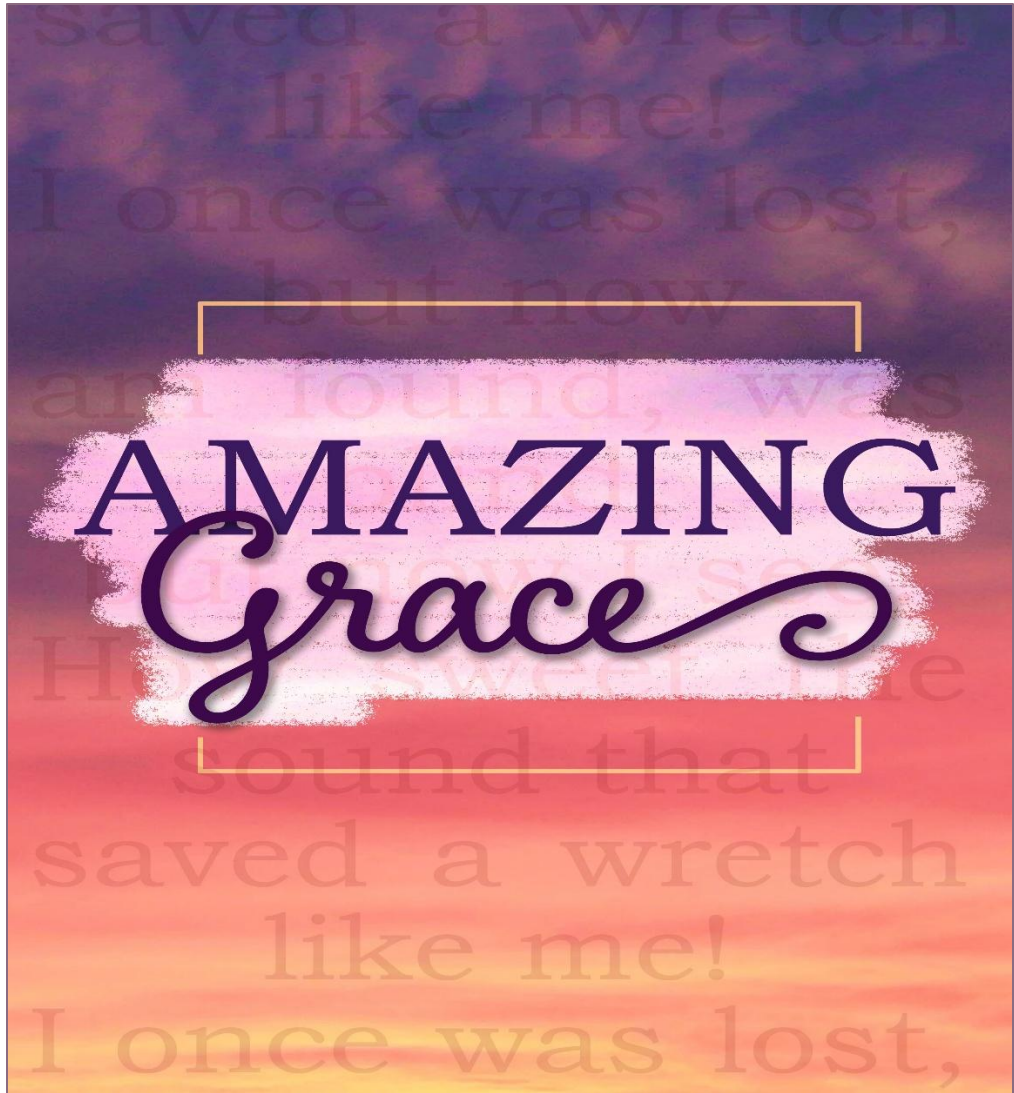




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We're so glad to have you worship Jesus with us!
First-time visitor? Welcome to Our Lord's House!
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Sunday's

- 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.
(Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday's)

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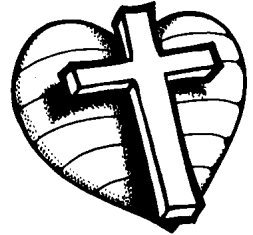
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As We Gather

The word “grace” means “undeserved love.” God loves us even though we don’t deserve it. Here’s an illustration: in Venezuela one of our church members on several occasions found starving cats on the street and brought them home. She fed them, got them medicine, cleaned them up and cared for them. Now, those cats didn’t deserve all that care! They cost this lady time and money. She worried when they got sick and cleaned up their litter box. But she loved them and saved them even when they had done nothing to deserve it.



That’s how God is with us. He loved us even when we did not yet love him. And he sent Jesus his Son to save us (1 John 4:7-14). Because of Jesus, God has removed our sins from us as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:12). As high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God’s love for us (Psalm 103:11). Even though we are not worthy, God calls us to share his heavenly banquet (eternal life with him – Matthew 22:1-14). We can only enter heaven if we are “clothed” with the “wedding garment” – the forgiveness through Jesus. God’s love endures forever! (Psalm 136) God has saved us because of his **grace alone** – his undeserved love.

Prelude: “My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” – Stephen Gabrielson

Words of Welcome

Stand

Call to Worship Salvation Poem (Choir – Matt and Sherry McPherson)

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

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: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Lutheran Service Book 803



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash-ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

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Invocation

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- L** We give thanks to the Father for his wonderful works!
- C** **God created us purely out of undeserved love.**
- L** We give thanks to Jesus, because he died and rose for us!
- C** **God saved us purely out of undeserved love.**
- L** We give thanks to the Holy Spirit for helping us each day!
- C** **God guides us purely out of undeserved love.**
- L** Let us praise the Lord for what he has done for us!
- C** **We give him thanks and praise for his love!**

Prayer of Confession

L 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. 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, we still fail all too often. 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: The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases (Lam. 3:22-23)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.
His mercies never come to an end!
They are new every morning, new every morning.
Great is your faithfulness, oh Lord!
Great is your faithfulness.

Words of Forgiveness

- L** Because of God's great love in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. The Bible tells us:
- C** **Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have been saved... For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so no one can boast.** (Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9)
- L** God states here in his Word that all of us who trust in Jesus Christ are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Psalms 136:1-9, 23-26

- L** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- C** **His love endures forever.**
- L** Give thanks to the God of gods.
- C** **His love endures forever.**
- L** Give thanks to the Lord of lords.
- C** **His love endures forever.**

- L** To him who alone does great wonders.
C **His love endures forever.**
L Who by his understanding made the heavens.
C **His love endures forever.**
L Who spread out the earth upon the waters.
C **His love endures forever.**
L Who made the great lights.
C **His love endures forever.**
L The sun to govern the day.
C **His love endures forever.**
L The moon and the stars to govern the night.
C **His love endures forever.**
L He remembered us in our low estate.
C **His love endures forever.**
L And freed us from our enemies.
C **His love endures forever.**
L He gives food to every creature.
C **His love endures forever.**
L Give thanks to the God of heaven.
C **His love endures forever.**

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: Once There Were 100 (Faithful Shepherd – Mondragon-Williams/Bringle)

1. Once there were one hundred in the Shepherd's sheepfold.
 Once a loving Shepherd had a hundred sheep.
 But one fateful evening, when he went to count them,
 One of them was missing, one of them was missing,
 Wandered from her keep.

Refrain: And the ninety-nine, he left in the sheepfold.
 He began to seek her through the bitter cold.
 Then at last he found her, lonely, sad, and weeping.
 To her hurts he tended. In his arms he took her
 Safely to the fold.

2. I was once a lost sheep, wandering far from Jesus,
Stubborn and unheeding, lonely, sad, and hurt.
But one day he found me, offered me salvation.
In his arms he took me, to my hurts he tended,
Brought me back with love. (Refrain)

Prayer for this Day

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, we do not deserve it but you still love us. Help us to trust in you and to live in your love. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 103:1-13

(God loves us and forgives us.)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶ The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel. ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. (ESV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

1 John 4:7-14

(God is love, and out of love he sent his Son to save us.)

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He

sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

¹³ This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia (Melody: Unser Herrscher LSB 901)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior, open now your saving Word.

Let it burn like fire within us. Speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.

Reading from the Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

(Out of love, God invites those who are not worthy to his heavenly banquet.)

R The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and

gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, 'How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?' The man was speechless.

¹³ "Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

¹⁴ "For many are invited, but few are chosen."

R This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Song while Children Come to the Front: Jesus Loves Me (LOSP 48, modified)

1. Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.
2. Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven's gate to open wide,
He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Story Time (Andy Barber)

Hymn: By Grace I'm Saved

Lutheran Service Book 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus' prom - ise



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
I re - joice; For though I know my heart's con - di - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad, all



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - lone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
grief has flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

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Sermon (Elder Mike Mielke: "Grace Alone")

Stand

Apostles' Creed

All: 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.

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.

Other Electronic donation option: You can make a secure contribution from your credit card or bank account at www.alconnect.faith or by scanning the QR code below. We use Vanco, a reputable agency which specializes in donations to churches and nonprofit organizations. Your contribution can be set up to be recurring, such as each week or month, or as a one-time donation.

Donations via an app: If you prefer using your phone or tablet, you can download the Vanco Mobile app. You can easily set up an account and donate through the app.

The ministries of Ascension are supported by the love, generosity and sacrificial giving of our members and friends. As a guest, please do not feel obligated in any way to make a contribution. We believe that any gift to the Lord should be uncoerced and from the heart — as a loving response to God's grace.

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Special Music during the Offering: Only by Grace (Choir)

*Only by grace can we enter, only by grace can we stand,
Not by our human endeavor, but by the blood of the Lamb.
Into your presence you call us; you call us to come.
Into your presence you draw us, and now by your grace we come.
Now by your grace we come.*

*Lord, if you mark our transgressions, who would stand?
Thanks to your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.
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Thanks to your grace we are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb.*

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Into your presence you call us; you call us to come.
Into your presence you draw us, and now by your grace we come.
Now by your grace we come.*

Stand

Offering Prayer of Dedication

All: Lord, these offerings are just a small part of what you have given us. Bless these resources for the mission of your church, and help us to use everything you have given us in faith and love, according to your will. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory: Glory Be to God the Father

Lutheran Service Book 506, verse 1

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four lines of music. The lyrics are: '1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it: Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry, glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final long note on 'run!'.

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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Prayer for the Millers (Moving Away)

- L** *(To Jake, Krissy and Jake)* God has opened new opportunities for you to study and to work in a new place. Moving can be very exciting but also a bit scary as well as causing sadness for what you are leaving behind. The Bible says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9, NIV). We know that God will be with you and that he has a plan for you in your new place. Don't forget him in all the rush of moving. Connect with a church family where you are going. Ask God to show you how he wants you to serve him there. And don't forget that you will be in our hearts always. We will be praying for you.

(To the congregation) Let's pray together:

- C** **Lord God, you are with us wherever we go. Be with our dear friends and fellow Christians as they move from a familiar home to a new place. Support them in the challenges they will face. When they are lonely or nostalgic, remind them that they are not alone. Help them to connect with other Christians in their new community and to serve you together. And when we find ourselves missing them, grant us your peace and help us to be happy for the new opportunities that you are opening for them. We commend them into your hands. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

- L** May the Lord bless your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. *(from Psalm 121:8)*

Song: God Be With You Till We Meet Again Evangelical Lutheran Worship 536

1. God be with you till we meet again, By his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you. God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet.
Till we meet, till we meet; God be with you till we meet again.

2. God be with you till we meet again When life's perils thick confound you,
Put his arms unfailing round you. God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)

Prayer of the Church

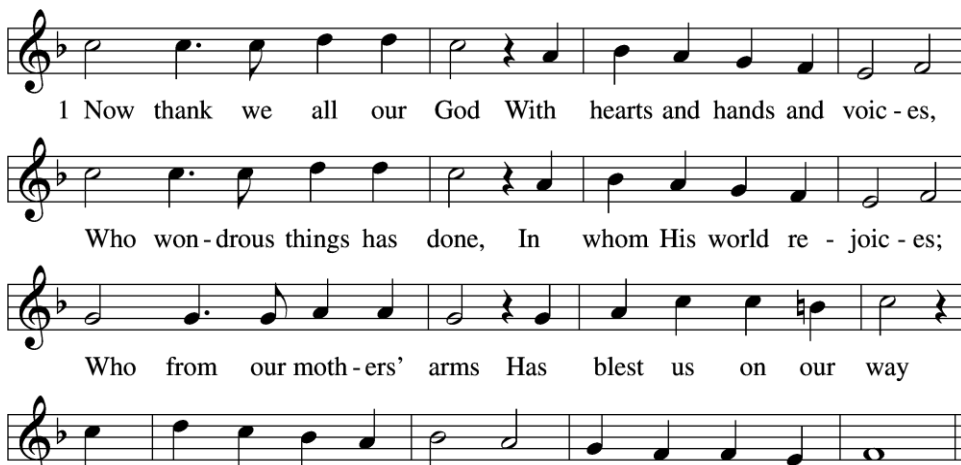
- L** Lord God, thank you for loving and forgiving us, in spite of all the mistakes we make. Strengthen our faith and help us to live for you. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**
- L** Lord, keep our country under your care. Guide our leaders and help us to work together for the good of everyone. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**
- L** Heavenly Father, please extend peace and justice to our world, especially in those places where there is violence or oppression. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**
- L** 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!**
- L** Heavenly Father, bless our families and fill our homes with your love. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**
- L** 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!**
- L** 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 – especially those who are on our prayer list. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**
- L** 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.**

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Song of Thanks: Now Thank We All Our God

Lutheran Service Book 895 v. 1



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 blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours to day.

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Closing Prayer

L We pray together:

All: 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

Lutheran Service Book 212

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.** (Psalm 103:1)

L The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

(Numbers 6:24-26)

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: From All That Dwell Below the Skies Lutheran Service Book 816

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
△ 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal

praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -

ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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Sending

- L** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
C Thanks be to God!

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Prayer Ministry Philippians 4:6-7

Please fill out the blue friendship card or call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request or an update for the prayer list. If you have a prayer request or update for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at oveja6925@aol.com. The prayer list can be picked up alongside the basket of bulletins in the entrance. It is also available to view in the weekly email sent out on every Friday.

Ascension News and Notes

**Altar flowers for today's service are provided by
B.J. Mason in memory of Gale Struckmeyer.**



**Both sets of flowers are \$70.
PLEASE PLACE YOUR CHECK IN THE OFFERING PLATE
OR DROP IT OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

Operation Christmas Child:

Boxes are available in the narthex entrance.

Also, a box can be built online directly using the following link:
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It's Shoebox Collection Time!!

Boxes will be collected for the whole month of October. Pack the shoeboxes full with some of the examples of the following treasures:

- **School Supplies (crayons, spiral notebooks, colored pencils, scissors, rulers, pencils & pens, erasers, etc.)**
- **Toys**
- **Hats and gloves**
- **Hair and grooming accessories**
- **Coloring books**
- **And lots more!**

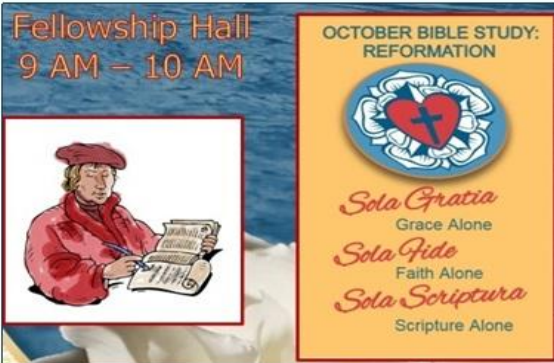
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Sunday School & Adult Bible Study:

God calls us to encourage each other in studying His Word and putting it into practice.

A great way to do this is to come and join us for Sunday School and Bible Study right before worship service on Sundays!

We meet from 9:00 to 10:00 AM.



Nursery Care

available for 2 & under

Pre-K to 6th grade:

Kids meet in the Preschool Library

7th grade to 12th grade:

Youth meet in the Church Library

Adults: Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Bible Studies During the week:

Tuesday Men's Bible Study meets in the fellowship hall at **7 PM**. Currently studying "Myth or Faith/Clearing up Common Misconceptions about Christianity." Contact Elliott Werner for more information: 915-603-7497.

Tuesday Nights Ladies Bible Study via Zoom (6:30-8 pm). The group is studying "12 Daring Women of the Bible." (Order book directly from Amazon.com). It is a twelve session video Bible study, with 12 between sessions of personal study. Contact Anita Werner for more information: 915-494-2335 or awerner@elp.rr.com. (Zoom link is provided by Anita).

Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study meets in the fellowship hall. The women gather at **9:45 am** and begin at **10 am**. For more information, contact Jan Schlak: oveja6925@aol.com.

Thank you to everyone for contributing to our bible studies and our worship service.

Sunday Snacks, Altar flowers, & Altar Care:

Sunday Snack Refreshments: Oct. 25th is open. Next to the kitchen counter, there is a sign-up sheet that also includes November and December.

Altar flowers: November & December have openings. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



Congregational Meeting Oct. 11th, 2026

Please join us immediately after the worship service.

*The following items are available in both weekly Friday email
& the church office to be printed upon request:

REVISED Congregation Agenda for Oct. 11th, 2026 meeting

ALC Roof Repair Sept. 27, 2026

Proposed Church Budget for 2027

Proposed Council Elders Slate for 2027-2028

Congregation Minutes for prior meeting on July 12th, 2026

October 2026 calendar, newsletter, the new Portals of Prayers (October-December 2026), & the completed pictorial directory are all available to be picked up in the narthex entrance.

OCTOBER is PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

There is a sign up sheet for specific sides to bring to the luncheon.

Also, please sign your name on the RSVP sheet next to the sign-up sheet.

The sheets are on the A-frame board at the entrance.



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH



*"Great is Thy faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:23*

FORTY YEARS

OF GRACE & SERVICE

Celebrating the 40th Ordination Anniversary of

REV. RICHARD SCHLAK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026 • 12:00 NOON

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Service of Thanksgiving begins in the sanctuary,
followed by fellowship and lunch in the Fellowship Hall.

BRISKET & SIDES

*Sign up sheets to RSVP and to bring SIDE DISHES
are on the A-frame board at entrance. (Please RSVP by Oct. 7th.)*

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LWML:

Next **LWML** meeting at Ascension will be on **October 17th at 10 am** in Ascension's church library. (Meeting will be brief due to Pastor's celebratory service and luncheon at 12 pm.) **OCTOBER 18th is Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday!**



Worship Team

The **WORSHIP ACTION TEAM** will be having a **MEETING ON TUESDAY, October 20th, at 3:30 PM** in the fellowship hall. **PLEASE JOIN US!**

LADIES NIGHT OUT

All ladies of Ascension are welcome.

October 21st
at Cheddar's Restaurant

Located at 6460 N. Desert Blvd.



Ladies Night Out

Once a month on the 3rd Wednesday @ **6:00 PM** we meet at a restaurant and enjoy food and fellowship. (Dutch treat)

For information call Robin Wiegert at (915) 581-5566
We hope you can join us.



Ronald McDonald House: Please save the **aluminum pull tabs** from canned drinks & bring them to the kitchen area or the church office. They are used by the Ronald McDonald House to provide a home away from home for hundreds of families with seriously ill children.

This Week @ Ascension

Sunday (October 11th)

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship
After service: Congregational Voters' Meeting



HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday (October 12th)

Church Office Closed

NO SCHOOL Last day of fall intercession for both Ascension Preschool & EPISD
(Will resume on Tues. Oct. 13th)

Tuesday (October 13th)

(Pastor will be travelling Oct. 6th through 15th)

EPISD & Preschool students return

6:30 PM Boy Scouts (L)

6:30 PM Ladies' Bible Study via Zoom

7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (FH)

Wednesday (October 14th)

10 AM-1 PM Sit-N-Sew group (FH)

Thursday (October 15th)

9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (FH)

6:30 PM Choir Practice (S)

Friday (October 16th)

Pastor returns to the office

12-2:30 PM Preschool Extended Care (FH)

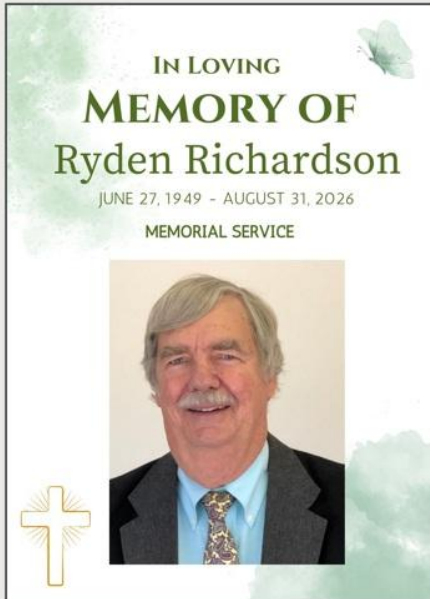
Saturday (October 17th)

10:00 AM LWML Meeting (L)

12:00 PM "40 Years of Grace & Service"

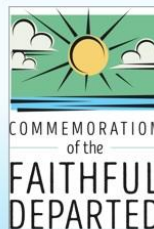
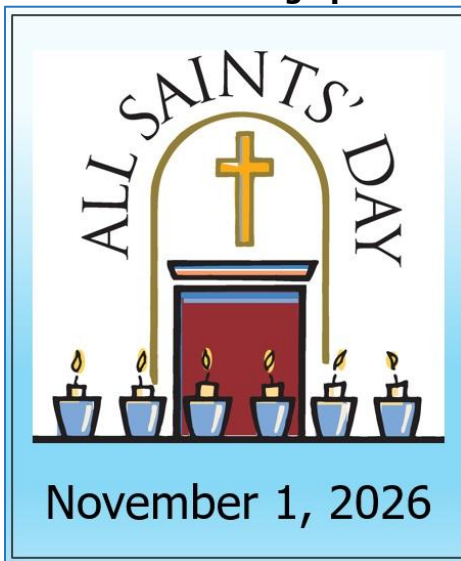
(Short service in sanctuary followed by lunch in FH)

The memorial service for Ryden Richardson will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 24th at 10:30 am.



Ryden Richardson
Memorial Service
Ascension Lutheran Church
Oct. 24th, 2026
10:30 am

Coming up: All Saints' Day is November 1st:



If you would like to honor those individuals that passed away between Nov. 2025 through October 2026, then please **email the church no later than October 27th** to alc6520@swbell.net.

Please send in their **full name, date of birth, date of passing, and a picture** to be included in the worship service.



Sharing God's love by
connecting people to
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