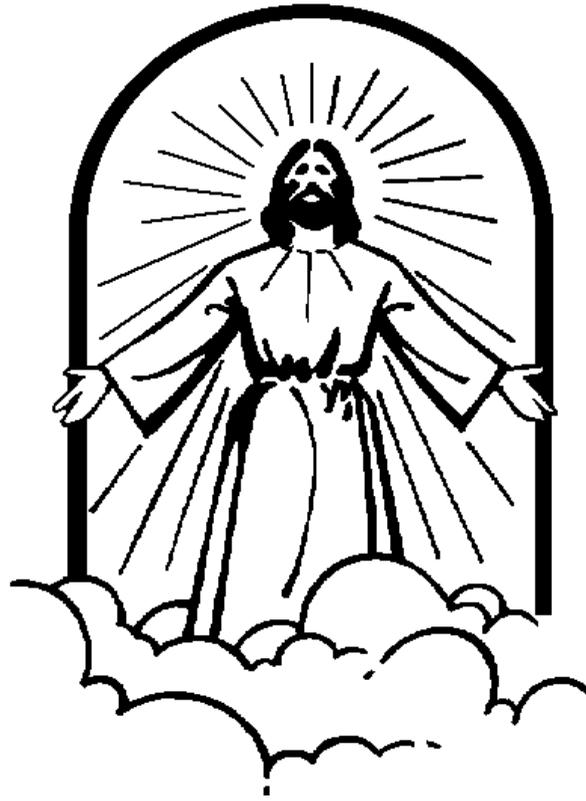


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians
intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” (John 10:10)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 111 (page 147, The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 798 (Worship Supplement) *“God, We Praise You”*

A Service Of The Word (page 22, Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵ Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD. ⁶ For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited. ⁷ Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. ⁸ For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Responsive Reading of Psalm 1

L: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked

C: OR STAND IN THE WAY OF SINNERS, OR SIT IN THE SEAT OF MOCKERS.

L: But his delight is in the law of the LORD,

C: AND ON HIS LAW HE MEDITATES DAY AND NIGHT.

L: He is like a tree planted by streams of water,

C: WHICH YIELDS ITS FRUIT IN SEASON, AND WHOSE LEAF DOES NOT WITHER.

L: Whatever he does prospers. Not so the wicked!

C: THEY ARE LIKE CHAFF THAT THE WIND BLOWS AWAY.

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

C: NOR SINNERS IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE RIGHTEOUS.

L: For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,

C: BUT THE WAY OF THE WICKED WILL PERISH.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20 rise

¹² Now if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ... ¹⁶ For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. ¹⁷ And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! ¹⁸ Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable. ^{s20} But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

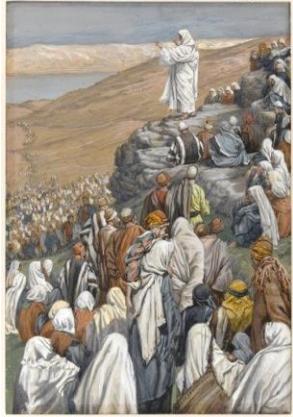
NICENE CREED (page 5, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 764 (Worship Supplement) *“God Of Grace And God Of Glory”*

SERMON: Luke 6:17-25

THIS LIFE, OR ETERNAL LIFE?

17 And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, 18 as well as those who were tormented with



unclean spirits. And they were healed. 19 And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them* all. 20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: “Blessed *are you* poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed *are you* who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed *are you* who weep now, for you shall laugh. 22 Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven, for in like

manner their fathers did to the prophets. 24 But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25 Woe to you who are full, for you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. 26 Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 423 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken*”

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 410 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Jesus, Lead Thou On*”

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex. **TODAY** our usher is Glenn Libby. In our Bible Study we’re discussing gender dysphoria. **FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY: 10:10 AM.**

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

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Rick Louderman. NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE: 3:00 PM; BATAVIA REHAB CENTER SERVICE: 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$511.00 (needed each week: \$1,157.00); and our attendance was 9. Our General Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$108.00. Our bills are all paid and up to date.

IN YOUR MAILBOX: ASCENSION’S 2019 DIRECTORY, ASCENSION’S 2019 CHURCH CALENDAR, and the JANUARY CLC FINANCIAL REPORT.

ILC AFTER BANQUET PARTY: The ILHS Parent Committee is preparing for this year’s After Banquet party which will be held May 4, 2019. They

are looking for a variety of donations to help with this effort. Questions can be directed to Joanna Gamble via email – joannagamble@hotmail.com or phone/text 651-253-3050.

UPDATE ON INDIA: With the recent cancellation of our Missionary’s visa to India and his inability to return, the Board of Missions is reassigning our Resident Missionary to West Africa. He will be based in Togo for the majority of the year and will work with our brethren in Togo, Benin, Ghana, Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He will continue to serve as our liaison with our Indian brethren for now. Due to some of the increased scrutiny and problems we and our Indian brethren have had in the last year, the Board of Missions has also made the decision to relocate this year’s Mission Helper Trip from India to East Africa. This was done out of concern for the Mission Helpers, but also our Indian brethren who may be investigated because of the presence of so many foreigners. The Board of Missions is working on a plan to send two CLC pastors to India for a three-week visitation this summer. In addition, our Traveling Missionary plans to make a visit to India later this year. Please remember our Indian brethren in your prayers as they continue to proclaim His truth in a hostile environment!

UPDATE ON OUR VISITING MISSIONARY: Missionary Todd Ohlmann has been gone for a month visiting our brethren in Tanzania,

Zambia, and Myanmar. From there he will be traveling to Nepal where he will spend a week or more. His almost two-month visitation will conclude with a visit to Bangladesh where he and Board of Missions Chairman, Joel Krafft, will meet with a promising contact we have been corresponding with for several years. You can follow his work and travels on his blog: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com/2019.

CALL NEWS: Resurrection Lutheran Church of Corpus Christi, TX, has called Missionary Peter Evensen to serve as pastor. Bethel Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has called Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. Teacher Paul Tiefel III of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call to St. John’s Lutheran School, Okabena, MN. He is still considering the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI.