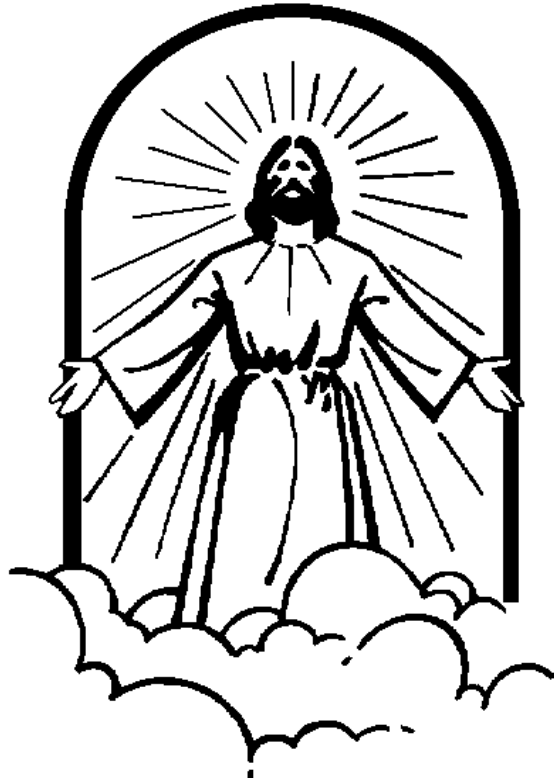


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death



The 9th Sunday After Pentecost

“This is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.” (John 6:40)

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 1 (page 123 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 775 (Worship Supplement) *“Thy Strong Word”*

Service Of Word And Sacrament, setting 2, page12 (Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:21-32

²¹ “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings. ²³ Am I a God near at hand,” says the LORD, “And not a God afar off? ²⁴ Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?” says the LORD; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD. ²⁵ “I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ ²⁶ How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. ²⁸ The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he who has My Word, let him speak My Word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat?” says the LORD. ²⁹ “*Is* not My word like a fire?” says the LORD, “And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces? ³⁰ Therefore behold, I *am* against the prophets,” says the LORD, “who steal My words every one from his neighbor. ³¹ Behold, I *am* against the prophets,” says the LORD, “who use their tongues and say, ‘He says.’ ³² Behold, I *am* against those who

prophecy false dreams,” says the LORD, “and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all,” says the LORD.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 119:124ff.

M: Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, and teach me Your statutes.

C: I AM YOUR SERVANT; GIVE ME UNDERSTANDING, THAT I MAY KNOW YOUR TESTIMONIES.

M: Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

C: THE ENTRANCE OF YOUR WORDS GIVES LIGHT; IT GIVES UNDERSTANDING TO THE SIMPLE.

M: Look upon me and be merciful to me, as Your custom is toward those who love Your name.

C: DIRECT MY STEPS BY YOUR WORD, AND LET NO INIQUITY HAVE DOMINION OVER ME.

M: Redeem me from the oppression of man, that I may keep Your precepts.

C: MAKE YOUR FACE SHINE UPON YOUR SERVANT, AND TEACH ME YOUR STATUTES.

M: Righteous are You, O LORD, and upright are Your judgments.

C: YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS AN EVERLASTING RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND YOUR LAW IS TRUTH.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 4:1-6 *rise*

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. ⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶ We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

The Nicene Creed (page 5, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 381 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*I Know My Faith Is Founded*”

SERMON: John 7:14-24

WE CAN ONLY TRULY UNDERSTAND JESUS BY FAITH

¹⁴ Now about the middle of the feast Jesus went up into the temple and taught. ¹⁵ And the Jews marveled, saying, “How does this Man know letters, having never studied?” ¹⁶ Jesus answered them and said, “My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. ¹⁷ If anyone wants to do His will,

he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or *whether* I speak on My own *authority*. ¹⁸ He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. ¹⁹ Did not Moses give you the law, yet none of you keeps the law? Why do you seek to kill Me?” ²⁰ The people answered and said, “You have a demon. Who is seeking to kill You?” ²¹ Jesus answered and said to them, “I did one work, and you all marvel. ²² Moses therefore gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. ²³ If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses should not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man completely well on the Sabbath? ²⁴ Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 235:1-2, 5-6 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*O Holy Spirit, Enter In*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, Worship Supplement)

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT – *Nunc Dimittis sung* (page 20, WS)

Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING (page 21, Worship Supplement) *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 Greg Suwanski. In our BIBLE STUDY we’re on Psalm 37:16.

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 Tyler Louderman. No Sunday School or Bible Study next

Sunday. VOTERS MEETING immediately following our worship service.

North Aurora service: 3:00 PM, Batavia Rehab Center service: 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday’s offering was \$798.00; attendance was 21.