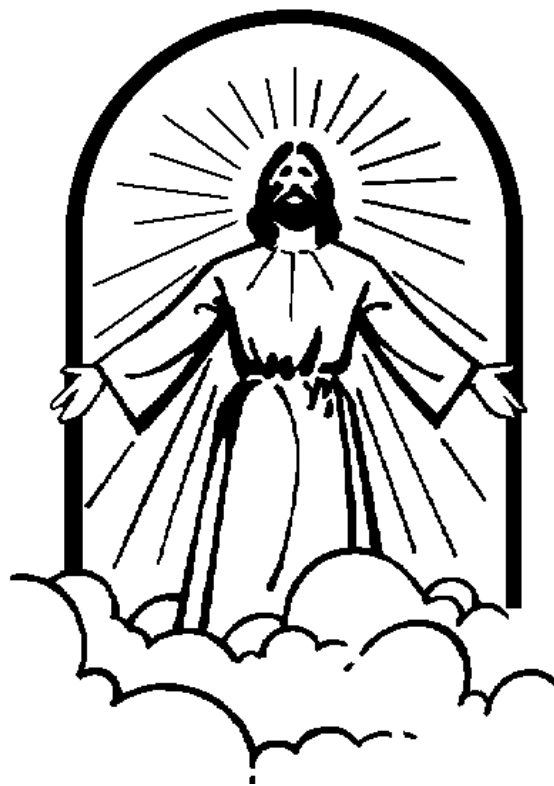


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

## The 8th Sunday After Pentecost

*“The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; my father’s God, and I will exalt Him.” (Exodus 15:2)*

**PRESERVICE MEDITATION:** Psalm 34 (page 131 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

**HYMN 27** (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Oh, Bless The Lord, My Soul”*

Service Of Word And Sacrament (page 12, Worship Supplement)

**FIRST LESSON:** Hebrews 9:24-28

<sup>24</sup> For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, *which are copies of the true*, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; <sup>25</sup> not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another – <sup>26</sup> He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. <sup>27</sup> And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** (*responsively*) – from Psalm 135

**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:** 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:** YOUR KINGDOM IS AN EVERLASTING KINGDOM, AND YOUR DOMINION ENDURES THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS.

**M:** The LORD upholds all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down.

**C:** THE LORD IS RIGHTEOUS IN ALL HIS WAYS, GRACIOUS IN ALL HIS WORKS.

**M:** The LORD is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth.

**C:** HE WILL FULFILL THE DESIRE OF THOSE WHO FEAR HIM; HE ALSO WILL HEAR THEIR CRY AND SAVE THEM.

**SECOND LESSON:** Mark 12:38-44 *rise*

<sup>38</sup> Then He said to them in His teaching, “Beware of the scribes, who desire to go around in long robes, *love greetings in the marketplaces,* <sup>39</sup> the best seats in the synagogues, and the best places at feasts,

<sup>40</sup> who devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. These will receive greater condemnation.” <sup>41</sup> Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many *who were* rich put in much. <sup>42</sup> Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. <sup>43</sup> So He called His disciples to *Himself* and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you

that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; <sup>44</sup> for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”

The Apostles Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 29 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Through All The Changing Scenes Of Life”*

SERMON: 1 Kings 17:8-16

### **GOD IS OUR HELP AND OUR SALVATION!**

**<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup> “Arise, go to Zarephath, which *belongs* to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have commanded a widow there to provide for you.” <sup>10</sup> So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, indeed a widow *was* there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup, that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup> And as she was going to get *it*, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup> So she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I *am* gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”**

**<sup>13</sup> And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go *and* do as you have said, but make me a small cake from it first, and bring *it* to me; and afterward make *some* for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> “For thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the LORD sends rain on the earth.’” <sup>15</sup> So she went away and did according to the word of Elijah; and she and he and her household ate for *many* days.**

**<sup>16</sup> The bin of flour was not used up, nor did the jar of oil run dry, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.**

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 436 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 785 (Worship Supplement) *“Children Of The Heavenly Father”*

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. In our BIBLE STUDY we’re on Psalm 37:16. Our CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS after our Bible Study.

FRIDAY: North Aurora Care Center Bible study: 10:00 AM.

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

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Greg Suwanski.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday’s offering was \$421.00; attendance was 14.

OUR VOTERS MEET on SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, after church.

CLC NEWS: St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Lemmon SD, has called Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI. Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, will be postponing the opening of its school due to the inability to acquire a teacher. Mrs. Katie Naumann has returned the call to teach grades 3-4 at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. Pastor Mark Tiefel of Redemption Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, has returned the call as second pastor to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN.

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY PROGRAM: The 2016 CLC Convention approved the Partners in Ministry Program which is designed to link active CLC called servants who have obligations to repay ILC Student Aid Fund loans with sponsors who agree to provide matching funds for payments on those loans. The donor and recipient would remain anonymous to each other. This program is now ready for implementation. There are about a dozen eligible account holders who will be contacted directly to see if they are interested in participating and would then need to fill out an application annually. While donors may get involved with this at any time, it would be helpful to have the initial slate of donors in place by August 15. Those interested in being donors or those who have questions may contact the ILC Business Manager, Jim Sandeen, 715-836-6622/jimsandeen@gmail.com.

CLC CONTRACTORS: Our ILC Facilities Manager is seeking contractors within the CLC willing to be on a list available to the Immanuel Maintenance Department. The list could include contractors for roofing/building, electrical, plumbing, concrete, etc., who could be called upon for expertise or to submit bids on large projects to save money for Immanuel. Some of the work would require the contractor to be licensed and bonded. Those interested can contact Paul Heinze (715-456-7194/ilcmaintenance@ilc.edu).  
NORTH HALL UPDATE AND CLEANING: The boys dormitory on the Immanuel campus,

North Hall, is being updated this summer.

Parts of the solar heating system had to be removed in order to install a more efficient natural gas boiler system. New windows are also being installed. The project is progressing as planned. When it is finished there will be a small window of opportunity to clean the dormitory prior to the opening of the school year. Those willing to help with cleaning during the first two weeks of August are encouraged to contact the Facilities Manager, Paul Heinze (715-456-7194/ilcmaintenance@ilc.edu).