



Ascension

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lutheran Women
in Mission

Sunday

SCRIPTURE ALONE

**YOUR WORD
IS A LAMP TO MY FEET
AND A LIGHT FOR MY PATH.**

PSALM 119:105, NIV

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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.

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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Children are provided with a loving Christian foundation.

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As We Gather

When Jesus went to visit Mary and Martha, he started to teach, to share with them God's Word. Martha left the room to clean and get food ready. Mary stayed to listen. Her top priority was listening to God's Word.



Are we listening? God has given us a tremendous gift in the Bible. He has not left us wandering aimlessly, wondering about his plan and purpose for us.

The Bible is trustworthy – even from a human point of view, the books of the Bible were written by eyewitnesses and have repeatedly shown themselves to be historically reliable (2 Peter 1:16-19). But even more than that, God himself guided the authors of the Bible so that they would say what he wanted them to say (2 Peter 1:20-21). For people who reject Jesus as Savior, the Bible is a stumbling block; but for believers, the Word of Christ is life itself (John 6:60-69). God calls us to not only listen, but put the Word of God into practice (Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 5-9).

Like Mary the sister of Martha, the Lutheran Women in Mission have given an example for the rest of us to look up to and live up to. They are serious about listening to God's Word and encouraging each other in faith. And they are serious about putting God's Word into practice, engaging in his mission in word and action and financial support for all sorts of missionary work. Once a newcomer to the church told me, "There's not much going on at church right now, is there?" I thought to myself, "You've obviously never been to an LWM meeting!" This week, let's all get busy and listen to – and live out – God's Word.

Prelude: "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" – Richard Proulx

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)

Opening Hymn: With Joy We Come Together

(Tune of LSB 527)

(Jean Hansen Kammerer, LWML 2017)

1. With joy we come together, our hearts of one accord,
Rejoicing in the blessings of serving you, oh Lord.
The gifts that you have given make us a mighty throng.
With thankfulness we raise up our praise to you in song.
2. We celebrate the women, who've served you through the years,
Sustaining one another through victory, trials, and fears.
We follow now their service, devoted, Christ, to you.
No matter what your errand, we'll strive to follow through.
3. Through ministries supported, we've seen your love outpoured.
With mites that you've provided, we've learned to trust you, Lord.
Our many hands have served you, yet much is left undone.
Your mission must continue in reaching everyone.
4. Lord, with your love and guidance, we'll serve you faithfully.
Wherever you should lead us, we'll follow willingly.
May we be bold in witness so others see your grace,
That we may one day worship together face to face.

Invocation

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

Prayer of Confession

- P** None of us is without sin. No one has the right to "throw stones" at someone else. Like the **woman caught in adultery in John 8:1-11**, we come before the Lord knowing that we have not lived up to what he wants from us. Let us confess our failures and wrongdoing to the Lord, because he has promised to forgive us!

All: 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.

Words of Forgiveness

- P** What Jesus said to that woman, he says to us today: "Neither to I condemn you; go and sin no more." When we trust in Jesus Christ as our Savior, God declares that all of our sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit!
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Like **Miriam, the sister of Moses**, we praise the Lord for his salvation! (**Exodus 15:19-21**)

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.

Hymn: Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Lutheran Service Book 805

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all

crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Hymn of Praise: Oh Sing to the Lord (Psalm 98)

LSB 808, verses 1, 2 and 5



1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is



Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O
Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And
Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A -



sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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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

Like **Mary, the sister of Martha**, we listen to God's Word as our first priority. (**Luke 10:38-42**)

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 5-9

(Put into practice the Word of God.)

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you...

⁵ See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. ⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. (NIV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

(The people who wrote the Bible saw the events with their own eyes and were guided by the Holy Spirit when they wrote.)

We did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹ We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹ For prophecy never had its origin in the human will,

but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. (NIV)

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

John 6:60-69

*(For those who do not believe, the Word of Christ is a stumbling block,
but for believers, the Word of Christ is life itself.)*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

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

On hearing [what Jesus said], many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

⁶¹ Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³ The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life. ⁶⁴ Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵ He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them."

⁶⁶ From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷ "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Children's Song: Jesus Loves Me

Little Ones Sing Praise 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

Hymn: Serve the Lord with Gladness

(Tune of Lutheran Service Book 662)

(Prof. Ernest Lewerenz, LWML)

1. Serve the Lord with gladness! It is he alone
Who redeemed us sinners, guides us as his own
To enjoy the blessings of his love and grace,
Will at last in glory meet us face to face.
- Refrain: Onward then for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
Serve the Lord with gladness! Glorify his name!
2. Serve the Lord with gladness! He gave us command
To proclaim his Gospel now in every land
So that fellow sinners may, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus, we can serve him best. (Refrain)
 3. Serve the Lord with gladness! There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master, work in his employ.
As we build his kingdom, angels too rejoice
Over every sinner brought to hear his voice. (Refrain)

Sermon

Stand

The Pledge of Lutheran Women in Mission

**All: In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love
And his blood-bought gift of redemption,
We dedicate ourselves to him with all that we are and have.
And in obedience to his call for workers in the harvest fields,
We pledge him our willing service**

Wherever and whenever he has need of us.

We consecrate to our Savior

Our hands to work for him

Our feet to go on his errands,

Our voice to sing his praises,

Our lips to proclaim his redeeming love,

Our silver and our gold to extend his kingdom,

Our will to do his will,

**And every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost
and the erring into eternal fellowship with him. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Like **the Syro-phoenician woman in Matthew 15:21-28**, we persevere in prayer, because we know that Christ will answer us.

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.

Sit

Offering

Like the **Widow in the Temple (Luke 21:1-4)**, we give of our material resources for the work of the Lord. God has given us everything we need, so that we have enough for what we really need and also to support his work in this 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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Special Music during the Offering: Only Through Faith (Choir)

1. Only through faith can our hearts be made pure.
Only through faith is our hope made secure,
Faith in God's promises, faith in God's Son,
Faith in the cross where redemption is won.
2. Only by grace are we wrapped in God's love,
Undeserved favor from heaven above.
Only by grace did God send us his own,
Word became flesh that God's love be made known.
3. Only the Word can our weary souls feed,
God's Word provides us with all that we need.
Daily we're strengthened, uplifted, sustained.
All things will pass, but the Word shall remain.
4. Forward in faith shall our motto now be:
Death to all death on that life-giving tree!
Let us lift high our bold anthems of praise,
Fed by faith's wellspring through all of our days.

Stand

Offering Prayer

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.

Lutheran Women, One and All (Elmer A. Kettner, LWML – Tune of LSB 892)

1. Lutheran women, one and all, we have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord crucified and then restored.
We have seen him pay the price, for our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim, and unite to praise his name.

2. Lutheran women, young and old, well we know his challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light to a world in darkest night,
By example in the home, by inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost, by our gifts for missions' cost.
3. Lutheran women, coast to coast, in the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be in the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, in love, working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done, we in heaven shall all be one.

✠ 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 adults who are not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing. To indicate this, please cross your arms when the elders or pastor come

by. 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

Lutheran Service Book 506, verse 1





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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

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.

Pax Domini (John 20:19)

Lutheran Service Book 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

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

Just As I Am

Lutheran Service Book 570, stanzas 1, 5

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
5 Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,
blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise I be -
Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Hymns during Communion

Christ Our Lord Has Loved Us More

Hymnal "We Pray in Song" 766

1. Christ our Lord has loved us more than all love we've known before.
And he guides us like a lighthouse through a night of raging storm.
When we join in faith to eat, he becomes the Host we greet,
In the Bread of life, the Bread of unity.

Refrain: This is my body, take and eat.

This is my precious blood, take and drink.

For I am the Resurreccion and the Life.

Those who live and love in me will never die.

2. Christ our Lord has loved us more than all love we've known before.
With a love so great it led him to his death upon the cross.
Such a love inspires belief stronger still than death and grief.
After three days he arises from the grave. (Refrain)
3. Christ our Lord has loved us more than all love we've known before.
From the cross, our Savior offers us his own abundant life.
Spirit-blessed, we are reborn as the Body of the Lord.
And no power can separate us from his love. (Refrain)
4. Christ our Lord has loved us more than all love we've known before.
"And where two or three are gathered in the Spirit of my love,
When you join your hearts to pray, I am in your midst that day."
Hear the faithful promise spoken by our Lord. (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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Thy Strong Word

Lutheran Service Book 578



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
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



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
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



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.
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
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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,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



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!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send
 Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

- △ 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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After Communion:

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 voic - es,

Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
 Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
 With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.

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Closing Prayer

P Let us pray.

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 (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: Jesus Shall Reign

LSB 832, vs. 1, 3, 5

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc-
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -
 ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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Sending

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

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Pastor:	Rev. Richard Schlak
Organist:	Ruth Ann Ostergren
Elders:	Steve Behl/Russ DeWitt
Acolyte:	Gabby Karl
Reader:	Ron Seiders
Greeters:	Russ & Jean DeWitt
Ushers:	Team 1
Altar Care:	Marjy Brady
Projectionist:	Jacob Canada
Sound/Camera:	Mike Mielke/Ron Seiders

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 both Lutheran Women in Mission in honor of LWM Sunday, and by the Walker family in celebration of Haley Walker's 25th birthday!



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



**October 19 — Connie Swinney
October 21 — Haley Walker
October 23 — Kari Larson Decker
October 24 — Alicia Gomez**

October 23rd — Art & Kari Larson Decker



Operation Christmas Child:

Boxes are available in the narthex entrance.

Also, a box can be built online directly using the following link:
<https://sampur.se/4yuBL0Z> or the following QR code with your phone:



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!**

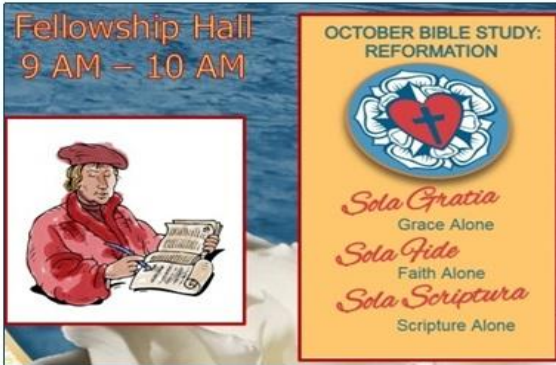
**Points of Contact: Melanie Gallagher and
Charlene Radach**

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." **October 20th is the last day of the year 2026**; & it will resume in January 2027. 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: Nov. 1st & 8th are open. Next to the kitchen counter, there is a sign-up sheet that also includes more of November and all of December.

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

October 2026 calendar, 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!



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.



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.

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and learn self protection



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**EVERY
SUNDAY
5:30PM**



**ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

This Week @ Ascension

Sunday (October 18th)

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion
12:00 PM Confirmation (PO)
5:30 PM Senior Martial Arts class (FH)

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday (October 19th)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday (October 20th)

12:30 PM Preschool Meeting
3:30 PM Worship Action Team Meeting (S)
6:30 PM Boy Scouts (L)
6:30 PM Ladies' Bible Study via Zoom
(Last session of 2026; will resume in 2027)
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (FH)

Wednesday (October 21st)

9:00 AM Preschool Chapel (S)
10 AM-1 PM Sit-N-Sew group (FH)
6:00 PM Ladies' Night Out (**Cheddar's** at 6460 N. Desert Blvd.)

Thursday (October 22nd)

9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (FH)
6:30 PM Choir Practice (S)

Friday (October 23rd)

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

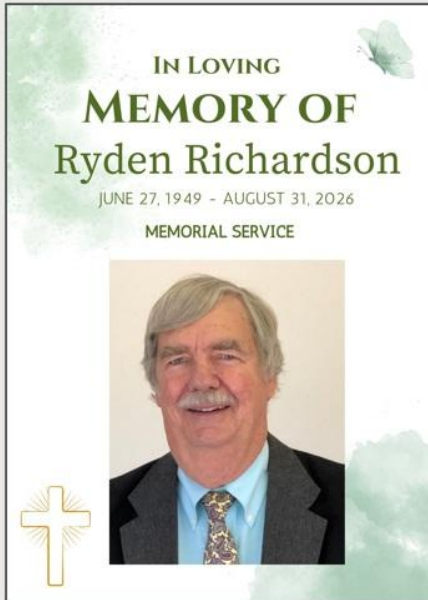
Saturday (October 24th)

10:30 AM Ryden Richardson Memorial Service (S)



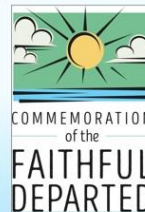
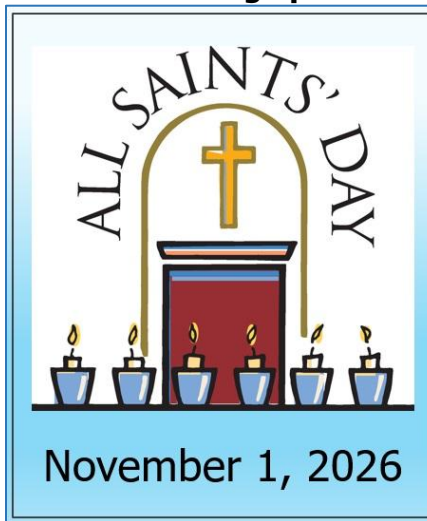
Ronald McDonald House: Please save the **aluminum pull tabs** from canned drinks & bring them to the kitchen area or the church office. They are used by the Ronald McDonald House to provide a home away from home for hundreds of families with seriously ill children.

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.



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