



ASCENSION
Lutheran Church

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

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Welcome! We're happy you're with us for worship tod

IF YOU ARE VISITING FOR THE FIRST TIME, please take a moment to sign in at the podium at either sanctuary entrance. We pray your time with us strengthens your faith in the Lord. We are a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). You can find more information about our beliefs at LCMS.org/about/beliefs.

IF YOU HAVE SMALL CHILDREN, we understand that God made them wiggly and noisy at times, but we also believe they should be with us in worship. If you need a moment, we have a nursery available to you through the hallway to the right of the altar. Children's bags are also available in the Narthex for use during service.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated at Ascension Lutheran on each Sunday. We receive this Holy Sacrament 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 truly present for the forgiveness of our sins. All baptized believers who hold our confession of faith and have examined themselves according to Scripture's guidance (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), are invited to receive His Sacrament. If you are not yet baptized or are visiting us for the first time, we invite you to come forth during communion and fold your arms over your heart for a blessing. Pastor would be happy to discuss receiving Holy Communion at Ascension with you.

AFTER EACH SERVICE from September to May, please join us for a brief time of **FELLOWSHIP** with coffee and treats downstairs in our Fellowship Hall briefly before we begin our **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** hour for those ages 2 and above.

If you have any questions, seek out Pastor, an usher, or a member with a name tag; they will be happy to help you out.

SERVING TODAY:

ELDER(S): Mike Fiffik & Kurt Dolph

LAY READER: N/A

USHERS: Ron Curcio & Matt Gunther

ACOLYTE: Hannah Koontz

SERVING NEXT WEEK

ELDER(S): Dave Dille & Cooper Blake

LAY READER: Dave Dille

USHERS: Ken Lindsey & John Russler

ACOLYTE: Adalyn Russler

All Saints' Day

Pre-Service - 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Welcome

Prelude

PREPARATION

Stand

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Hymn - My Jesus I Love Thee

Verse 1

My Jesus I love Thee I know Thou art
mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art
Thou
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

And purchased my pardon on Calvary's
tree
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on
Thy brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

Verse 2

I love Thee because Thou hast first
loved me

Verse 4

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my
brow
If ever I loved Thee my Jesus 'tis now

Opening Sentences

John 11:25–26; Job 19:25–27; Romans 14:7–8; Revelation 14:13

P Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die.

C For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!

- P** For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.
- C** **And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"**

Confession and Absolution

1 John 3:1–3; Matthew 5:12a

- P** John wrote, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." The devil, the world, and our sinful nature lead us to live lives that do not reflect this reality. Let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

Most merciful God and Father,

- C** **We confess to You that our lives do not always reveal that we are really Your children and that You are our Father. We admit that we sin against You and others with our thoughts, words, and actions. In Your righteousness, forgive us and cleanse us from all our unrighteousness. Restore the joy of Your salvation to us and sustain us with a willing spirit. Amen.**

- P** John reminds us, "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure." In the mercy of our heavenly Father, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us and purifies us from all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** **Amen.**

- P** Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven!

- C** **Alleluia! Amen!**

Greeting of Peace

Following the Absolution, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

WORD

Introit

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b

- P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
- P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in Your righteousness deliver me.
C **For You are my rock and my fortress; and for Your name's sake You lead me and guide me.**
- P** Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
- P** These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- 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, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise - Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.



C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



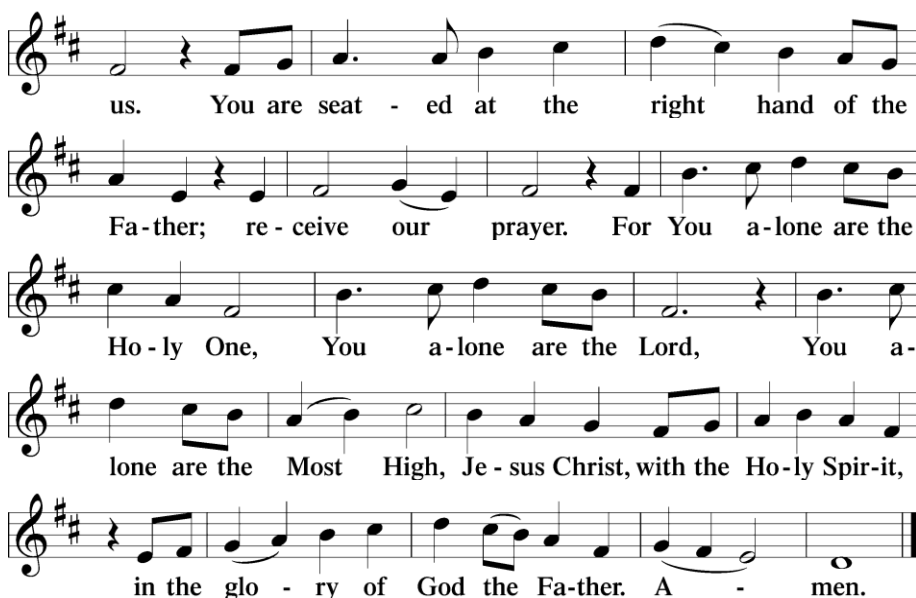
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You



take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You make us saints through calling us to faith and cleansing us in the waters of Baptism. Lead us to imitate the lives of the saints who have gone before us as they imitated Jesus, so that together with them, we come to the indescribable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Revelation 7:2–17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴And

I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 149

- L** Praise the LORD!
- C** **Sing to the LORD a new song, His praise in the assembly of the godly!**
- L** Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
- C** **Let them praise His name with dancing, making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!**
- L** For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.
- C** **Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.**
- L** Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all His godly ones.
- C** **Praise the LORD!**

Epistle

1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.'.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day - For All the Saints

LSB 677, sts. 1–2

P We thank and praise You, O God, our Maker and King, for leading Your children through the wilderness of this world to the promised land of Your eternal heavenly kingdom. We thank You for saving us by grace through faith in the Lamb, who is our shepherd and guide. We thank You for the encouragement and example of Your saints who have gone before us. Compel us by Christ's love and empower us by Your Spirit to imitate them as they imitated Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Hymn of the Day - For All the Saints

LSB 677, sts. 3–4

- P** We thank and praise You for making us members of Your mystical Body, the church, through the waters of Holy Baptism. Keep us firmly rooted in Your Word of truth. Lead us to rejoice with those who rejoice and to grieve with those who grieve. We ask for You to provide comfort and peace to all who are grieving the earthly loss of loved ones today. We ask for encouragement, strength, and healing for all who are struggling physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Hymn of the Day - For All the Saints

LSB 677, sts. 5–6

- P** We thank and praise You for Your deep love for us, Your children. Strengthen families by deepening their love for one another. Strengthen mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers in their vocations that they may train their children and grandchildren in the way they should go as they make their way through this warring world. Bless all authorities, those who serve in government, those who serve in Your church, those who work to bring peace and justice and healing, as well as those who work in schools and businesses. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Hymn of the Day - For All the Saints

LSB 677, sts. 7–8

- P** Lord Jesus, as we wait for Your return, nourish us with Your body and blood so that we may be raised to immortality and incorruption and be seated at Your heavenly banquet. While death still claims our mortal bodies, You have been raised up so that we may pass from death to life and join those who have died in You and now rest from their labors in the resurrection. Bring us to the fullness of our salvation, that we may see You face to face and live forever with You, our Lamb and Shepherd; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for eternity.
- C** Amen.

Sermon

Stand

Remembrance of Baptism

Romans 6:3–4

- P** In Holy Baptism, God's children are clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness, which covers all of our sins. Paul says: "Do you not know that

all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

C We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”

Commemoration of the Redeemed Children of God

P Today, with God’s children throughout the Christian Church, we remember all those who remain God’s children for eternity. We especially note this day those who have gone to the church triumphant during the days of this last year.

Those who have died within the past year may be remembered by name. As each name is read, a bell may be tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ.

Charlotte Beiter who entered glory on May 23, 2025

Mark A. Bocian who entered glory on July 22, 2025

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Creed

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Prayer of the Church

After each prayer, the response will be:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering

Offering Meditation - Blest Are They

Praise Team

Stand

Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19





me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa-lem.

SACRAMENT

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, our Maker and King, for You sent Your Son to be the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. In the communion of all Your saints, we are gathered into the Body of Your Son. You purify Your children in the waters of Baptism and robe us with the righteousness of Christ. You bless and encourage us by the faith of the saints who have gone before us so that as we run this race, we may finish it and receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, our Maker and King, for You have cleansed us, Your children, through the blood of the Lamb, who was sacrificed for the sins of the world.

By faith, the saints who have gone before us clung to Your promises, leaving an example and encouragement for us who now walk by faith and long to see You face to face.

Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink the body and blood of Your Son in this Holy Supper. Join us in unending praise with our forefathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; the prophets, apostles, evangelists, martyrs, and all the saints in glory who have run the race, kept the faith, fought the good fight and been crowned in glory. In Jesus' name, we pray.

- C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- 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."

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

- C** 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



Sit

Holy Communion

Distribution Hymns - O Living Bread from Heaven

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Before the Throne of God Above

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in heav'n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin
Because the sinless Saviour died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Verse 3

Behold Him there the risen Lamb
My perfect spotless righteousness
The great unchangeable I Am
The King of glory and of grace
One with Himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased with His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Saviour and my God
With Christ my Saviour and my God

Verse 4

I bow before the cross of Christ
And marvel at this love divine
God's perfect Son was sacrificed
To make me righteous in God's eyes
This river's depths I cannot know
But I can glory in its flood
The Lord Most High has bowed down low
And poured on me His glorious love
And poured on me His glorious love

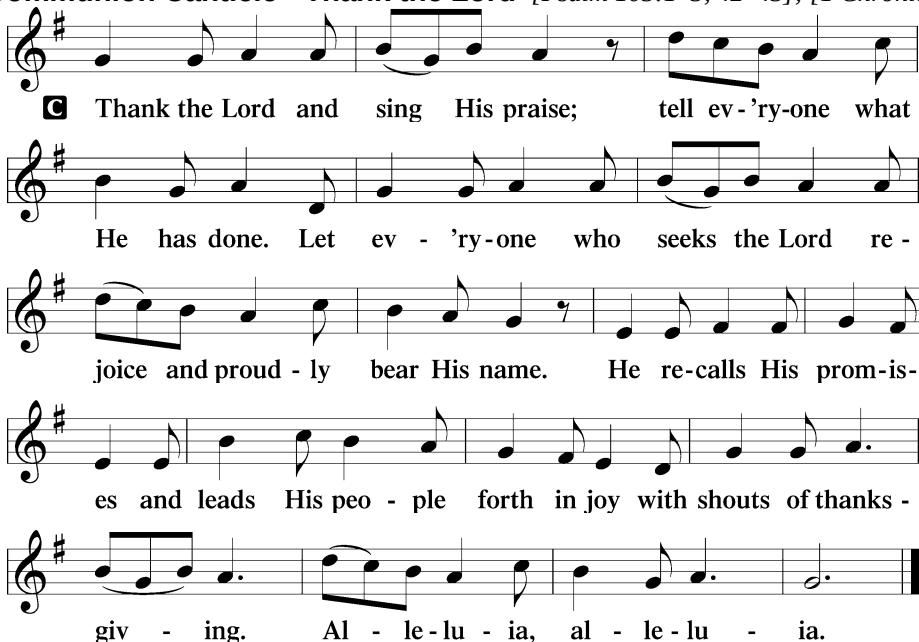
Communion Dismissal

P Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you, in body and soul, unto life everlasting. Depart in His peace and with joy.

C Amen.

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle - Thank the Lord [*Psalm 105:1–3, 42–43*]; [*1 Chronicles 16:8–10*]



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Hebrews 12:2

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Lead us to lay aside every weight and sin that clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Keep us firm in the true faith that we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His eternal kingdom when He returns; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 Hymn - Sing with All the Saints in Glory

LSB 671

Sit

Announcements

Memory Verse For The Week: 1 John 3:1 – “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.”

Dismissal

P Go in peace and
C serve the Lord!

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Looking Ahead - Next Week's Verses:
Ex. 3:1-15; Psalm 148; 2 Thess. 2:1-8, 13-17; Luke 20:27-40

This week we pray for:

- Mark and Katie Straszheim as they move back to Michigan and seek a new church home. Bless them as they step into the next phase of life and move.
- Darryl Gunther for healing for his eyes.
- Barb, Jackie Dolph's sister, as she undergoes treatment for cancer, that the treatments are effective.

- Eileen Vogel in thanksgiving for her safe return home and for continued swift recovery.
- We give thanks for the progress Jim Obringer Sr. has made recovering from his stroke. We pray you continue to grant him a return to even more mobility.
- **UPDATED:** Shirley Waselko, who has started another round of chemo treatments every six weeks. Prayers that she continues tolerate the treatments and that they continue to work.

Church News & Announcements:

Happy Birthday to - Shirley Waselko November 2nd
 Jackie Dolph November 3rd
 Sally Long November 5th
 Darryl Gunther November 7th

Christian Education Hour - Join us at 11am (after some tasty treats in the Fellowship Hall) for one of our Bible Classes and Sunday School! Options are available for those aged 2 and above. See the Learn bulletin board in the Narthex for more info and about future classes and offerings.

Sunday School- Sunday school meets on the 2nd floor in the education room and is divided into three classes: PreK taught by Mrs. Fleishauer; K-2nd taught by Mrs. Lopresto and 3rd-6th taught by Mrs. Koontz. There are signs located outside of each classroom.

Youth Group (7th – 12th)- Join Janine Nicolette in the Youth Room as she will present Children & Teen Study.

Adult Bible Class-

- **Foundations of Faith-** Join us for a 12-week class on the Foundations of the Lutheran Confession of the Christian faith. This class is for visitors looking to become members of our congregation, transfers from other LCMS congregations, and anyone who wants to get a refresher on the basics of the Christian faith. We will meet in the Fireside Room each week during the Christian Education hour. Any questions, see Pastor Thompson.

- **Adult Topical Study-** Join Mike Fiffik in Fellowship Hall for a workbook study of the book of Titus.

Prayer and Praise: We are meeting this Wednesday at 10am for Prayer & Praise! We meet in the Fireside Room at church or we have an online option via Zoom. If you have questions or need prayer, please contact Bob Booth at 808-295-1835.

A/V Booth Helpers Needed: We are looking for volunteers to help in the A/V Booth. If interested, please reach out to me at pastor@ascensionpgh.com.

Women's Event Reminder - For those who signed up, our ornament painting will be at Dots & Doodles (10925 Perry Hwy in Wexford) **today** Sunday, Nov 2 from 1-3. Optional: Bring a snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

Thompson Baby-to-Be! If you are able, let's bless Pastor Thompson & Marissa as they prepare to welcome their new baby girl in the new year! They've got the basics covered—but could use some help gathering the fun, girly necessities! They are registered with [Amazon](#) and [Target](#). Please place any gifts in the labeled baskets in the Narthex by **next Sunday, November 9th** or they can be sent directly to their home. More details on the flyer in the Narthex. **Stay tuned**—details on how to support Nelle & John Power's baby boy are coming soon!

New Members needed for Praise Team – With the departure of some of our long-time Praise Team members we need some new people to help serve the worship of the congregation on Sundays. Please prayerfully consider joining our Praise Team! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa or Emily Marcellus.

Part-Time Youth Director – Looking for someone to help lead and organize our Youth Group activities and trips starting in 2026.

Operation Christmas Child: Don't forget, you can always help to get more boxes packed by inviting a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative to pack a box also. It spreads the fun and spreads the Gospel. Take an extra empty shoebox (or several!) and explain to them what the program is all about. Or go shopping together. You could also send out an email inviting people to pack a box online. Just make sure they use our goal page. There's a place to copy the link

on our goal page. Let's shatter our goal of 220 shoeboxes! Need help with these ideas? Contact Bob Marcellus.

Ladies' Bible Study- Ladies of Ascension, come join us for some fellowship, conversation and study of the faith **this** Saturday, November 8th at 10 am in the Fireside Room.

Congregation Meeting – There is a congregational meeting after the Divine Service on Sunday, November 23rd.

This week at Ascension Lutheran Church:		
Sunday 11/02	Divine Service Christian Education Hour Ladies Winter Event Pleasant Valley Meal	9:30 AM 11:00 AM 1:00 PM 6:00 PM
Tuesday	Outreach Committee Meeting Worship Committee Meeting Christian Education Meeting	6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM
Wednesday	Prayer & Praise Confirmation Class	10:00 AM 7:00 PM
Saturday	Ladies Bible Study	10:00 AM
Sunday 11/09	Divine Service Christian Education Hour OCC Packing Party	9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:00 PM