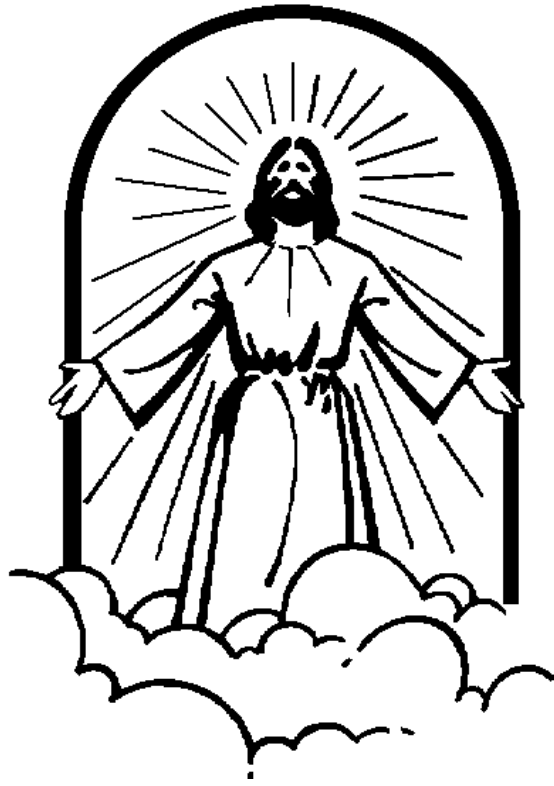


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

“If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

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 111 (page 147 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 537 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Every Morning Mercies New”*

Service Of Word & Sacrament, setting 2, p. 12 (Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7

¹ “Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend money for *what is* not bread, and your wages for *what* does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat *what is* good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. ³ Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you – the sure mercies of David.” ... ⁶ Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 51

L: Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness.

C: ACCORDING TO THE MULTITUDE OF YOUR TENDER MERCIES BLOT OUT MY TRANSGRESSIONS.

L: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

C : FOR I ACKNOWLEDGE MY TRANSGRESSIONS, AND MY SIN IS ALWAYS BEFORE ME.

L: Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

C: DO NOT CAST ME AWAY FROM YOUR PRESENCE; AND DO NOT TAKE YOUR HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME.

L: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation; and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

C: THEN I WILL TEACH TRANSGRESSORS YOUR WAYS, AND SINNERS WILL BE CONVERTED TO YOU.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:6-11 *rise*

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

THE NICENE CREED (page 5, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 279 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Today Thy Mercy Calls Us”*

SERMON: John 4:16-26

JESUS WENT THERE
(sermon by Pastor Michael Roehl)

Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.” The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 360 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 15 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“From All That Dwell Below The Skies”*

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.

THANK YOU to our men who led us in worship this morning.

TODAY: Usher: Tyler Louderman. There is Sunday School, but NO Bible Study this morning. Bible Study will resume next Sunday.

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY: Usher: Glenn Libby. VERY SHORT VOTERS MEETING NEXT

SUNDAY immediately following our church service. After Bible Study we’ll take down and remove the dead tree by the mower shed which is dropping big branches. NO North Aurora Care Center or Batavia Rehab Center service next Sunday.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$429.50 (we need \$1,200.00 each week to meet expenses), and our attendance was 14.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN COLLEGE VISITORS DAY is November 10th beginning at 10:05 AM in the ILC gymnasium for

chapel. It will feature presentations and classroom visits until 2:50 PM. Come and learn more about your church’s college and a continuing education with Christ. We will attempt to provide lodging, if needed, Thursday or Friday nights for those attending College Visitor’s Day and these visitors will be our guests at meals. (No special activity is planned for Thursday evening.) Friday evening there is also the opportunity to see the ILC fall musical: “Anne with an E.” It will be performed both Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 PM. A band concert will precede it Friday night at 7:00 PM, and a variety of student musical performances on Saturday night at 7:00 PM. Please convey attendance information and any housing requests to Prof. John Ude, the ILC academic dean, by November 7th. Office: 715-836-6631, home: 715-600-6210, e-mail: john.ude@ilc.edu.