be still, be still.
Be still and know that I am God. Be still, be still.*

*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart
and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge God and God shall direct thy paths.
And God shall direct, and God shall direct thy paths.*

Stand

Offering Prayer

- A Almighty God, thank you for your Word, the message of salvation. Help us to put your Word into practice in our lives. Bless these offerings and use them to proclaim your Word in every part of the world. Amen.**

Offertory (Song of Dedication)

Salvation Poem

Jesus, you died upon the cross, and rose again to save the lost.
Forgive me now of all my sin! Come, be my Savior, Lord, and Friend.
Change my life and make me new, and help me, Lord, to live for you.
Change my life and make me new, and help me, Lord, to live for you.

Service of the Sacrament

Invitation and Preparation for Communion

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, one of the precious gifts that God gives to His people. In Communion, God wants to assure us that we have been forgiven through faith in Jesus who gave his body and blood for us on the cross.

To prepare for Communion, we follow what 1 Corinthians 11:28 says: "*Let each man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks the cup.*" Therefore, if you wish to participate in Communion today, we ask that you review and affirm the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, that is, that I have failed to keep God's commands as I should, and that I need forgiveness?
2. Do I trust in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior, who died and rose for me?
3. Do I believe as I eat the bread and drink the cup, that I also receive the true body and blood of Jesus that He gave for me on the cross – even though I can't fully explain it?
4. Do I intend, with the help of God, to follow Jesus more closely and obey him more faithfully?

If you answer "yes" to these questions, then you share a common faith with our Christian congregation and you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our common faith is expressed in more detail in the Creed that we confess together during the worship service.

Special Instructions for Communion:

- Children and those who are not communing are welcomed to come forward for a blessing. Children do not commune until they have completed basic instruction classes about the Christian faith.
- If you are unable to go to the altar, please let an usher know and the Pastor will bring the Lord's Supper (Communion) to your pew. Please sit close to any of the three aisles in the church.
- During Communion, gluten-free communion wafers (bread) are available. Just ask the Pastor when he comes to give you the bread.
- During Communion, you may take one of the small communion cups from the tray, or you may wait and drink from the common cup.
- On the tray of small communion cups, those cups in the center of the tray have light-colored, non-alcoholic grape juice. The other cups have wine.

If you have any questions, please see the Pastor or one of the elders.

Preparation for Communion

Lutheran Service Book 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.** (2 Timothy 4:22)

P Lift up your hearts!

C **We lift them to the Lord!** (Colossians 3:1)

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.** (Psalm 136)

P We do indeed owe you thanks and praise, Lord Jesus, because you died for our sins and rose to give us forgiveness and eternal life. So now we join together with believers of every race and nation, and with everyone in heaven, to give you all the glory and honor.

Song of Praise

Glory Be to God the Father (LSB 506, verse 1)

Glory be to God the Father! Glory be to God the Son!

Glory be to God the Spirit, great Jehovah, Three in One!

Glory, glory, while eternal ages run!

The Words of Jesus

P I encourage you now in Christ to pay special attention to the words of Jesus, which we are about to sing together. He has given his body and blood **for you, for forgiveness**. Trust in Jesus, who died and rose for you! Give thanks that God has saved us!

P On the night you were betrayed, you took the bread.
After giving thanks, you broke it and said:
"This is my body, broken for you,
And as you eat it, remember me."

C **This is my body, broken for you,
And as you eat it, remember me.**

P On the night you were betrayed, you held the cup.
After giving thanks, you lifted it up:
"This is my blood, poured out for you,
And as you drink it, remember me."

C **This is my blood, poured out for you,
And as you drink it, remember me.**

P So we thank you for the wine and for the bread,
For we see the life you gave and the blood you shed.

C **And we remember your wondrous love.
You gave your body, you shed your blood.
And we remember your wondrous love.
You gave your body, you shed your blood.**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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.

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.** (John 20:19)

“Lamb of God” Just as I Am Lutheran Service Book 570, verses 1 and 5

1. Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd’st me come to thee. Oh, Lamb of God, I come. I come.
2. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve.
Because thy promise I believe, oh, Lamb of God, I come. I come.

Hymns during Communion

Special Choir Music: Sons of God, Hear His Holy Word

*Refrain: Sons of God, hear his holy Word. Gather 'round the table of the Lord.
Eat his body, drink his blood, and we'll sing a song of love.
Allelu, allelu, allelu, alleluia!*

1. *Brothers, sisters, we are one, and our life has just begun.
In the Spirit we are young. We will live forever! (Refrain)*
2. *Shout together to the Lord, who has promised our reward,
Happiness a hundred-fold, and we'll live forever! (Refrain)*
3. *Jesus gave a new command, that we love our fellow man,
'Till we reach the promised land, where we'll live forever. (Refrain)*

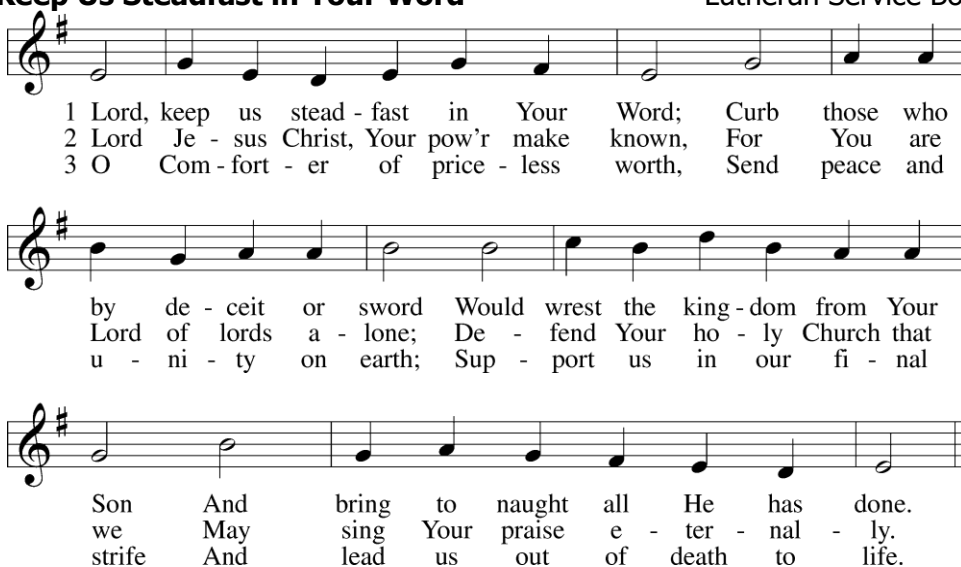
Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet (Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith)

Refrain: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, and think I've lose my way,
Still you're there, right beside me.
Nothing will I fear, as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end. (Refrain)
2. I will not forget your love for me, and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to your side,
And I will love you to the end. (Refrain)

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Lutheran Service Book 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
 3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and

by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
 Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
 u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
 we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife And lead us out of death to life.

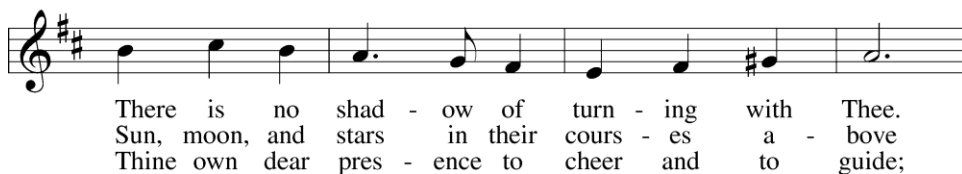
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Great is Thy Faithfulness

Lutheran Service Book 809



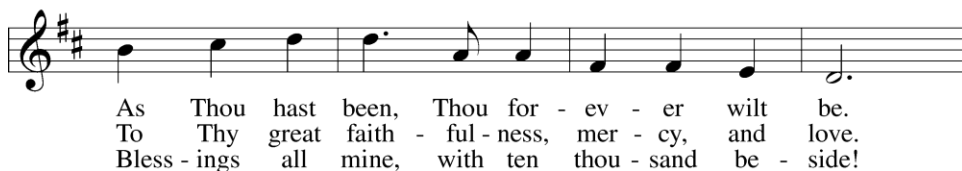
1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;



Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
Join with all nature in manifold witness
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,



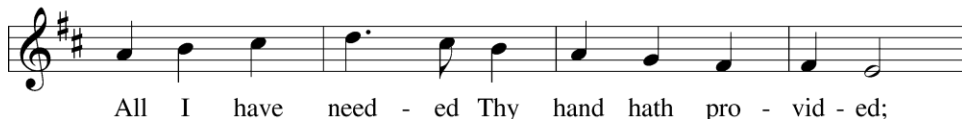
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!



Refrain
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!



Morning by morning new mercies I see;



All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;



Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

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After Communion:

Song of Thanks after Communion Now Thank We All Our God LSB 895 v. 1

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Closing Prayer

P Let us pray.

A **Heavenly Father, I give you thanks and praise because you have strengthened my faith and because you have forgiven me through Jesus Christ your Son. Help me now to live a life worthy of you, founded on your Word and full of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Benediction (2 Corinthians 13:14)

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

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: The Spirit Sends Us

Hymnal "With One Voice" 723

1. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
We go in Jesus' name
To bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.
2. We go to comfort those who mourn
And set the burdened free;
Where hope is dim, to share a dream
And help the blind to see.
3. We go to be the hands of Christ,
To scatter joy like seed
And all our days to cherish life,
To do the loving deed.
4. Then let us go to serve in peace,
The Gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us.
We go in Jesus' name.

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Acolyte:	Rahel Meraz
Reader:	Kristal Wade
Ushers:	Team 1
Altar Care:	Werner
Projectionist:	Jacob Canada
Sound/Camera:	Mike Mielke

Prayer Ministry Philippians 4:6-7

Please call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request or update for the bulletin. If you have a prayer request or update for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at oveja6925@aol.com.

Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones:

We pray for peace, comfort, and hope for all those who are grieving from the loss of loved ones, especially these whose loss is most recent:

For **Leah Short, Ross Provencio's** sister, who recently passed away. Please pray for Ross and the family.

Illness and Recovery:

Dorothy Lenz, had exploratory surgery (pray for correct diagnosis & effective treatment); **Elizabeth Hinson**, Mary Lou Provencio's daughter, waiting on the pathology results for evaluation of a nodule on her thyroid (asking for God's mercy & favor that the nodule is benign); pray for **Rachel**, Elizabeth Hinson's daughter, who is hoping to find employment (pray that she finds a nursing job soon); **Gilbert Provencio**, Mary Lou's husband, who has not improved since the shunt placement, (pray for the neurologist treating him to be able to increase the cerebrospinal fluid to improve his walking gait & balance); **Bruce Walker**, father of Daren Walker, receives maintenance care for Parkinson's disease (please pray for strength & comfort for him and his family); **Kelly Alberson**, breast cancer (please pray for strength and comfort); **Cindy & Don Unsworth**, friends of former Ascension members Cathy & Randy Engel; Cindy is in hospice care for lung cancer (please continue to pray for God's will for Cindy and for peace & strength for her husband, Don); **David Kwiatkowski**, friend of Connie Swinney, continues on in receiving different treatments for brain cancer, (please continue to pray for successful treatment); **Sandy Spott**, daughter-in-law of Barb Spott, is being treated by radiation & medication for recurring breast cancer (please pray for successful treatment); **Laurie Sterling**, continues to undergo treatment for colon cancer (please pray for treatment to be successful); **Maisie Warsau**, Marjy Brady's daughter Lauren's friend, was transferred to a facility in Atlanta that works with specialized injuries (pray for strength and continued healing for Maisie, & for peace and strength for her family); **Barbara Brock**, sister of Becky Hite, Becky & Gary Hite (former members), Barbara is in the hospital & she is not in good condition (please pray for healing); **Abigail Kailukatis**, friend of Jan Schlak's daughter Elizabeth, is still in a wheelchair, & limited in activities (praise the Lord that she is doing a little better, and please continue to pray for healing); **Martha Neal**, will need further leg surgery to improve blood circulation (pray for healing); **Jennifer Solich**, past Ascension administrative assistant, diagnosed with a brain tumor, (please pray for successful treatment & strength to tolerate the medication); **Kirstin Hervin**, daughter of Mike & Christy Mielke, experiencing a recurrence of lupus affecting her kidneys & is

receiving injections, (please pray that the treatment is effective with no side effects; **Andy Barber** (for pain relief radiating from neck to hands) & for his wife, **Suzette Barber** (pray for her as she copes with OCD & anxiety as a result of her condition); **Marsha**, friend of the Barber's, has a lump in her breast, (please pray for strength); **Gloria Voge** (for successful leg therapy & healing from spine fracture); **Aubrey McDermett**, 15-year-old with MS, in hospital due to stroke (pray for healing); **Dick Seiders**, Ron Seiders' father (continued cancer recovery); **Patty Jones**, Martha Neal's sister in stage 4 breast cancer (pray for strength); **Sean Sweeney**, has a brain tumor (pray for strength); **Mariella Kraus**, has cancer (pray for healing); **Bob Gallagher**, **Brian Stickney** (pray for continuing health issues that cause them to be homebound); **Linda Seiders** (pray for continuing health issues); **Daniel Mendoza** rapidly losing kidney function (pray for strength).

Praise and Thanksgiving:

Gretchen Schmalz, completed treatment for the bladder cancer (thankful for everyone's prayers, please pray that her pathology report will show the treatment worked); **Sharon**, Melanie Gallagher's niece, cancer treatment was successful (give praise to God, & she is grateful for the prayers); **Coby Clark**, cancer is in remission (give thanks that he is doing well); **Barb Spott**, treatment for vertigo is working (give thanks for the relief from the condition); **Mary Spott**, Barb Spott's niece, Keighley Spott's mother, on medication for heart related issues (give thanks & praise that she is doing well); **Ryan Walker**, nephew of Daren Walker, cancer is in remission (give thanks to God that he is doing better).

Ascension News & Notes

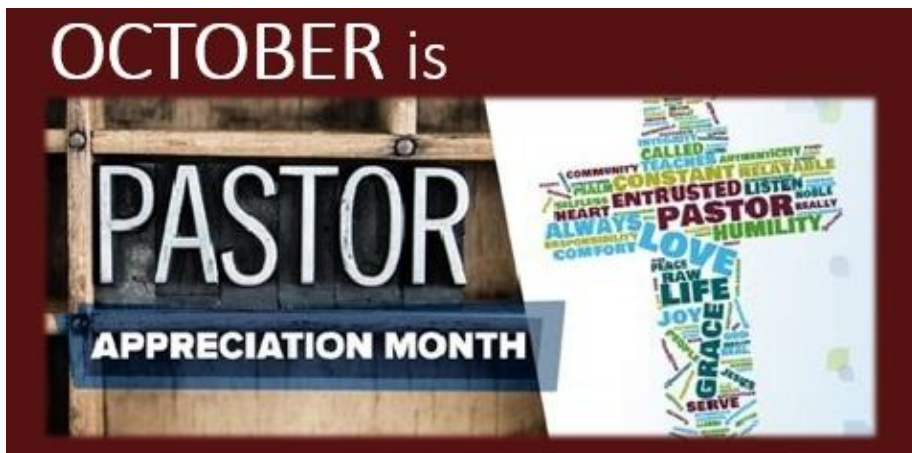


Oct. 19 — Connie Swinney

Oct. 21 — Haley Walker

Oct. 23 — Janice Pena

Oct. 24 — Alicia Gomez



Be sure to pick up your calendar in the narthex.



October 2025



NEW

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept. 28 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship & New Ascension Training 10:30 am Worship (LWML Sunday) 11:45 am Confirmation	Sept. 29 Church Office Closed (Pastor out of office Sept. 29 th - Oct. 3 rd for travel to Houston)	Sept. 30 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study (S. & Zoom) 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study (PH)	1 9:00 am St. and Sen (PH)	2 9:45 am Women's Bible Study (PH) 6:00 pm Choir (S)	3 Preschool Extended Care 12:00-3:30pm (PH)	
5 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship & New Ascension Training 10:30 am Worship w/Communion (LWML Operation Xmas Boxes) 11:45 am Confirmation	6 Church Office Closed No School (EPHSD Fall Interim Session) Break Oct. 6 th - 17 th	7 5:00 pm Elders' Meeting 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study (S. & Zoom) 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study (PH)	8 9:00 am St. and Sen (PH) Pastor out of office Oct. 8 th - 10 th LWML Fall Festival Conference (Breckenridge, CO)	9 9:45 am Women's Bible Study (PH) 6:00 pm Choir (S)	10	11
12 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Confirmation	13 Church Office Closed No School (EPHSD Fall Interim Session) Break Oct. 6 th - 17 th	14 3:30 pm Workshop Action Team Meeting 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study (S. & Zoom) 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study (PH)	15 9:00 am St. and Sen (PH) 6:00 pm Ladies' Night Out at Olive Garden (740 Sutherland Park Dr)	16 9:45 am Women's Bible Study (PH) 6:00 pm Choir (S) 3:00pm - November newsletter due in office.	17	18 10 am LWML Meeting
19 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Confirmation	20 Church Office Closed School Resumes	21 8:00 am Preschool Board Meeting 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (PH)	22 9:00 am Preschool Chapel (S) 9:00 am St. and Sen (PH)	23 9:45 am Women's Bible Study (PH) 6:00 pm Choir (S)	24 Preschool Extended Care 12:00-3:30pm (PH)	25
26 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship (LWML Operation Xmas Boxes) 11:45 am Confirmation 3:00 pm Joint Confirmation Luncheon Service	27 Church Office Closed	28 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study (S. & Zoom) 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study (PH)	29 9:00 am Preschool Chapel (S) 9:00 am St. and Sen (PH)	30 9:45 am Women's Bible Study (PH) 6:00 pm Choir (S)	31 Preschool Extended Care 12:00-3:30pm (PH)	Nov. 1



David Peña 10/03
Christy Melke 10/05
Rodolfo Valdes 10/06
Concepcion Gutierrez 10/09
Haley Walker 10/21
Janice Pena 10/23
Alcira Gomez 10/24
David Delmariniere 10/27
Melanie Gallagher 10/30

I praise You because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made.
Psalm 139:14a



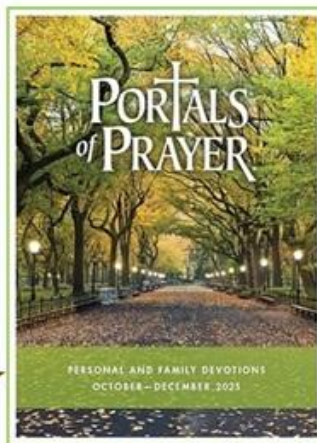
Bob & Melanie Gallagher 10/09

And now these three remain: faith,
hope and love. But the greatest of
these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

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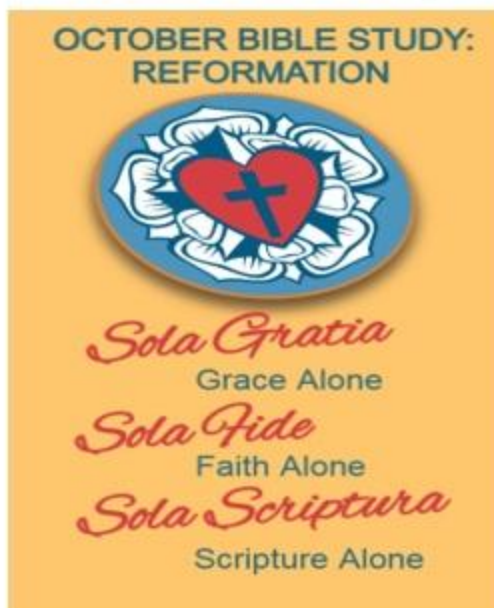


Sunday School Pre-K to 6th grade
Meet in Preschool Library

For the month of October

9:00 am to 10:00 am

Adult Bible Study & Youth
Meet in the Fellowship Hall





Adult Bible Studies During the Week

TUESDAY NIGHT Ladies Bible Study

>Meets in Ascension Church Library OR via Zoom at 6:30 p.m.

Currently studying *Heaven / When Faith Becomes Sight*
by Jennifer Rothschild (Video based with workbook)

Contact Anita Werner (915-494-2335) for more information

TUESDAY NIGHT Men's Bible Study

>Meets in Ascension Church Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m.

Currently studying *Myth or Faith / Clearing up Common Misconceptions about Christianity* (Concordia Publishing House)

Contact Elliott Werner (915-603-7497) for more information

THURSDAY MORNING Women's Bible Study

>Meets in Ascension Church Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.

Currently studying *Hosea, Joel, and Amos / Faithfulness amidst Unfaithfulness* (Concordia Publishing House)

Contact Gretchen Schmalz (915-584-6143) or
Jan Schlak (915-584-8920) for more information



Ascension's **Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection** will be **October 5-26, 2025.**

Boxes are available in the narthex. If you would like to build a shoebox online, the URL and the QR code to our church's goal page are listed below.

<https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/7336e676-7879-4c49-845d-7a6986066124>



Points of Contact: Melanie Gallagher and Charlene Radach



October 25th, 2025

5:00 – 8:00 PM

Steve & Leticia Behl's Residence

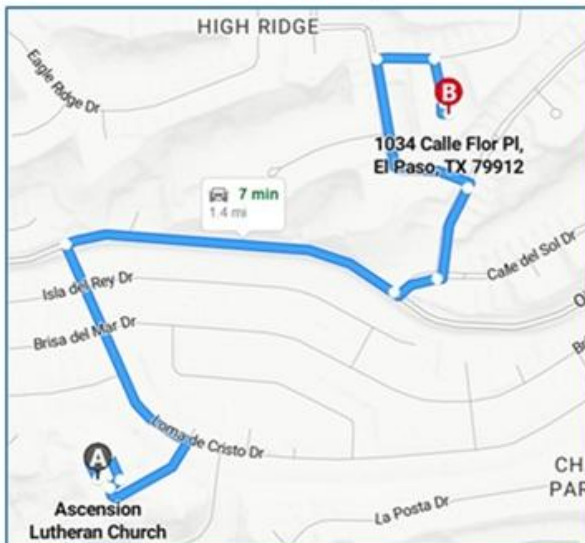
1034 Calle Flor Pl.

Contact Steve and Lety for more information **(915) 276-3494**.

**Sign-up board to bring a dish
is at the front entrance.**

There will be a **free will offering** to cover the
cost of bratwurst and partyware.

Please invite your friends and neighbors.



Sunday, October 26th

3 PM at Ascension Lutheran Church

Choirs, brass, organ, & congregation!



**Joint Reformation Service
Hymn Fest**

Join us as we celebrate!

**Thanksgiving Food Collection
for Ysleta Lutheran Mission:**

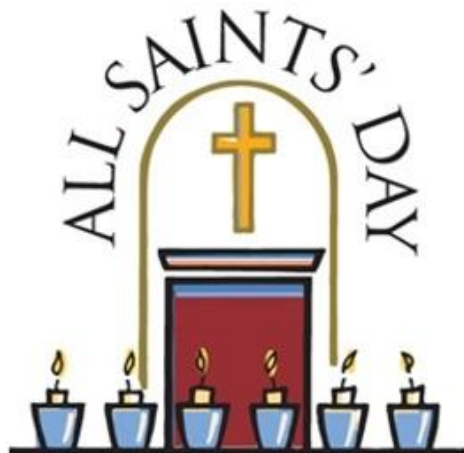
Collection will begin on November 1st
The deadline for donations
is Sunday, November 23rd.
Food will be delivered on November 25th.



Pinto Beans
Rice
Pasta
Cereal
Flour
Sugar
Juice
Vegetable can goods
Fruit can goods

**Please join us as we celebrate God's provision and
thankfulness for His blessings!**

November 2, 2025



COMMEMORATION
of the
**FAITHFUL
DEPARTED**

If you would like to honor those individuals that passed away between Nov. 2024 through October 2025, then please **email the church no later than October 28th** to alc6520@swbell.net. Please send in their **full name, date of birth, date of passing, and a picture.**

November 2nd: Set your clock back one hour!





Veterans Sunday November 9th, 2025

We would like to honor and recognize all of our armed forces veterans, including those currently serving our country with a slide presentation on that Sunday.

We are asking our military veterans
**to send their name, branch of service,
& a picture** to our church email alc6520@swbell.net.

A group picture will be taken after the service.

Ladies Fellowship Opportunities in November



**Ascension Lutheran Women meet
Saturday, November 15, 2025 at 10 a.m.**

**Ascension Fellowship Hall
for Bible Study and Fellowship**

All women of Ascension are Welcome!

>Contact Anita Werner (915-494-2335) for more information



**Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025
at 6PM**

Hunan Palace-3737 N. Mesa St. D.

Please join us for food and fellowship! (Dutch treat)

>Contact Robin Wiegert (915-581-5566) for more information.

This Week @ Ascension

Sunday (October 19)

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship w/ Communion
11:45 AM Confirmation Class



Monday (October 20)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday (October 21)

11:00 AM Preschool Board Meeting
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Church Council Meeting (FH)

Wednesday (October 22)

9:00 AM Preschool Chapel
11:00 AM (Sit and Sew--Cancelled)

Thursday (October 23)

9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (FH)
6:00 PM Choir Practice (S)

Friday (October 24)

12:00-2:30 PM Preschool Extended Care

Saturday (October 25)

5:00-8:00 PM Oktoberfest at Steve & Lety Behl's residence (1034 Calle Flor Pl.)