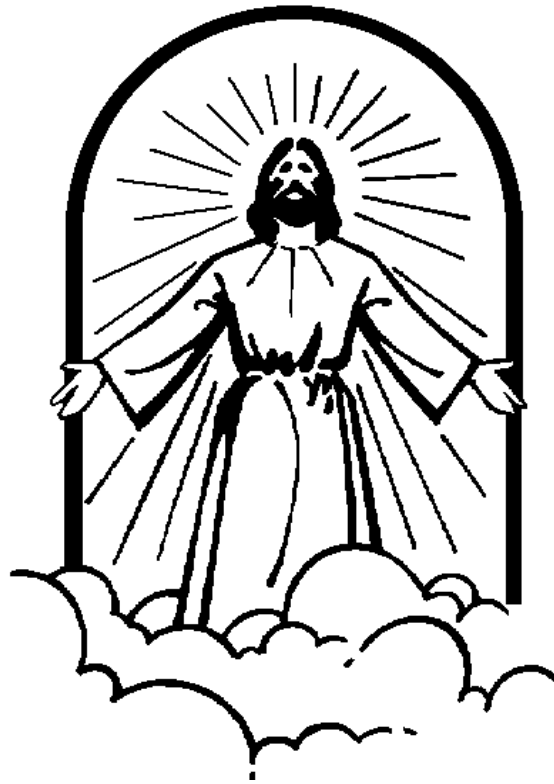


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death



The 18th Sunday After Pentecost

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”
(Matthew 7:7)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 116 (page 148 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 11 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Safely Through Another Week”*

Service Of Word And Sacrament, setting 2 (page 12, Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 1:9-20

⁹ So Hannah arose after they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the tabernacle of the LORD. ¹⁰ And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD and wept in anguish. ¹¹ Then she made a vow and said, “O LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.” ¹² And it happened, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli watched her mouth. ¹³ Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she was drunk. ¹⁴ So Eli said to her, “How long will you be drunk? Put your wine away from you!” ¹⁵ And Hannah answered and said, “No, my lord, I *am* a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. ¹⁶ Do not consider your maidservant a wicked woman, for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief I have spoken until now. ¹⁷ Then Eli answered and said, “Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition which you have asked of Him.” ¹⁸ And she said, “Let your maidservant find favor in your sight.” So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. ¹⁹ Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰ So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, “Because I have asked for him from the LORD.”

Responsive Reading from Psalm 145

M: I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name forever and ever.

C: THE LORD IS GOOD TO ALL; HE HAS COMPASSION ON ALL HE HAS MADE.

M: All You have made will praise You, O LORD; Your saints will extol You.

C: YOUR KINGDOM IS AN EVERLASTING KINGDOM, AND YOUR DOMINION ENDURES THROUGH ALL GENERATIONS.

M: The LORD is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all He has made.

C: THE LORD IS RIGHTEOUS IN ALL HIS WAYS AND LOVING TOWARD ALL HE HAS MADE.

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

C: MY MOUTH WILL SPEAK IN PRAISE OF THE LORD. LET EVERY CREATURE PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME FOR EVER AND EVER.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:4-7 *rise*

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

The Apostles Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 540 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“With The Lord Begin Thy Task”*

SERMON: Matthew 6:5-13

JESUS TEACHES US TO PRAY

1. Jesus teaches us how to pray

2. Jesus teaches us what to pray for

⁵ **And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.** ⁶ **But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.** ⁷ **And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen *do*. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.** ⁸ **Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.** ⁹ **In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.** ¹⁰ **Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.** ¹¹ **Give us this day our daily bread.** ¹² **And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

¹³ **And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 459 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Come, My Soul, Thy Suit Prepare”*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (page 21, Worship Supplement)

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 792 (Worship Supplement) *“Let All Things Now Living”*

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 Tyler Louderman. In our BIBLE STUDY we’re discussing ways to respond to objections that some people have to God and His Word. Our CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS after our Bible Study. NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE: 3:00 PM; BATAVIA REHAB CENTER SERVICE: 4:00 PM.

THURSDAY: Adult instruction class at North Aurora Care Center: 10:00 AM.

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 Glenn Libby.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday’s offering was \$546.00 (needed each week: \$1,200.00); attendance was 14.

OUR VOTERS MEETING is TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY, on OCTOBER 22.

JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE: There will be a JOINT REFORMATION SERVICE on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, at Faith Lutheran Church,

Markesan, WI, at 3:00 PM.

FALL CC REPORT: COPIES of the FALL CLC COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT are on the TABLE IN THE ENTRYWAY. If you take one home, please bring it back so others may read it.

CLC FINANCIAL REPORT: COPIES of the SEPTEMBER CLC FINANCIAL REPORT are in your mailbox.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lee and Courtney (nee Louderman) White, to whom a baby girl, Elysia Quinn White, was born on October 5. Elysia weighed seven pounds, and was 19¼” at birth. Elysia and Courtney are doing well. “Behold, children are a gift from the LORD.” (Psalm 127:3)