Ascension
LUTHERAN CHURCH



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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)

Ascension Lutheran Preschool (2 years through Pre-K)
Children are provided with a loving Christian foundation.

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24th Sunday after Pentecost: The "Last Day" Veterans' Appreciation Sunday

November 8, 2026 ● Proper 27 A ● Ascension Lutheran Church ● El Paso, Texas

Today we honor and recognize our veterans and those who are currently serving our country in the armed forces. They have been called by God to defend and protect the people of this nation. Often at great sacrifice, they stand in the way of those who seek to harm, kill, or impose their will over others. There will come a day – the "Last Day" – when God will finally eliminate all evil and Christian servicemen and women will be able to lay down their arms forever. But until that day comes, they serve the Lord by shielding others. We thank God for them, and ask him to protect them, to help them resist temptation, and to bless and prosper their work.

As We Gather: the "Last Day"

The "Last Day" is that moment when God will end the world that we live in right now. God is patient with us, but there will come the time when he will eliminate all evil and suffering, and make a new heaven and a new earth. On that day, Jesus will appear visibly in glory and all those who have died will be raised and will be judged. What a great day that will be for us who trust in Jesus! We will be with God forever in glory, not just in spirit but with bodies that are new and perfect.

The Bible says that no one except God himself knows when the Last Day will come. God is waiting, holding off on the Last Day so that more people may come to faith and be saved. But sooner or later his patience will come to an end. So don't be discouraged by all the evil in the world today! It will all come to an end. And take advantage of the time God is allowing us: put your trust in Jesus and encourage others to trust in him as well.

Prelude: (Tom Karl – Piano) "Holy, Holy, Holy"
"Oh, How I Love Jesus"
"Joyful, Joyful"
"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)

Opening Hymn: Oh How Glorious will Be That Great Morning
(Hymnal "We Pray in Song" 702)

1. Oh, how glorious will be that great morning
   When Christ Jesus returns to be adored.
   When the nations as sisters and as brothers
   Join to welcome the coming of the Lord.

Refrain: For the brilliance of the dawn Will outshine the brightest sun.
All its heat and light give way To God's never-ending day.
No more weeping will remain, No more grief and no more pain.
For at last Jesus Christ the King of heaven,
Throned in mercy, forevermore will reign.

2. How we wait for that great, glorious morning
   When the Lord of love descends for us to greet.
   When the fragrance of Christ will bathe our senses
   In the rose light of dawn so rich and sweet. (Refrain)

3. On that day, every true, faithful Christian,
   Each a worker who has gladly sacrificed,
   Like the Bride all adorned to meet her Bridegroom
   Will rejoice in the loving arms of Christ. (Refrain)

Invocation Lutheran Service Book 151

P In the name of the Father and of the ✣ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.** *(Matthew 28:19, 18:20)*
P If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *(1 John 1:8-9)*

Confession and Absolution

P Brothers and sisters in Christ: God wants us to be holy! But we are all sinners, that is, we have all done wrong and we need God's forgiveness each day. For that reason we come before the Lord now to ask that he wipe away our sins and failures for Jesus' sake. We pray together:

All: Lord God, we know that you do not want anything bad, anything unholy, in your presence, in heaven. However, in reality no one is truly holy and clean except you. Sin is in our hearts and we mess up all too often. We think, say, and do what we should not. You are different. You never sin and never fail in your love. Forgive us, Lord, and make us to be more like you. Amen.

P Jesus Christ is the only true holy one, the only true "saint". But he carried our sins and died and rose again for us. Through Jesus we are forgiven. The Bible says that every believer is a saint, not because we have been perfect, but because we have been pardoned. You who trust in Jesus Christ are forgiven, clean, and "saints", and there is a place in heaven set aside for you! In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Responsive Reading Psalm 70

P Hasten, oh God, to save me;

C **Come quickly, Lord, to help me.**

P May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion.

C **May all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.**

P May those who say to me, "Aha, aha!"

C **Turn back because of their shame.**

P But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

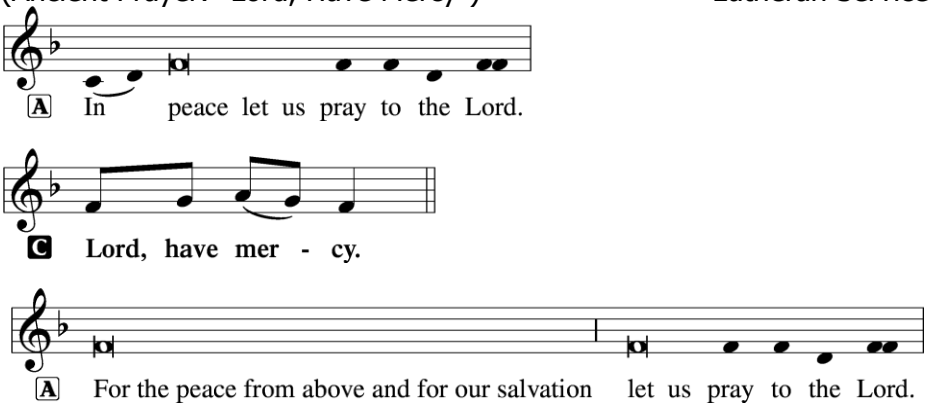
C **May those who long for your saving help always say, "The Lord is great!"**
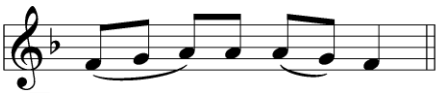
P But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, oh God.

C **You are my help and my deliverer; Lord, do not delay.**
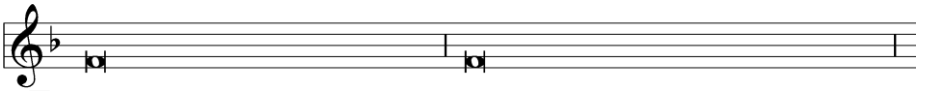
All: Glory be to the Father and to the ✢ Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie (Ancient Prayer: "Lord, Have Mercy") Lutheran Service Book 152
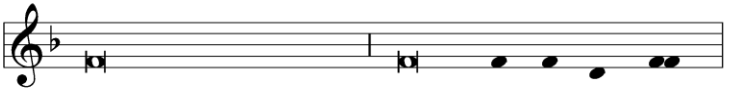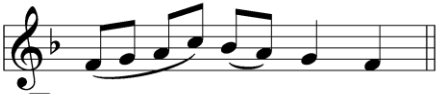




C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



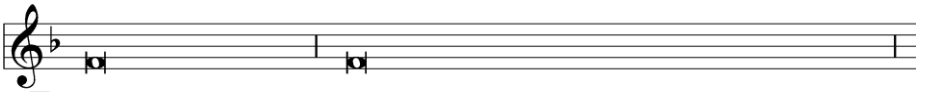
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
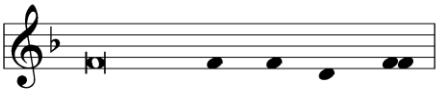


and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
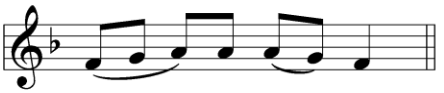


C **Lord, have mer - cy.**



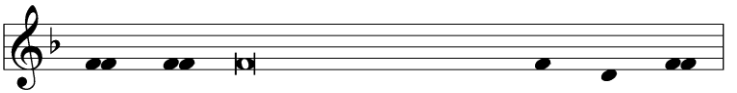
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C **Lord, have mer - cy.**
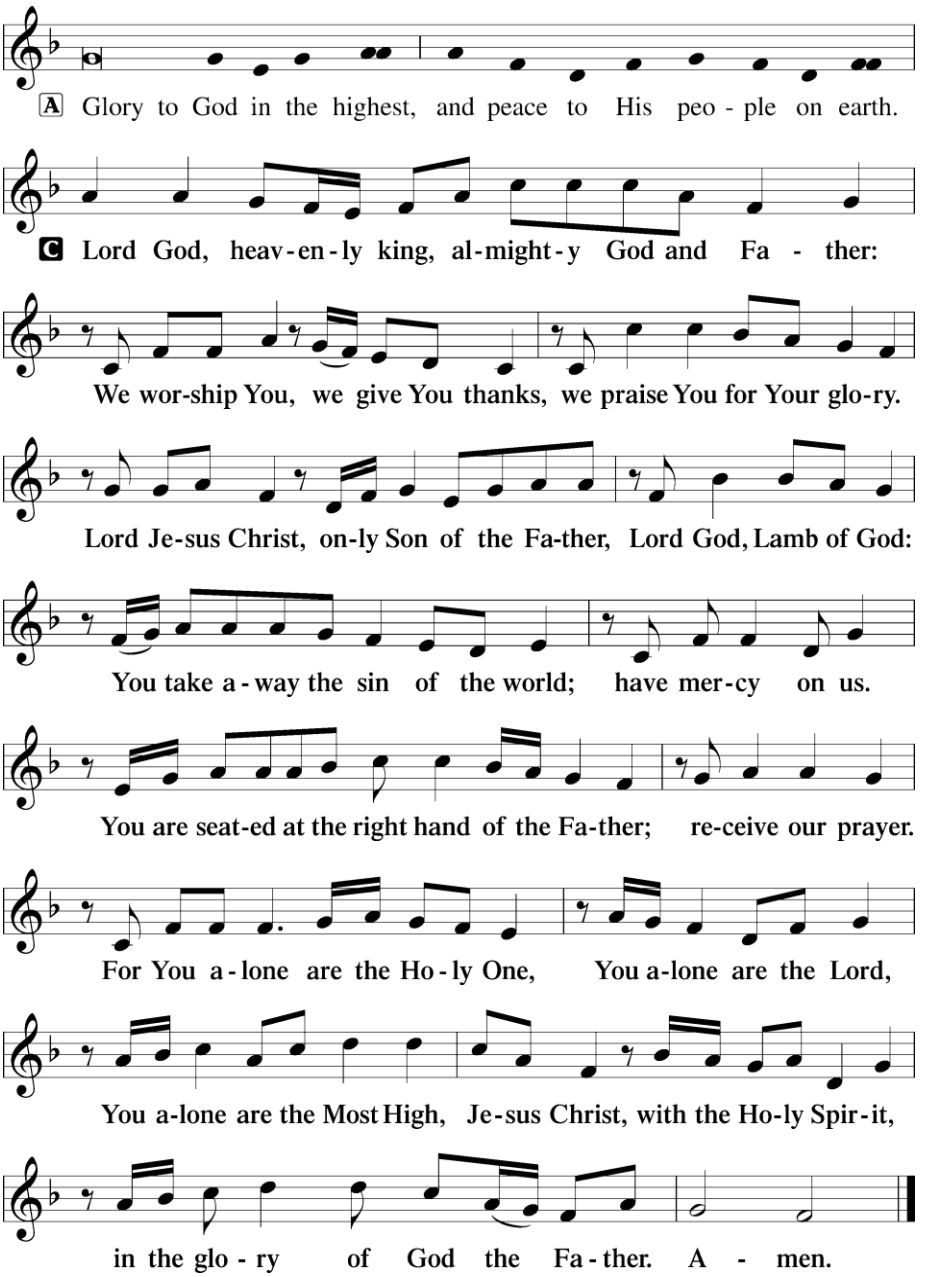


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C **A - men.**

Gloria in Excelsis (Praise Song: "Glory in the Highest") Lutheran Service Book 154



Prayer

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together:
All: Heavenly Father, we long for the day when you will put an end to evil and make everything new. As we wait, please help us to trust in Jesus and to encourage others to trust in him also and be saved. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading Jeremiah 25:30-32

(On the Last Day, God will raise his thunderous voice to judge the nations.)

[God said to Jeremiah,] "Now prophesy all these words against them and say to them: 'The Lord will roar from on high; he will thunder from his holy dwelling and roar mightily against his land. He will shout like those who tread the grapes, shout against all who live on the earth. **31** The tumult will resound to the ends of the earth, for the Lord will bring charges against the nations; he will bring judgment on all mankind and put the wicked to the sword,' declares the Lord."

32 This is what the Lord Almighty says: "Look! Disaster is spreading from nation to nation; a mighty storm is rising from the ends of the earth."

R This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament (Epistle) Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

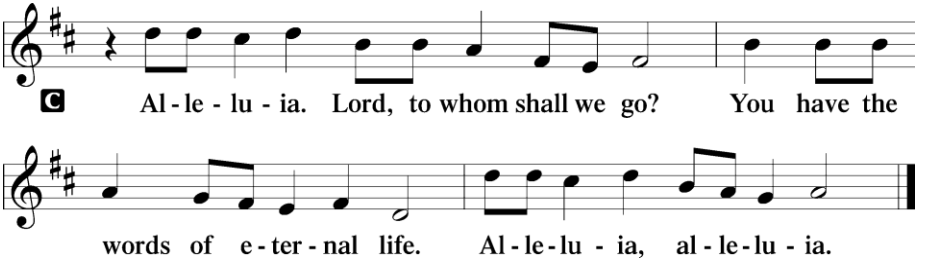
(On the Last Day, Jesus will appear visibly, God will raise up those who have died, and we Christians will be with the Lord forever.)

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. **14** For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. **15** According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. **16** For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. **17** After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. **18** Therefore encourage one another with these words.

℟ This is the Word of the Lord.
℣ **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse Lutheran Service Book 156



Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

(Do not live foolishly, for we do not know when the Last Day will come.)

℣ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 25.
℟ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said,] "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish and five were wise. **3** The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. **4** The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. **5** The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. **8** The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.'

9 ""No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

11 "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!'

12 "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."

℣ This is the Gospel of the Lord.
℟ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Song while Children Come to the Front: Heaven is a Wonderful Place

Heaven is a wonderful place,
Filled with glory and grace.
I want to see my Savior's face!
Oh, heaven is a wonderful place! (I want to go there!)

Story Time

Hymn: One Day (traditional melody) Praise! Hymnal 167

1. One day when heaven was filled with his praises,
   One day when sin was as black as can be,
   Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,
   Dwelt among men – my example is he!

Refrain: Living, he loved me. Dying, he saved me.
Buried, he carried my sins far away!
Rising, he justified freely forever.
One day he's coming! Oh, glorious day!

2. One day they led him up Calvary's mountain.
   One day they nailed him to die on the tree.
   Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
   Bearing our sins – my Redeemer is he! (Refrain)

3. One day the grave could conceal him no longer.
   One day the stone rolled away from the door.
   Then he arose – over death he had conquered.
   Now he's ascended, my Lord evermore! (Refrain)

4. One day the trumpet will sound for his coming.
   One day the skies with his glories will shine.
   Wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing;
   Glorious Savior – this Jesus is mine! (Refrain)

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Kari Larson Decker, who will be affirming her faith, comes forward before the altar.

Introduction

P Jesus said, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20, NKJV) Kari, you have been baptized and you have been taught the basics of the Christian faith.

Jesus also said, "Whoever confesses me before men, I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32, NKJV) Today you are confessing your faith in Jesus for everyone to hear. You are publicly affirming that you believe the same things we all do here at Ascension, and that you are committed to live in accordance with these teachings of Jesus in the Bible.

Questions and Affirmations

P So I ask you in the presence of God and of this congregation: Do you affirm and confess the Christian faith in which you were baptized? (If so, please answer: "Yes, I do.")

R **Yes, I do.**

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways? In other words, do you reject the devil and everything he stands for? (If so, please answer: "I do reject them.")

R **I do reject them.**

P Do you believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? I invite the whole congregation to rise and to respond together with Kari, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **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.**

P Do you acknowledge that you have sinned, that you have disobeyed God's laws? And do you trust in Jesus who died and rose again, for forgiveness and eternal life? (If so, please answer: "Yes, I do.")

R **Yes, I do.**

P Do you accept the Bible, the Old and New Testaments, as the Word of God? (If so, please answer: "Yes, I accept it.")

R **Yes, I accept it.**

P Do you promise to faithfully read and hear the Word of God and to put this Word into practice? (If so, please answer: "Yes, with the help of God.")

R **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Do you accept as true the teachings of the Lutheran Church, which come from the Bible, and which you have learned in your classes and in the Small Catechism? (If so, please answer: "Yes, I do.")

R **Yes, I do.**

P Do you promise to be a faithful member of the Lutheran Church, to love and forgive your brothers and sisters, to share the Lord's Supper with them regularly, and to work together with them to share the good news of Jesus with the world? (If so, please answer: "Yes, with the help of God.")

R **Yes, with the help of God.**

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and church, and to suffer anything, even death, rather than abandon your faith in Jesus? (If so, please answer: "Yes, with the help of God.")

R **Yes, with the help of God.**

Prayer

All: Heavenly Father, we ask that you bless Kari, who has just affirmed their faith. Every day we face many temptations and hardships that try to hinder us from following your ways. But you are with us, and your Holy Spirit encourages us and strengthens us. So we pray that you would give Kari wisdom and courage and strength, as well as your peace, patience, and love. Help her to resist temptation and stay faithful to your Word. Help her to be a good witness of your love and salvation. Be with her – and with us – always, as you have promised. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Individual Blessing

P Kari, you have chosen a Bible verse to share with everyone on this special occasion. This verse is: Proverbs 16:9 "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." *(Either the Pastor or the one confirming his or her faith, recites the chosen verse.)*

P May our heavenly Father, through Jesus, renew and increase in you the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that you may have a strong faith, so that you may grow in God's love, so that you may have patience to face any obstacles in your path, so that you may be equipped to share your faith, and so that you may have the sure hope of eternal life. Amen.

Reception as Member

P In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you have confessed and whom you have promised to serve, we receive you as a communicant and voting member of this congregation. You share with us all the spiritual duties and privileges of our church.

The person affirming their faith turns to face the congregation. The congregation stands.

All: (members of the congregation): We, the members of this congregation, receive you as our sister, fellow communicant and voting member of our church, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless us and help us all to grow together as the body of Christ!

P Lord, increase our faith and make us all one in you. Amen.

Sit

Offering

The Bible says: "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income." (1 Corinthians 16:2a, NIV). In response to God's great love, as part of our worship 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.

Ascension Lutheran Church is a non-profit organization. Donations to Ascension qualify as charitable donations for tax purposes.

Choir Anthem during the Offering "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

1. *Keep your lamps trimmed and burning!*
   Keep your lamps trimmed and burning!
   Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
   For the time is drawing nigh.

Refrain: Children, don't grow weary. Children, don't grow weary.
Children, don't grow weary, for the time is drawing nigh.

2. *Darker midnight lies before us. Darker midnight lies before us.*
   Darker midnight lies before us, for the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)
3. *Lo, the morning soon is breaking. Lo, the morning soon is breaking.*
   Lo, the morning soon is breaking, for the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)
4. *Keep your lamps trimmed and burning!*
   Keep your lamps trimmed and burning!
   Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
   For the time is drawing nigh. (Refrain)

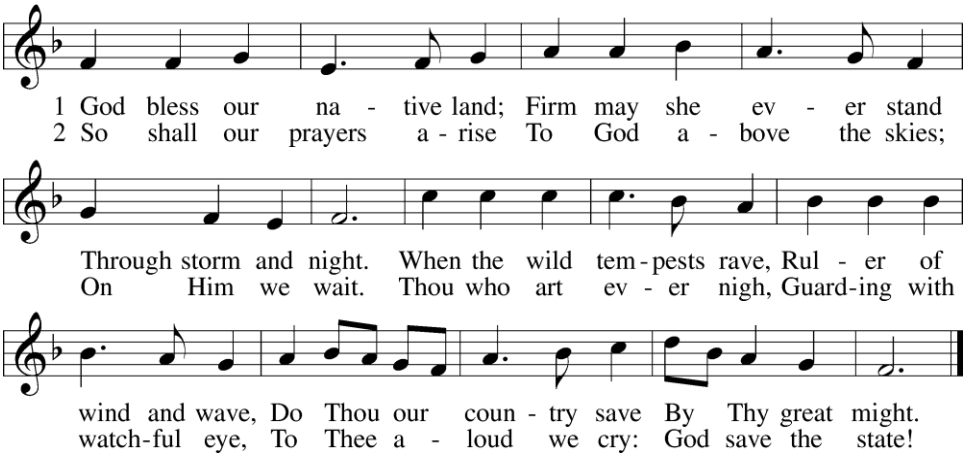
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Offering Prayer of Dedication

All: Almighty God, thank you for saving us through Jesus Christ. Bless these offerings and use them to proclaim the name of Jesus in every part of the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory God Bless Our Native Land Lutheran Service Book 965

Ron Seiders will sing the first verse; the congregation will sing the second.



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Today we honor and recognize our veterans and those who are currently serving our country in the armed forces.

Justine Allen (Army – Active)

Turner Allen (Marine Corps Veteran)

Max Balgemann (Air Force Veteran)

Andrew Barber (Army Veteran)

Ricardo Bullard (Army Veteran)

Charles Canada (Army Veteran)

Art Decker (Navy Veteran)

David DeMartelaere (Army Veteran)

Merle DeMartelaere (Navy Veteran)

Charles "Russ" DeWitt (Army Veteran)

Jesse Faugstad (Army – Active)

Melanie Gallagher (Army Veteran)

Humberto "Tito" Holguin (Marine Corps Veteran)
Kent Kaneer (Air Force Veteran)
Joseph Karl (Army – Active)
Johnny Kielas (Army Veteran)
Jake Miller (Army & Marine Corps Veteran)
Omar Moreno (Army Veteran)
Bryan Perdue (Air Force Veteran)
Gilbert Provencio (Army Veteran)
Rebecca Reynolds (Navy Veteran)
Ron Seiders (Army Veteran)
Brian Stickney (Army Veteran)
David Tuchenhagen (Army Veteran)
Suyapa Velasquez (Army – Active)
Thomas Wade (Air Force Veteran)
Geoffrey Wagner (Army – Active)
Elliott Werner (Army Veteran)
Don Willadsen (Army Veteran)

Sharing about Prayer

In the Catechism class, we have just finished studying what the Bible says about prayer. Today Gabby Karl is sharing very briefly one thought from the class about prayer that struck her as important for her and for all of us.

Stand

Prayer of the Church
God's Word tells us that he loves us and hears our prayers, and so we put our problems and concerns before him:

P Lord God, thank you for your great love for us! You are with us through thick and thin here on this earth, and you will be by our side forever in glory. Hear us and help us with the challenges we face today. Lord, in your mercy,
C **Hear our prayer!**
P Lord, show your power in our lives. Help us to leave behind our old, selfish ways and to live the new life which you have opened for us. Help us to be more and more like you. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer!**

P Lord Jesus Christ, Rouse your church to action and help us to proclaim your salvation to every human being. Raise up faithful pastors and missionaries and church leaders; strengthen those who are suffering for their faith; and guide all of us Christians to be good witnesses to your love and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer!**

P Heavenly Father, we bring before you all our needs and problems and worries. For peace and justice in our country, in Israel, in the Ukraine, in Iran, and around the world, we cry for help to you. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer!**

P Lord God, please help those who are suffering. We pray for those who are sick or lonely or grieving or facing great difficulties, particularly those in our congregation and our friends and family who are on our church's prayer list. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer!**

P Heavenly Father, help, protect, and bless our families and especially the children at our church and preschool. Guide and give strength and love to our preschool teachers, our Sunday School teachers, and our youth leaders. Bless the boy scouts who meet here. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer!**

P Dear Jesus, guide and help everyone who serves in your church, especially our brothers and sisters in this congregation who are elders, on the council, Bible study leaders, music ministry leader, church secretary, helping with altar care, running the sound system and internet, cleaning the church and preschool, serving as ushers and acolytes, bringing food, fixing and maintaining everything, or serving in any other way. Encourage them and bless their work! Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer!**

P Lord God, bless those who have served or who are now serving in the armed forces to defend the people of this country. Protect them from harm and from temptation, and help them in their calling. Be near them and help them to trust always in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer!**

P Merciful God, hear our prayers, not only what we have expressed with our lips, but also the requests we have made silently, in our hearts. We trust in you alone. Because of your great love, Lord,

C **Amen.**

Dedication and Blessing of the "Operation Christmas Child" Boxes

Over the past month many in our congregation and in our preschool have been collecting toys and practical gifts in boxes to be sent at Christmastime to children all over the world who have very little. Some people have made cards or short notes to send with the boxes, and the Operation Christmas Child sponsors will include a message about Jesus wherever they are allowed to do so. Next week we will be taking the boxes to the collection point. We ask the Lord to bless these boxes and their message of love!

All: Lord God, we dedicate to you not only our monetary offerings but also these gifts for children all over the world. Please bless what we have packed in these boxes. Let them bring joy to the children that receive them. Let these boxes be a testimony to the love of Jesus and help the children to know and trust in Jesus as their Savior. In Jesus' name. Amen.

P We dedicate these gifts to the Lord and ask God's blessing upon them and upon the children who receive them, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. 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.

Closing Prayer

P Let us 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 (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: Shall We Gather at the River Hymnal "We Pray in Song" 708

1. Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
   With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
   We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (Refrain)
3. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down,
   Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river. Soon our pilgrimage will cease.
   Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (Refrain)

Sending

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

Group Photo of Veterans

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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 Katherine Corona, in loving memory of Ryden Richardson.



Both bouquets are $70; or $35 each
if you agree to share a Sunday with another person.

PLEASE PLACE YOUR CHECK IN THE OFFERING PLATE
OR DROP IT OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.



November 11 – Dave Tuchenhagen
November 12 – Bridgette Valdes



Church Potluck
Celebrating the **66th** anniversary!

November 22nd after the worship service.

Ascension LUTHERAN CHURCH
CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY TO CHRIST



Sign-up sheet for food is on the A-frame board.

Thanksgiving Food Collection for Ysleta Lutheran Mission:

Collection will begin on November 1st
The deadline for donations is Sunday, November 22nd.
Food will be delivered on November 24th.



- Corn (Canned)
- Green Beans (Canned)
- Mixed Vegetables (Canned)
- Sugar (Box or Bag)
- Flour
- Top Ramen Noodle Soup
- Beans (Dry Bags)
- Rice (Box or Bags)
- Cooking Oil
- Cereal
- Pasta
- Macaroni & Cheese (Box)

Thank you!

SPONSOR: San Pablo Lutheran Church.

October 26th through November 20th, 2026



DONATE an UNWRAPPED TOY!

(for ages 5-17 yrs. old)

Drop in the big BOX at the entrance.

LADIES NIGHT OUT



All ladies of Ascension are welcome.
November 18th at Olive Garden.
Located at 740 Sunland Park Dr.

Once a month on the 3rd Wednesday @ **6:00 PM** .
We meet at a restaurant and enjoy food and fellowship. (Dutch treat)
This will be the last meet of 2026.

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







IT'S CHRISTMAS SEASON!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

TO HELP IN DECORATING THE CHURCH ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2026 @9:00 AM

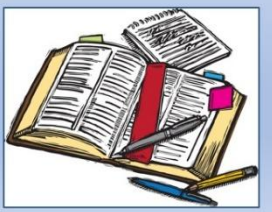
RMHC

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.

Sunday School & Bible Study 9:00-10:00 am



SUNDAY SCHOOL
for Pre-K to 6th grade:
Kids meet in the Preschool Library



BIBLE STUDY for Youth & Adults:
Meet in the Fellowship Hall

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

Sunday Snacks:





Snacks for Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
Sign-up sheet is on the kitchen wall next to counter.
THANK YOU!

November

01st: Seiders
08th: Barton-Gandara
15th : Mielke
22nd : OPEN
29th : OPEN

December is OPEN!

Altar flowers: November 29th is open. December also has openings on the 13th and 27th. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Bible Studies During the week:

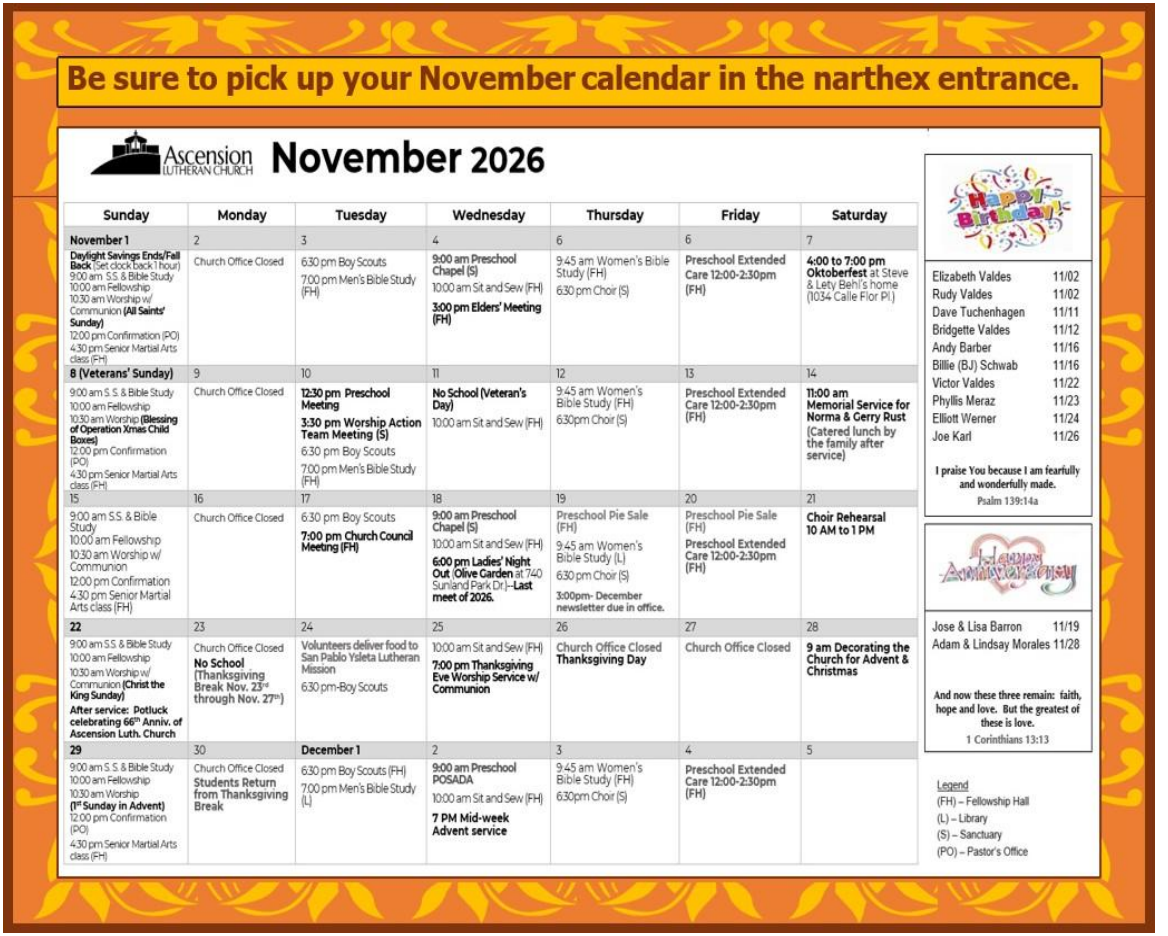
Tuesday Men's Bible Study meets in the fellowship hall at **7 PM**. Currently studying "Myth or Faith/Clearing up Common Misconceptions about Christianity." Contact Elliott Werner for more information: 915-603-7497.

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.





Be sure to pick up your November calendar in the narthex entrance.



Ascension Lutheran Church

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 1 **Daylight Savings Ends/Fall Back** (Set clock back 1 hour) 9:00 am S.S. & Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion **(All Saints' Sunday)** 12:00 pm Confirmation (PO) 4:30 pm Senior Martial Arts class (FH)	2 Church Office Closed	3 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study (FH)	4 **9:00 am Preschool Chapel (S)** 10:00 am Sit and Sew (FH) **3:00 pm Elders' Meeting (FH)**	6 9:45 am Women's Bible Study (FH) 6:30 pm Choir (S)	6 **Preschool Extended Care 12:00-2:30pm (FH)**	7 **4:00 to 7:00 pm Oktoberfest** at Steve & Lety Behl's home (1034 Calle Flor Pl.)
8 (Veterans' Sunday) 9:00 am S.S. & Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship **(Blessing of Operation Xmas Child Boxes)** 12:00 pm Confirmation (PO) 4:30 pm Senior Martial Arts class (FH)	9 Church Office Closed	10 **12:30 pm Preschool Meeting** **3:30 pm Worship Action Team Meeting (S)** 6:30 pm Boy Scouts 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study (FH)	11 **No School (Veteran's Day)** 10:00 am Sit and Sew (FH)	12 9:45 am Women's Bible Study (FH) 6:30 pm Choir (S)	13 **Preschool Extended Care 12:00-2:30pm (FH)**	14 **11:00 am Memorial Service for Norma & Gerry Rust** (Catered lunch by the family after service)
15 9:00 am S.S. & Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion 12:00 pm Confirmation 4:30 pm Senior Martial Arts class (FH)	16 Church Office Closed	17 6:30 pm Boy Scouts **7:00 pm Church Council Meeting (FH)**	18 **9:00 am Preschool Chapel (S)** 10:00 am Sit and Sew (FH) **6:00 pm Ladies' Night Out (Olive Garden** at 740 Sunland Park Dr.)**--Last meet of 2026.**	19 Preschool Pie Sale (FH) 9:45 am Women's Bible Study (L) 6:30 pm Choir (S) **3:00pm- December newsletter due in office.**	20 Preschool Pie Sale (FH) **Preschool Extended Care 12:00-2:30pm (FH)**	21 **Choir Rehearsal 10 AM to 1 PM**
22 9:00 am S.S. & Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship w/ Communion **(Christ the King Sunday)** **After service: Potluck celebrating 66th Anniv. of Ascension Luth. Church**	23 Church Office Closed **No School (Thanksgiving Break Nov. 23rd through Nov. 27th)**	24 Volunteers deliver food to San Pablo Ysleta Lutheran Mission 6:30 pm-Boy Scouts	25 10:00 am Sit and Sew (FH) **7:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service w/ Communion**	26 Church Office Closed **Thanksgiving Day**	27 Church Office Closed	28 **9 am Decorating the Church for Advent & Christmas**
29 9:00 am S.S. & Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship **(1st Sunday in Advent)** 12:00 pm Confirmation (PO) 4:30 pm Senior Martial Arts class (FH)	30 Church Office Closed **Students Return from Thanksgiving Break**	**December 1** 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (FH) 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study (L)	2 **9:00 am Preschool POSADA** 10:00 am Sit and Sew (FH) **7 PM Mid-week Advent service**	3 9:45 am Women's Bible Study (FH) 6:30pm Choir (S)	4 **Preschool Extended Care 12:00-2:30pm (FH)**	5

Happy Birthday!

Elizabeth Valdes	11/02
Rudy Valdes	11/02
Dave Tuchenhagen	11/11
Bridgette Valdes	11/12
Andy Barber	11/16
Billie (BJ) Schwab	11/16
Victor Valdes	11/22
Phyllis Meraz	11/23
Elliott Werner	11/24
Joe Karl	11/26

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

Happy Anniversary

Jose & Lisa Barron	11/19
Adam & Lindsay Morales	11/28

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

Legend
(FH) – Fellowship Hall
(L) – Library
(S) – Sanctuary
(PO) – Pastor's Office

November 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.



This Week @ Ascension

Veterans' Appreciation Sunday (November 8th)

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship
12:00 PM Confirmation (PO)
4:30 PM Senior Martial Arts class (FH)

Monday (November 9th)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday (November 10th)

12:30 PM Preschool Meeting
3:30 PM Worship Action Team Meeting (FH)
6:30 PM Boy Scouts (L)
7:00 PM Men's Bible Study (FH)

Wednesday (November 11th)

Veterans' Day (NO SCHOOL)

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

Thursday (November 12th)

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

Friday (November 13th)

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

Saturday (November 14th)

11:00 AM Memorial service for **Gerrald & Norma Rust** (at Ascension Lutheran Church).
1:00 PM Graveside Service
3:00 PM Fellowship with food catered (at Ascension Lutheran Church fellowship hall).



THE 2027 LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL FOR SUBSCRIPTION IS HERE. THE RENEWAL AMOUNT IS $23.50 FOR THE YEAR. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR CHECK TO THE CHURCH OFFICE BY JANUARY 6, 2027.



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