

Ascension Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod

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

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Welcome To Our Guests

It is a great joy to have you here today. We pray that your time with us helps 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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SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

WELCOME

PRELUDE

AS WE GATHER

As we enter the long Church Year season of Pentecost, the liturgical color green is commonly used for the many weeks ahead. Like many things planted by a gardener or farmer in spring, green shows growth and maturation of that which was planted. In the same way, at this time of the Church Year, we are reminded that that green carries the symbolic importance of our continued need and privilege as God's people to grow and mature as disciples of Christ through the Holy Spirit given. The Readings in this Pentecost season often remind us of the Early Church continuing to grow and spread to all people, which has continued to us here and now beginning in our Baptism and through all the days the Lord grants us.

Stand

INVOCATION

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

OPENING HYMN – Be Still My Soul

EXHORTATION

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

GREETING OF PEACE

At this time, you may turn to those around you and greet each other with the peace of Christ.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 65:1–9

¹I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;
I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.
I said, "Here am I, here am I,"
to a nation that was not called by my name.

²I spread out my hands all the day
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³a people who provoke me

to my face continually,
 sacrificing in gardens
 and making offerings on bricks;
⁴who sit in tombs,
 and spend the night in secret places;
 who eat pig's flesh,
 and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;
⁵who say, "Keep to yourself,
 do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
 These are a smoke in my nostrils,
 a fire that burns all the day.
⁶Behold, it is written before me:
 "I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
 I will indeed repay into their bosom
⁷both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together,
 says the LORD;
 because they made offerings on the mountains
 and insulted me on the hills,
 I will measure into their bosom
 payment for their former deeds."
⁸Thus says the LORD:
 "As the new wine is found in the cluster,
 and they say, 'Do not destroy it,
 for there is a blessing in it,'
 so I will do for my servants' sake,
 and not destroy them all.
⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,
 and from Judah possessors of my mountains;
 my chosen shall possess it,
 and my servants shall dwell there."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 3:23—4:7

²³Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until

Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ²but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:26–39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

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

²⁶Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a

large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Thompson

HYMN OF THE DAY – On What Has Now Been Sown

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THE APPLICATION OF GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY

Pastor Thompson

Stand

NICENE CREED

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,**

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

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

Sit

OFFERING / MEDITATION SONG – In Jesus Name

Praise Team

Stand

OFFERTORY – Create In Me A Clean Heart

LW pg. 143-144

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each prayer, the response will be:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.”

PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Sit

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated at Ascension Lutheran in the glad confidence that our Lord Jesus, as His word says, gives not only bread and wine, but also His true Body and Blood for us to eat and drink for the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26:26-28). Our Lord invites to His table those who, repenting of their sins, believe His word that His body and blood are really present for the forgiveness of our sins. All baptized believers who hold our confession and have examined themselves according to Scripture’s guidance (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), are invited to receive His Sacrament

COMMUNION HYMN – Your Table I Approach

LW 249

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – Thank The Lord

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.
Grant, O Lord, that what we have received with our lips we may keep with pure hearts, and that through the gift imparted to us in this present life we may hereafter receive life everlasting; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
C Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

BENEDICTION

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING SONG – Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

DISMISSAL

- P** Go in peace and
- C** serve the Lord!

LOOKING AHEAD: The assigned readings for next week are:
1 Kings 19:9b-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

SERVING TODAY

ALTAR GUILD.....Cheryl Sedar
 ELDER(S).....Dave Dille & Bob Booth
 USHERS.....Matt Gunther & Edie Krom
 ACOLYTE.....Juliette Schroeder

SERVING NEXT WEEK

ALTAR GUILD.....Cheryl Sedar
 ELDER(S).....Cooper Blake
 USHERS.....Lynn Gunther & Lora Koontz
 ACOLYTE.....Elijah Blake

**Please join us today after our worship service to celebrate
God's gift of Dads! We will gather in the Fellowship
Hall for some light refreshments, we hope to see you there!**



“And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” --- Deuteronomy 6:6-9



SUMMER FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENT - Come join us for a Men's Fellowship Event on **Thursday, June 23rd at 6:30pm**. Mike Fiffik is hosting a cook out at his house. He will provide the meat all you need to bring is a side dish to share and your drink of choice. So our host can get an accurate count for food, please **RSVP by Monday, June 20th** on Eventbrite at the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mens-ministry-cook-out-tickets-354618392157> If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Thompson at pastor@ascensionpgh.com.

ALC SUMMER BONFIRE - Join us **Friday, June 24 from 6:30-8:30pm** for a family friendly bonfire behind our church building! All are welcome to attend as we CONNECT for some summer fellowship and fun! Bring your own beverages and chairs. If you have lawn games, please bring them! Smores supplies will be provided. Questions? Contact Marissa at marissarinas@gmail.com
Rain date: Saturday, June 25 from 6:30-8:30pm

WOMEN'S SOCIAL - We would like to invite our ladies to a night out on **Monday, July 25 from 6-8pm** Location is TBD. Feel free to bring a friend! Please RSVP to Marissa Thompson at: marissarinas@gmail.com. If you can't make it but would like to be on the mailing list for future women's ministry events, please let us know. We have some exciting things planned. Stay tuned for more!

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATING CHURCH DIRECTORY – Please take time after service to take a photo of yourself, and your family. We will need both individual photos, and one altogether as a family. Starting today and for the next 3 weeks we will have a backdrop in the Narthex to use for updated pictures of our congregants. You can use your phone, or have someone help take the photo with their phone. Please send ALL photos to our secretary at secretary@ascensionpgh.com.

ASCENSION CHURCH GARDEN – We are looking for volunteers for maintenance, weeding/watering, etc. No experience needed! Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex. If you have questions or concerns, you may contact Rob Weber at rbtweber@gmail.com

PENNIES FOR JESUS – Thanks to your donations to the Pennies for Jesus offerings, we were able to send \$230 to the Sunbeam Kids International for support of the Taylor family, who is serving in Cambodia. If you have any suggestions for our next project, please see Janet Seitz or email her at janetseitz@hotmail.com

ALTAR FLOWERS – Altar flowers today are given by Janet Seitz in honor of her husband Bill's birthday on Wednesday June 22nd. Happy Birthday Bill!!!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS Registration NOW OPEN! Make Waves Vacation Bible School (by Orange) will be held July 11-14, 2022 from 5:45-8:15 PM for children entering PreK-6th grade! You can find the registration link at AscensionPgh.com!!!

VBS Helpers Needed! Sign-up sheets can be found in the Narthex for the helper positions we still need for VBS (July 11-14). Talk to Emily and Lisa or email vbs@ascensionpgh.com for more info!

VBS PAINTING PARTIES - Please help us make and paint scenery for VBS! No prior experience necessary! We will be having painting parties NEXT Sunday June 26 (11 am-1 pm), Wednesday June 29 (6:00-8:00 pm), and Tuesday July 5 (1:00-4:00 pm).

VBS SNACK DONATIONS NEEDED - If you're looking for a way to help with VBS but can't volunteer, we need snack donations! Sign up on the snack donation forms in the Narthex if you'd like to donate snacks. Thank you!

VBS SCENERY DONATIONS NEEDED - If you have any of the following items that we could use for scenery, please bring them and put them in the VBS room (off the fellowship hall). Mark them with your name if you'd like them returned! Thank you!

- Tent
- Boogieboards/kickboards
- Surfboards
- Sand toys
- Big pieces of cardboard
- Air compressors
- Life preservers
- Oars
- Thick rope



- ✝ We pray for strength & healing for Annette Miller, Darryl Gunther's cousin. She is in the ICU with multiple serious health issues.
- ✝ We pray for the peace & hope of Jesus for the family and friends of Elva Fields who died in the faith.
- ✝ We pray for God's healing & strength for Dorothy, Chris Schroeder's grandmother.
- ✝ We pray for strength & healing for Chris Wolfslayer, Dan's brother. Chris lives alone in NJ and is struggling with Parkinson's disease.
- ✝ We pray for God to provide a person to serve as Ascension Lutheran's Music Director.
- ✝ We pray for God's healing for Marilyn, friend of Karen & Bob Booth, who is battling breast cancer.
- ✝ We pray for Shirley Rinas, Marissa Thompson's grandmother, who is recovering from surgery.
- ✝ We pray for God's continued strength & healing for Barb Marcellus's cousin Dale. He has Hodgkin's Lymphoma and is undergoing chemotherapy.
- ✝ We pray for God's guidance and protection for Emma Nagy, friend of Janet & Bill Seitz who will be part of the Mission of Christ Network team of missionary teachers at Concordia School in Chiayi, Taiwan.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

SUNDAY	WORSHIP SERVICE FATHER'S DAY SOCIAL	9:30 AM 11:00 AM
TUESDAY	ELDER'S MEETING	6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	PRAYER AND PRAISE GROUP	10:00 AM
THURSDAY	MEN'S FELLOWSHIP EVENT	6:30 PM
FRIDAY	BONFIRE PARTY	6:30 PM
SUNDAY 6/26/2022	WORSHIP SERVICE VBS PAINTING PARTY	9:30 AM 11:00 AM

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