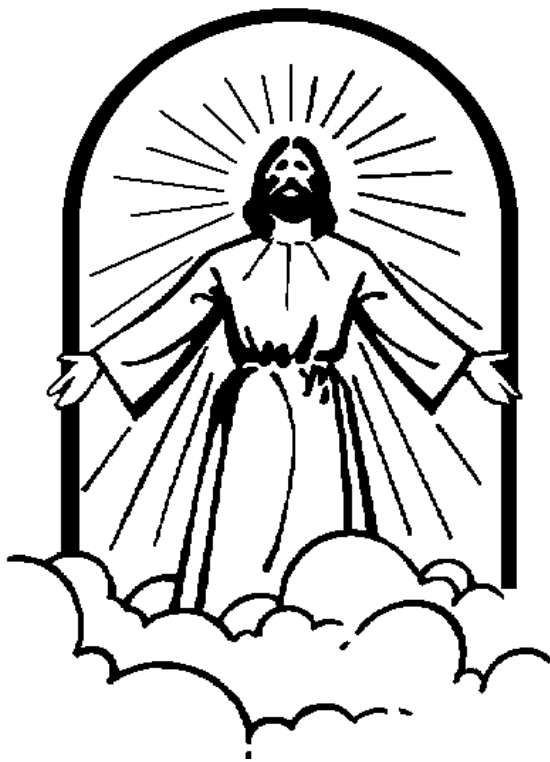


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

Sexagesima Sunday

“The Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” (Luke 19:10)

Setting from Worship Supplement, page 12, Service of Word and Sacrament, setting 2. The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) (hymns 1-660) is the RED book. Worship Supplement (WS) (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book. (If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed.)

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 96 (page 144 in TLH)

HYMN 545 (TLH) *“The Morning Sun Is Brightly Beaming”*

INVOCATION (page 12, WS)

Matthew 28:19

M: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect

life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

Kyrie sung (page 13, WS)

Mark 10:47

**C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Glory to God In the Highest – *Gloria In Excelsis* Luke 2:14; Rev. 5:8-14

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high;
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (page 14, WS)

M: Let us pray ...

...through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: 1 Samuel 17:42-51

⁴² And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was *only* a youth, ruddy and good-looking. ⁴³ So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"

⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ "This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your

head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ “Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle *is* the LORD’s, and He will give you into our hands.” ⁴⁸ So it was, when the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, that David hastened and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹ Then David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone; and he slung *it* and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But *there was* no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 95

M: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!

C: Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

M: Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;

C: Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

M: For the LORD is the great God,

C: and the great King above all gods.

M: In His hand are the deep places of the earth;

C: the heights of the hills are His also.

M: The sea is His, for He made it;

C: and His hands formed the dry land.

M: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

C: let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

M: For He is our God,

C: and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

SECOND LESSON: Acts 16:24-35 *rise*

²⁴ Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. ²⁵ But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

²⁶ Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were loosed. ²⁷ And the keeper of the prison, awaking

from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. ²⁸ But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." ²⁹ Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed *their* stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴ Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household. ³⁵ And when it was day, the magistrates sent the officers, saying, "Let those men go."

M: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Alleluia (sung) (page 14, WS)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
These words are written
that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The NICENE Creed (page 5, WS)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again

**according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge
both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the life of the world to come. Amen**

HYMN 281 (TLH) *“The Savior Calls; Let Every Ear”*

SERMON: John 8:25-36

JESUS SEEKS TO SAVE EVERYONE

²⁵ Then they said to Him, “Who are You?” And Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him.” ²⁷ They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father. ²⁸ Then Jesus said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. ²⁹ And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.” ³⁰ As He spoke these words, many believed in Him. ³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” ³³ They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* you say, ‘You will be made free?’” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house

forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”

M: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philip. 4:7

OFFERTORY *sung* (page 16, WS)

Psalm 51:10-12

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence.
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 755 (WS) *“What Is This Bread”*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, WS)



M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God...

(the appropriate Preface is read)

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – *Sanctus* (sung) (p. 18, WS) Is. 6:3; Mt. 21:9

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.**

**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION Mt. 26; Mk. 14; Lk. 22; 1 Cor. 11

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei* sung (page 19, WS) John 1:29

**O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord,
Whose blood, once shed, true life restored,
Impart Your joy, our faith increase.
Sustain with Your mercy and grant us Your peace.**

DISTRIBUTION

M: Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

M: Take and drink. This is the true blood of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT – *Nunc Dimittis* sung
(page 20, WS) Luke 2:29-32

**O Lord, now let You servant depart in heavn’ly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

M: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING (page 21, WS) *sung* Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

**My heart has now become Your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.
Lord, may Your body and Your blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

THE BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to
you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you
peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN 360 (TLH) “*Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*”

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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.

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

NEXT SUNDAY our USHER is Glenn Libby. The NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE is at 3:00 PM, and the BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE is at 4:00 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday's offering was \$581.00, and our attendance was 19.

ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, TWO WEEKS FROM THIS WEDNESDAY, we will have a service at 7:30 PM.

LENTEN SERVICES: Ash Wednesday is our only Wednesday evening service during Lent. We will have a MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE and a GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, both at 7:30 PM.

CLC NEWS: Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has called Pastor Matt Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX. Pastor David Baker of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing MN, is taking a month's leave of absence. Pastor Emeritus Paul Fleischer is serving in the interim.

