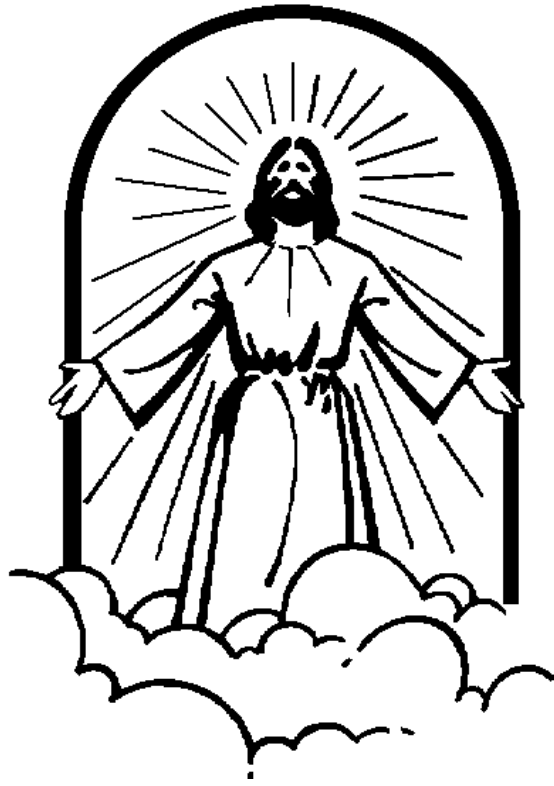


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ
and His victory over death

The 2nd Sunday After Pentecost

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

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 51 (pages 134-135 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 373:1, 2, 5, 7 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“By Grace I’m Saved”*

A Service Of The Word, p. 22 (Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 11:23-31

The desire of the righteous is only good, but the expectation of the wicked is wrath. There is one who scatters, yet increases more; and there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself. The people will curse him who withholds grain, but blessing will be on the head of him who sells it. He who earnestly seeks good finds favor, but trouble will come to him who seeks evil. He who trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will flourish like foliage. He who troubles his own house will inherit the wind, and the fool will be servant to the wise of heart. The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise. If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth, how much more the ungodly and the sinner.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 139

M: O LORD, You have searched me and known me.

C: YOU KNOW MY SITTING DOWN AND MY RISING UP; YOU UNDERSTAND MY THOUGHT AFAR OFF.

M: You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

C: YOU HAVE HEDGED ME BEHIND AND BEFORE, AND LAID YOUR HAND UPON ME.

M: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain it.

C: WHERE CAN I GO FROM YOUR SPIRIT? OR WHERE CAN I FLEE FROM YOUR PRESENCE?

M: If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

C: EVEN THERE YOUR HAND SHALL LEAD ME, AND YOUR RIGHT HAND SHALL HOLD ME.

M: Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxious thoughts;
C: AND SEE IF THERE IS ANY WICKED WAY IN ME, AND LEAD ME IN THE WAY
EVERLASTING.

SECOND LESSON – the Gospel: Mathew 19:16-26 *rise*

Now behold, one came and said to Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” So He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” The young man said to Him, “All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.” But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, “Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

The Nicene Creed (page 5, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 234 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Holy Ghost, With Light Divine*”

SERMON: Romans 8:1-11

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not

His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 398 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Renew Me, O Eternal Light*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, WS)

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT – *Nunc Dimittis sung* (page 20, WS)

Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING (page 21, WS) *sung*

Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 175 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*”

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 on Revelation 3:14.

North Aurora Care Center service: 3:00 PM; Batavia Rehab service: 4:00 PM.

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

FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA BIBLE STUDY at 10:00 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Glenn Libby. ILC professor Paul Naumann will be our guest

speaker for our MISSION FESTIVAL. Professor Naumann will also speak to us about OUTREACH during our BIBLE STUDY. We’ll have a POTLUCK afterwards.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday’s offering was \$385.00; attendance was 16.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, has returned the call to be co-pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. Mrs.

Rebecca Lillo of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has accepted the call to be the second teacher at St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA. Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has called Teacher Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran Church, Hales Corners, WI, to its school. Teacher Joshua Ohlmann of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ, has accepted the call to teach grades 1-8 at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN. Teacher Quinn Sprengeler of Redemption Lutheran School, Lynnwood, WA, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY.