



# **ASCENSION**

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**The Holy Trinity – May 31, 2026**



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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):** Kurt Dolph & Cooper Blake  
**LAY READER:** Trish Young  
**USHERS:** Matt Gunther & Jim Obringer  
**ACOLYTE:** Juliette Schroeder

**SERVING NEXT WEEK:**

**ELDER(S):** Bob Booth & Cooper Blake  
**LAY READER:** Bob Booth  
**USHERS:** Lora Koontz & Ron Curcio  
**ACOLYTE:** Hannah Koontz

# The Holy Trinity

## Pre-Service - Breath of the Living God

### Welcome

### Prelude

*Stand*

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

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

### Opening Hymn - Glory Be to God the Father

*LSB 506*

### Opening Sentences

- P** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!  
**C** You have set Your glory above the heavens.
- P** And God said, "Let there be light,"  
**C** and there was light.
- P** And God saw everything that He had made,  
**C** and behold, it was very good.

### Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us come before God with our sins to acknowledge them before Him and in the presence of one another.

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

- C** Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed to be the people You have created us to be. We daily miss the mark of being very good, and we fail to be Your representatives in the care of Your good creation. With the early disciples, although we do believe, sometimes we doubt. Only by Your grace are we able to come before You and find peace and joy. Remind us of Your great love and mercy for us.

**P** Jesus has joyful work for us to do. He has commanded us to go, teach, and baptize. And, despite our sins, He also promised, “Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). God’s majesty is not only in creating the world in which we live but in loving us despite our daily failures. He sent His Son to forgive our every sin. As David wrote, “I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken” (Acts 2:25).

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).*

## Hymn of Praise - All Praise to Him

### Verse 1

All praise to Him the God of light  
Who formed the mountains by His might  
All praise to Him Who names the stars  
That sing His fame in skies afar  
All praise to Him Who reigns in love  
Who guides the galaxies above  
Yet bends to hear our every prayer  
With sovereign pow'r and tender care

### Verse 2

All praise to Him Whose love is seen  
In Christ the Son the servant King  
Who left behind His glorious throne  
To pay the ransom for His own  
All praise to Him Who humbly came  
To bear our sorrow sin and shame  
Who lived to die Who died to rise

The all-sufficient sacrifice

### Verse 3

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts  
The love of God within our hearts  
The Spirit of all truth and peace  
The fount of joy and holiness  
To Father Son and Spirit now  
Our souls we lift our wills we bow  
To You the Triune God we raise  
With loving hearts our song of praise

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## 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 have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament

*Genesis 1:1—2:4a*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light

upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup>And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup>These are the generations  
of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 8*

**P** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**C** **You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

**P** Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?

**C** **Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.**

**P** You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**C** **O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

## Second Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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

*Stand*

### Verse

- P** Alleluia.
- C** **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;**
  
- P** the whole earth is full of His glory!
- C** **Alleluia.**

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 28:16–20*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Children's Message

*Pastor Thompson*

## Hymn of the Day - How Great Thou Art

*LSB 801*

## Sermon

*Pastor Thompson*

## Lutheran Catechesis - The Sacrament of the Altar 1

- P** *What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*
- C** **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.**
  
- P** *Where is this written?*
- C** **The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: 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."**

*Stand*

## Athanasian Creed

- P** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C** **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
  
- P** And the catholic faith is this,
- C** **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
  
- P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

**C** But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

**P** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

**C** the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

**P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

**C** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

**P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

**C** just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

**P** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

**C** and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

**P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**C** and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

**P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**C** and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

**P** Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

**C** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

**P** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

**C** The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

**P** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**C** And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

**P** but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

- C** Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- P** But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- P** He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C** perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- P** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- P** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C** one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- P** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C** who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- P** ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C** At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- P** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

*Sit*

**Offering**

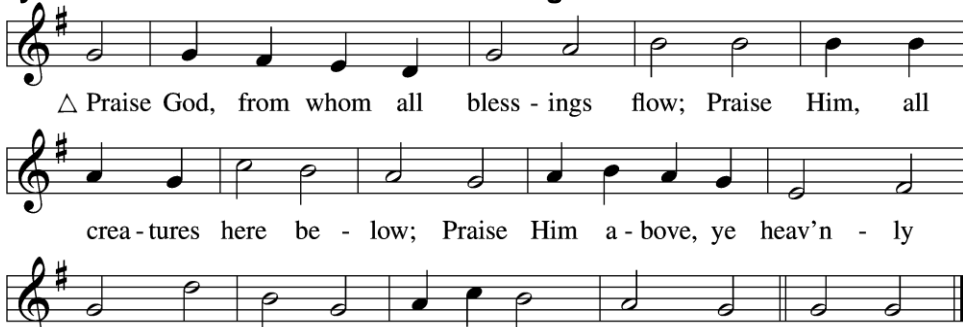
# Meditation Song - Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Praise Team

Stand

## Offertory - Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

LSB 805



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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## 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.

## Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

## **The Words of Institution** *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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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**

*John 20:19*

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

**C** Amen.

*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**

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)

### Holy, Holy, Holy

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#### Communion Dismissal

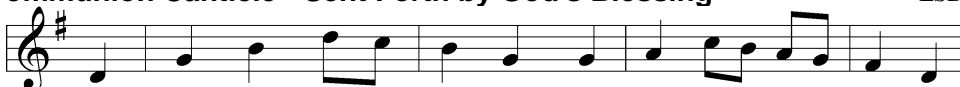
**P** Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen and preserve you, in body and soul, unto life everlasting. Depart in His peace ☩ and with joy.

**C** Amen.

*Stand*

#### Post-Communion Canticle - Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB 643 st. 1



I Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed



The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.



The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,



Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.



His grace did in-vite us, His love shall u-nite us



To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.

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## Post-Communion Prayer

**P** 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** Amen.

## 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 ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Song - Doxology (God Be Praised)

### Verse 1

Praise God from Whom all blessings  
flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye Heavenly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Praise God with morning's breaking light

Praise Him through darkness of the  
night

Praise Him with every breath of life

Praise Him my soul with all your might

(Chorus 1)

### Chorus 1

Praise the Father

Praise the Son

Praise the Spirit now with us

Every moment

All our days

God be praised

Oh God be praised

### Verse 3

Praise God when face to face we see

The One Who died to set us free

The One Who rose in victory

Praise now forever Christ our King

(Chorus 1)

### Verse 2

### Chorus 2

Praise You Father

We praise You Son

Praise You Spirit now with us  
Every moment  
All our days  
God be praised  
Oh God be praised

**Tag**  
God be praised  
Oh God be praised  
God be praised  
Our God be praised

*Sit*

## Announcements

**Memory Verse For The Week:** Matthew 28:19-20 - Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

## Dismissal

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

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**Looking Ahead - Next Week's Verses:**  
Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 119:65-72; Rom. 4:13-25; Matt. 9:9-13

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## This week we pray for:

- **NEW:** Lynn Gunther, for successful knee surgery on May 31st and a smooth recovery.
- Thanksgiving for Aaron and Catherine Townley and the gift of new life given. Protect Catherine and baby Townley throughout her pregnancy through delivery.
- For pregnant moms Sierra Toto, granddaughter of Eileen Vogel, and Claire Fiffik, daughter of Mike and Cristen Fiffik, that they and their

unborn babies remain healthy throughout their pregnancies and result in the safe and joyous delivery of new life.

- For protection for all who serve in our armed forces and especially for Joshua, Lynn Rodina's grandson, who is a marine deployed in the conflict in Iran.
  - Arlene Rusnica, who sustained a broken arm in a fall, that she recovers quickly and is relieved from pain.
  - John Fagen, for strength and faith as he battles cancer.
  - Kurt Dolph's continued cancer treatment and for a quick recovery and healing.
  - 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.
  - 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's continued cancer treatments to give good results and for continued faith in the midst of her suffering.
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### **Church News & Announcements:**

**Happy Anniversary to:** Mike & Cristen Fiffik June 5<sup>th</sup>

**Happy Birthday to:** Carter Mayes June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Rob Weber June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Bill Powers June 5<sup>th</sup>

**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.

**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.

**Board of Stewardship-** We are currently looking for someone to fill the Head of the Board of Stewardship. The Board of Stewardship's main objective is to initiate programs of good stewardship attitudes amongst the Congregation members regarding their time, talents, and treasures. This can include, but not limited to recognizing members for their stewardship, annual pledges, training opportunities, and assistance with finding ministry opportunities. If you feel called to serve in this role, please contact Pastor Thompson, [pastor@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:pastor@ascensionpgh.com) or Beth Gard, [president@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:president@ascensionpgh.com)

**Christmas Pageant Team Needed:** Will Ascension continue to have a children's Christmas pageant? If yes, a team of members is needed. Costumes, scripts, and operations instructions are available and organized, as is help from the Music Director. If you are interested, please let Janeen Daftary know. A team of 2-3 members must be in place by September 20 in order for a 2026 pageant to take place.

**Baby Bottle Campaign:** Ascension's yearly BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN runs through the end of **today**. If you have questions, please see Cheryl Sedar, 412-400-4392.

**Outdoor Sign Ideas:** Have a funny saying idea for our church sign? We'd love to hear it! There is a jar in the Narthex under "Connect", please submit your ideas for consideration! We always need 1-2 sentence ideas for: church holidays, seasonal holidays, etc!

**Congregational Meeting:** There is a congregational meeting after the Divine Service **today**.

**Bridal Shower:** Women and girls of Ascension, help us celebrate the upcoming nuptials of Emily Marcellus and Michael Shildt with a bridal shower on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by text to Janine Nicolette at 412-965-0428. Emily and Mike's registry can be found through [theknot.com](http://theknot.com). Please contact Janine Nicolette if you'd like to help with food and set up at 412-965-0428.

**Church Picnic:** The end of the year picnic will be next Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> after service.

**PALM Bible Study** – PALM’s is hosting a regional bible study for our LCMS churches once a month. The study is on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. More details will be coming.

**PALM Bowling** – PALM’s is hosting monthly bowling on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. If interested, please be sure to RSVP by Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

<b>This week at Ascension Lutheran Church:</b>		
<b>Sunday 05/31</b>	<b>Divine Service Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>9:30 AM 11:00 AM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Outreach Committee Meeting Worship Committee Meeting Christian Education Meeting</b>	<b>1:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Prayer &amp; Praise</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday 06/07</b>	<b>Divine Service End of Year Picnic</b>	<b>9:30 AM 11:00 AM</b>