

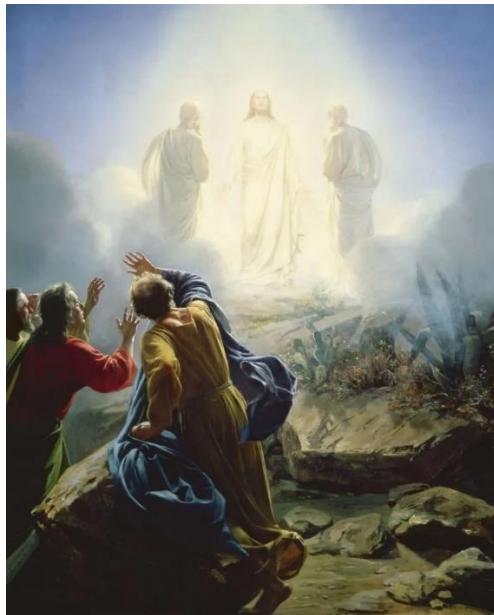


# ASCENSION

## 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 today.**

**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](http://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.**

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**SERVING TODAY:**

**ELDER(S):** Mike Fiffik & Cooper Blake

**LAY READER:** N/A

**USHERS:** John Russler & Matt Gunther

**ACOLYTE:** Elijah Blake

**SERVING NEXT WEEK:**

**ELDER(S):** Dave Dille & Bob Booth

**LAY READER:** Dave Dille

**USHERS:** Lora Koontz & Jim Obringer

**ACOLYTE:** Dalaney Gard

# The Transfiguration of Our Lord

## Pre-Service - Here In Your Presence Abide With Me

*Praise Team  
Lucas Mayes on trumpet*

### Welcome

### Prelude

*Our service today follows Divine Service Setting Two in the Lutheran Service Book starting on page 167.*

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

### Hymn of Invocation - 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

*LSB 414*

### Holy Baptism

*Stand*

**P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 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.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor addresses each candidate:*

**P** How are you named?  
**R** Jadon, Noah, and Caleb Mitchell

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:*

**P** Jadon, Noah, and Caleb Mitchell receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your  $\ddagger$  forehead and upon your  $\ddagger$  heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Jadon, Noah, and Caleb Mitchell according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them, which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

**P** Is it your intention to serve Jadon, Noah, and Caleb Mitchell as sponsors in the Christian faith?

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

**P** Shane and Amber, as parents God has entrusted to your care these very precious lives. He has called you to be faithful Christian parents, and He has promised to help you in that task. You also are to daily remember your children in your prayers, and bring them up in the true knowledge and worship of God and be taught the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer; and that, as they grow in years, you place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, bring them to the services of God's house, and provide for their further instruction in the Christian faith, that they come to the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood and thus, abiding in their baptismal grace and in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead godly lives to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ.

This then you intend gladly and willingly to do, then answer "Yes, with the help of God."

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

**P** As Jadon, Noah and Caleb are baptized into God's family today and also this church family, we have a responsibility also. We are to remember them and their family in our prayers, and offer help, when needed, to the parents as they strive to raise them in the Christian faith. This then, as their Christian brothers and sisters, we intend gladly and willingly to do, then answer "Yes, with the help of God."

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

**P** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C** Amen.

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The pastor places his hands on the head(s) of the candidate(s), and the congregation joins in praying:*

### **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.**

**P** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth  
and even  $\pm$  forevermore.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

*The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:*

**P** Jadon, Noah, and Caleb Mitchell do you renounce the devil?

**R** Yes, *I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** Yes, *I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** Yes, *I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R** Yes, *I believe.*

**P** Do you believe 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?

**R** Yes, *I believe.*

**P** Do you 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?

**R** Yes, *I believe.*

**P** Jadon, Noah, and Caleb Mitchell, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** Yes, *I do.*

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

**P** Jadon, Noah, and Caleb Mitchell, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life  $\ddagger$  everlasting.

**C** Amen.

**P** Your parents chose these white sweaters to remind that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

*The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

*The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:*

**A** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brothers in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

*Stand*

**P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Jadon, Noah and Caleb Mitchell the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of these children and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Peace  be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

*All return to their places.*

## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

## Exhortation

*1 John 1:8–9*

**P** If we say 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.**

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

## Confession of Sins

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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

*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).*

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### 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 – Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

*LSB 590*

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 24:8-18*

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 2:6–12*

**P** “As for me, I have set my King  
on Zion, my holy hill.”

**C** **I will tell of the decree:**  
**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;**  
**today I have begotten you.**

**P** Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

**C** **You shall break them with a rod of iron**  
**and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

**P** Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**C** **Serve the LORD with fear,**  
**and rejoice with trembling.**

**P** Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

## Epistle

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*John 6:68*



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 17:1-9*

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Children's Message

*Pastor Thompson*

**Sermon**

*Pastor Thompson*

*Stand*

**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

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

After each prayer, the response will be:

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

*Sit*

## Offering

### Meditation Song - Show Us Christ

*Praise Team*

*Stand*

### Offertory

*Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19*



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - efits to



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



## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

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



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## 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, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **The Words of Our Lord***Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**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  $\text{\textt{T}}$  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  $\text{\textt{T}}$  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**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**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**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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

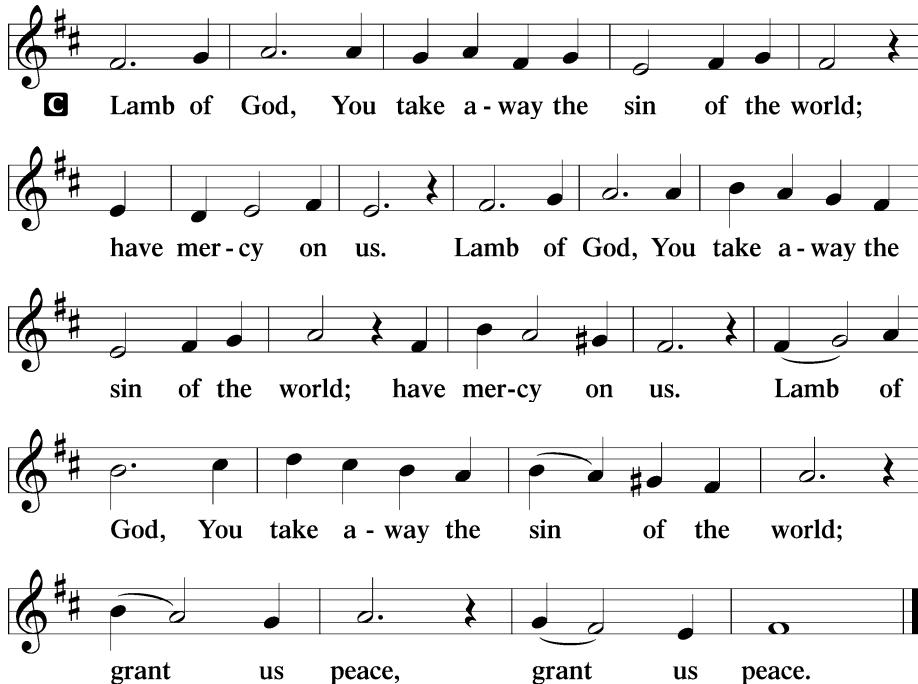
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**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;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Holy Communion

### Distribution Hymns - How Beautiful

#### Verse 1

How beautiful the hands that served  
The wine and the bread and the sons of  
the earth  
How beautiful the feet that walked

The long dusty roads and the hill to the  
cross

#### Chorus

How beautiful how beautiful  
How beautiful is the body of Christ

**Verse 2**

How beautiful the heart that bled  
That took all my sin and bore it instead  
How beautiful the tender eyes  
That chose to forgive and never despise  
(Chorus)

**Bridge**

And as He laid down His life  
We offer this sacrifice  
That we will live just as He died  
Willing to pay the price  
Willing to pay the price

**Verse 3****You Said I Am (Behold and Believe)****Verse 1**

You said I am the Bread of Life  
Whoever comes to dine  
Will not hunger will not thirst  
And will be satisfied  
You said I am the only light  
That gives the blind their sight  
And if we see You will lead us through  
The darkest night

**Chorus**

We behold we believe  
You are the Lion and the Lamb  
The Prince of Peace  
We adore we confess  
You are the one who came and died  
And rose again  
The great I Am

**Verse 2**

You said I am the open door  
That souls are longing for

How beautiful the radiant Bride  
Who waits for her Groom with His light  
in her eyes  
How beautiful when humble hearts give  
The fruit of pure lives so that others may  
live  
(Chorus)

**Verse 4**

How beautiful the feet that bring  
The sound of good news and the love of  
the King  
How beautiful the hands that serve  
The wine and the bread and the sons of  
the earth  
(Chorus)

If we walk in new life begins

forevermore  
You said I am the Shepherd guide  
Who came to live and die  
To lead the ones He loves  
To resurrection life  
(Chorus)

**Interlude**

The great I Am

**Bridge**

Before creation's spark  
Before light from the dark  
Before the waters part You are  
You are the great I Am  
Before You breathed on the dust  
Before Abraham was  
Before the burning bush You are  
You are the great I Am  
(Repeat)

### Tag

You are the great I Am  
You are the great I Am

### Verse 3

You said I am the only way  
To see the Father's face  
The only truth the only life  
The one who saves  
You said I am the one true vine

In You we will abide  
To bear the fruit of Gospel truth  
In death and life  
That all might know the mighty name  
Of Jesus Christ  
(Chorus)

### Ending

You're the great I Am  
You're the great I Am

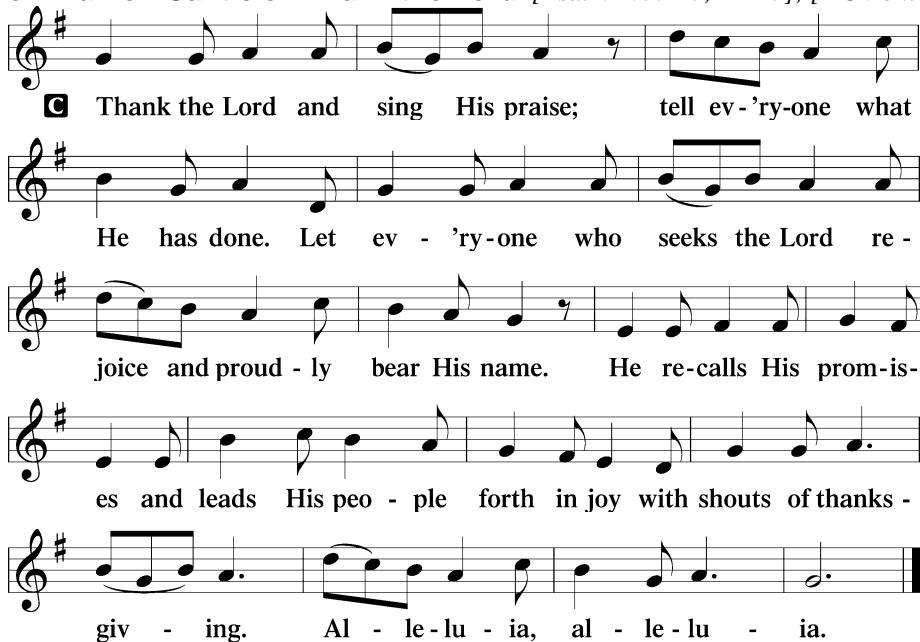
### Communion Dismissal

**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  $\text{\textpm}$  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 Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**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  $\ddagger$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn - Alleluia, Song of Gladness

*LSB 417*

*Sit*

## Announcements

**Memory Verse For The Week:** Matthew 17:6-7 - When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.”

## Dismissal

**P** Go in peace and

**C** Serve the Lord!

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**Looking Ahead - Next Week's Verses:**  
Gen. 3:1-21; Psalm 32:1-7; Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11

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**This week we pray for:**

- Thanksgiving for healthy and safe deliveries and the gift of new life for Nelle Powers and Marissa Thompson.
- John Fagen, for strength and faith as he battles cancer.
- Thanksgiving for successful surgery for Kurt Dolph and continued treatment.
- Thanksgiving for successful surgery for Larry Sauer and a blessed and swift recovery.
- Greg Horne, husband of Rosalie Horne, as he deals with physical and mental distresses. Grant him relief and healing from his afflictions.
- Darryl Gunther for healing for his eyes.
- Barb, Jackie Dolph's sister, as she undergoes treatment for cancer, that the treatments are effective.
- 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.
- 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.

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**Church News & Announcements:**

<b><u>Happy Birthday to:</u></b>	Craig Fleishauer	February 15 <sup>th</sup>
	Chris Bocian	February 18 <sup>th</sup>
	Russ Lucas	February 20 <sup>th</sup>

**Happy Anniversary to:** Melissa & Babu Rajendaran February 20<sup>th</sup>

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in the education room and is divided into three classes: PreK taught by Mrs. Fleishauer; K-2<sup>nd</sup> taught by Mrs. Lopresto and 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> taught by Mrs. Koontz. There are signs located outside of each classroom.

**Youth Group (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)**- 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.
- **Adult Book of the Bible Study**- Join Cooper Blake for an adult book bible study on Proverbs.

**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. The link is sent in the Weekly Reminder email. 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](mailto:pastor@ascensionpgh.com).

**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 prayfully consider joining our Praise Team! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa or Emily Marcellus.

**Altar Guild Help:** Looking for a way to serve? How about joining the Altar Guild? Only one month a year to set up the altar and a year's worth of good feelings from your service! Contact Nancy Hughey at 412-780-5641 to find out how you can help. Thank you.

**Congregational Meeting:** There is a congregational meeting **next Sunday**, February 22, 2026 following the Divine Service.

**Lenten Dinners** – Lent begins February 18<sup>th</sup> and so do our Lenten dinners. We will be serving before Wednesday services from 4:30 to 5:45 pm (to allow time for clean up) in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors. Encourage them to stay for the service. We need help with contributions of soup and desserts. You can find a sign-up sheet under the Serve Board in the Narthex. If you're able to help clean up, please put a check mark in that column too. Any questions, please contact Vicki Wiegand at 724-816-0413 or vickig@zoominternet.net. Thank you for your help.

**Men's Bible Study:** Men of Ascension, come join us for some fellowship, conversation and study of the faith on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

**Pie Day Bingo Fellowship Night:** We're thrilled to invite you to Bingo Night, featuring a Pie Day Meal! Join us on Sat, March 14th from 5-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Narthex. Please sign up to either bring a dessert pie OR plan to bring a pizza donation of \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Lastly, don't forget to bring 1-2 prizes per person for the bingo winnings table! Think of something fun you'd love to win (examples include candy, small toys, candles, card games, small gift cards, regifts etc.). The kids are welcome to take turns volunteering to spin the wheel. Winners might even get the chance to PIE Pastor! See you there! Questions to Lora Koontz & Elizabeth Russler.

**Choir Rehearsal:** Choir rehearsal will begin on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> after the Mid-Week Lenten Service. Singers are welcome to join even if you didn't fill out the music survey!

## This week at Ascension Lutheran Church:

<b>Sunday 02/15</b>	<b>Divine Service Christian Education Hour</b>	<b>9:30 AM 11:00 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Elder's Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Prayer &amp; Praise Ash Wednesday Lenten Dinners Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>10:00 AM 1:00 PM 4:30-5:45 PM 6:30 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Annual Leadership Meeting</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday 02/22</b>	<b>Divine Service Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>9:30 AM 11:00 AM</b>