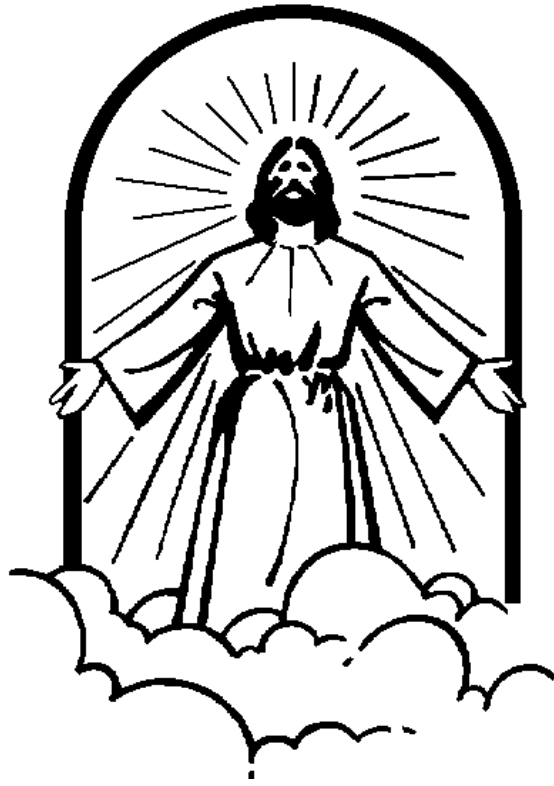


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ
and His victory over death

Pentecost Sunday

“Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.” (Ephesians 5:25-27)

VISITORS: It is a blessing to have you join us for worship today. We want you to be aware that because God’s Word urges us to be instructed and agreed in faith before taking the Lord’s Supper together, we kindly ask those who are not in fellowship with the CLC to first meet with the pastor before coming to Communion. We want to share in this blessing with you and do so on the basis of a united understanding of Christ and His teachings. If you would like more information, the pastor would be happy to meet with you. You can read more about our practice of “Close Communion” in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entryway. Thank you for your understanding. *1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:18-29*

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 48 (page 134 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 16 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word”*

A Service Of The Word, p. 22 (Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: Acts 2:1-6, 14, 22-23

¹ When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. ... ¹⁴ Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, ... ²² “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know – ²³ Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; ...³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.”

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 145

M: I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever.

C: EVERY DAY I WILL BLESS YOU, AND I WILL PRAISE YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER.

M: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable.

C: ONE GENERATION SHALL PRAISE YOUR WORKS TO ANOTHER, AND SHALL DECLARE YOUR MIGHTY ACTS.

M: I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works.

C: THE LORD IS GRACIOUS AND FULL OF COMPASSION, SLOW TO ANGER AND

GREAT IN MERCY.

M: The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.

C: ALL YOUR WORKS SHALL PRAISE YOU, O LORD, AND YOUR SAINTS SHALL BLESS YOU.

M: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom, and talk of Your power,

C: TO MAKE KNOWN TO THE SONS OF MEN HIS MIGHTY ACTS, AND THE GLORIOUS MAJESTY OF HIS KINGDOM.

M: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

C: MY MOUTH SHALL SPEAK THE PRAISE OF THE LORD, AND ALL FLESH SHALL BLESS HIS HOLY NAME FOREVER AND EVER.

SECOND LESSON – the Gospel: Luke 18:15-17 *rise*

¹⁵ Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw *it*, they rebuked them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called them to *Him* and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”

Affirmation of the baptism of Ava Rose Eserhut (including The Nicene Creed)

HYMN 751 (Worship Supplement) “*God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It*”

SERMON: Acts 2:36-41

GOD MAKES THE DIFFERENCE IN US

³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” ³⁷ Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation.” ⁴¹ Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added *to them*.

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 235:1-2, 6, 8 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*O Holy Spirit, Enter In*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, WS)

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT – *Nunc Dimittis sung* (page 20, WS) Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING (page 21, WS) *sung* Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 231 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*We Now Implore God The Holy Ghost*”

WELCOME, VISITORS! We’re very happy that you are here today! You are always welcome.

Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our USHER is Rick Louderman. Please stay after our service for a cake and coffee reception in honor of Ava and her family. In our BIBLE STUDY we’re on Revelation 3:7ff.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL and BIBLE STUDY:
11:15 AM.

MONDAY & TUESDAY: Your pastor will be attending the Greater Lakes Pastoral Conference at Faith Lutheran Church, Coloma, MI.

FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA BIBLE STUDY at 10:00 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Greg Suwanski. The North Aurora Care Center service is at 3:00 PM, and the Batavia Rehab service is at 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: The total offering for Ascension Day and last Sunday was \$303.00. Attendance on Ascension Day was 6, and last Sunday was 16.

MISSION FESTIVAL: ILC professor Paul Naumann will be our guest speaker for our Mission Festival IN THREE WEEKS, on SUNDAY, JUNE 25. Professor Naumann will also speak to us about outreach during our Bible Study.

CLC NEWS: Grace Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, has called Teacher Joshua Ohlmann of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ, to teach grades 1-8 in the school they plan to open this fall. Debra Mayhew will be teaching pre-school and kindergarten. Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has called Teacher Quinn Sprengeler of Redemption Lutheran School, Lynnwood, WA, to re-open its school. Pastor emeritus David Koenig, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD.

ILC PROFESSORAGES: The Immanuel Professorage Committee (IPC) is charged with the repair and maintenance of the 13 professor homes on the ILC campus. Volunteer labor (at any skill level) around the CLC helps the IPC keep costs down. If you can help, please contact Pastor Paul Tiefel (tiefels@hotmail.com/715-829-2000).