

Ascension Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

A Christ-centered community where we *connect, learn, and serve*



October 10, 2021

Welcome To Our Guests

It is a great joy to have you here today. We pray that your time with us has helped to deepen your faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. If we can be of service to you or your family, we invite you to talk to us at your convenience.

You will always be welcome here. Please do us the honor of signing the guest sheet at the podium at the front of the church or at the entrance from the Education Wing.

Thank you for coming!

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 10, 2021

Worship Service - 9:30 AM

WELCOME

PRELUDE: "Praise To The Lord, the Almighty"

Handbell Choir

AS WE GATHER

Jesus healed 10 men who were struck with leprosy, robbing them of living their lives among family and friends. Only one of these blessed men returned to give thanks to the Lord. Were the other nine thankful? No doubt. So why did they not return and express the thanks that lived in their hearts? Why do we blessed people often fail to give thanks?

(stand)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

CONFESSION:

Pastor: Lord, through the gift of faith You promise us abundant life.

People: **We confess that we often look to the things of the world to bring joy.**

Pastor: Lord, You so richly provide all we need for spiritual and bodily living.

People: **We confess that we have been less than thankful.**

Pastor: Lord, You are so generous with Your love, and You call us to love one another.

People: **We confess that we have been less than generous.**

Pastor: Lord, You are always faithful to us.

People: **We confess that our faithfulness to You wavers.**

Pastor: Lord, hear us as we cry out to You from our hearts, humbly bringing our sin to You, and longing for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: O Lord, hear our prayer and have mercy on us.

People: **Forgive our sin. Strengthen our faith. Give us a heart to serve You.**

THE ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE

(At this time, please turn around and greet each other with the peace of Christ.)

GATHERING SONG: “Just As I Am (I Come Broken)”

(sit)

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 57:9-11

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(stand)

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the Seventeenth chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(Congregation reads together:)

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance

¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When

he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as

they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was

healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and “he fell on his face

at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered,

“Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to

return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ And he said to him
“Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(sit)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Adam Thompson

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”

LSB 846, v. 1-3

SERMON

Pastor Adam Thompson

(stand)

APOSTLES CREED:

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

OFFERTORY MEDITATION SONG: “I Will Praise Him Still” Praise Team

Praise Team

(stand)

OFFERTORY: “Praise and Thanksgiving”

LSB 789, v. 2

(sit)

PRAYER

After each prayer, the response will be:

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

(sit)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

THE BLESSING

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN/SONG: "Open Up The Heavens"

Pastor: Go in peace and

People: **serve the Lord.**

LOOKING AHEAD: The assigned readings for next week are:
Is. Psalm 119:33-37, 1 John 2:15-17, and John 15:12-17

ASCENSION NEWS

SERVING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD / OCTOBER.....Diane DePasquale
ELDER ON DUTY TODAY.....Pete Candreva
LAY READERDarryl Gunther
USHERS.....Ken Lindsay & Jim Obringer
ACOLYTE.....Kayla Arnett

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

SUNDAY, 10/10/21	WORSHIP SERVICE In-Person and Livestreamed Christian Education for Adults and Children	9:30 AM 11:00 AM
MONDAY	Church Office CLOSED (Columbus Day)	
WEDNESDAY	Prayer and Praise Group via ZOOM Confirmation Class	10:00 AM 7:00 PM
THURSDAY	Church Council Meeting Adult Choir Handbell Choir	6:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:45 PM
SATURDAY	Women's Bible Study Candreva / 25th Anniversary - Renewal of Vows	9:00 AM 11:00 AM
NEXT SUNDAY, 10/17	Family Small Group at the Fiffik's House	5:00 PM



October 10 Cristen Fiffik
 October 10 Andrew Skrastins
 October 11 Ron Gredlein



October 12 Pete & Vanessa Candreva
 October 14 Jillian Jarboe & Jason Lease
 October 16 Bob & Pam Martens