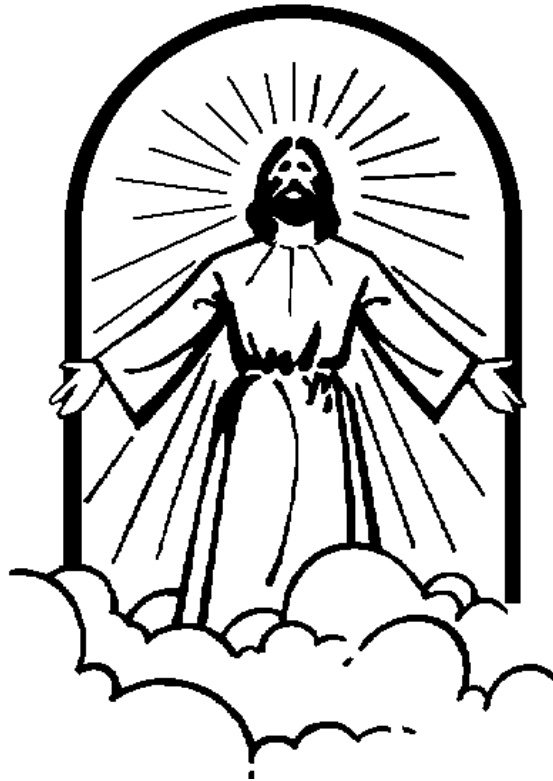


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ”
(Philippians 3:20)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 145 (page 155-156, TLH)

HYMN 794 (Worship Supplement) *“Jerusalem, Jerusalem”*

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

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 126

¹ When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream. ² Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing. Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.” ³ The LORD has done great things for us, *and* we are glad. ⁴ Bring back our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the South. ⁵ Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. ⁶ He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves *with him*.

Responsive Reading from Psalm 103

M: Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

C: BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS:

M: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,

C: FOR AS THE HEAVENS ARE HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH, SO GREAT IS HIS
MERCY TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM;

M: As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

C: AS A FATHER HAS MERCY ON HIS CHILDREN, SO THE LORD HAS MERCY
ON THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

M: As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

C: FOR THE WIND PASSES OVER IT, AND IT IS GONE, AND ITS PLACE
REMEMBERS IT NO MORE.

M: But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him,
and His righteousness to children’s children.

C: THE LORD HAS ESTABLISHED HIS THRONE IN HEAVEN, AND HIS
KINGDOM RULES OVER ALL.

M: Bless the LORD, you His angels, who excel in strength, who do His word, heeding the voice of His word.

C: BLESS THE LORD, ALL HIS WORKS, IN ALL PLACES OF HIS DOMINION. BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL!

SECOND LESSON – the Gospel: Luke 22:24-30 *rise*

²⁴ Now there was also a dispute among [the disciples], as to which of them should be considered the greatest. ²⁵ And [Jesus] said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’ ²⁶ But not so *among* you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. ²⁷ For who *is* greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? *Is* it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. ²⁸ But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. ²⁹ And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed *one* upon Me, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

The Apostle’s Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 605 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*The World Is Very Evil*”

SERMON: Revelation 22:12-21

AMEN. COME, LORD JESUS!

¹² “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing My recompense with Me, to repay everyone for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. ¹⁶ “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” ¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. ¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus

be with all. Amen. (ESV)

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 351 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Love Divine, All Love Excelling*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (page 21, Worship Supplement)

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 616 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Forever With The Lord*”

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. There will be a NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE at 3:00 PM, and a BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE at 4:00 PM.

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. Next Sunday is the FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT. We will DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$1,026.00 (needed each week: \$1,200.00); our attendance was 18.

OUR MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE is ONE WEEK FROM THIS WEDNESDAY, on DECEMBER 6, at 7:00 PM.

WE’RE ALL INVITED to the WEDDING of David Windsor and Molly Komon on Sunday, DECEMBER 31, here in our church.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, has returned the call as co-pastor to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. Immanuel has now called Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Trinity Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

“Who will harm the man when the great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, to whom the Day of Judgment belongs, is on his side and stands before him with all His glory, greatness, majesty, and might? None other will hold court on the Day of Judgment than He who gave Himself for us. He will certainly not deny Himself but will declare that He gave Himself for your sins, as you believe. What, then, will sin do when the Judge declares that He Himself has taken it away? Who will accuse you? Who will judge the Judge? Who will overcome Him? ... Since He has given Himself for you, what can terrify you? ... Oh, here is great security. (Martin Luther)