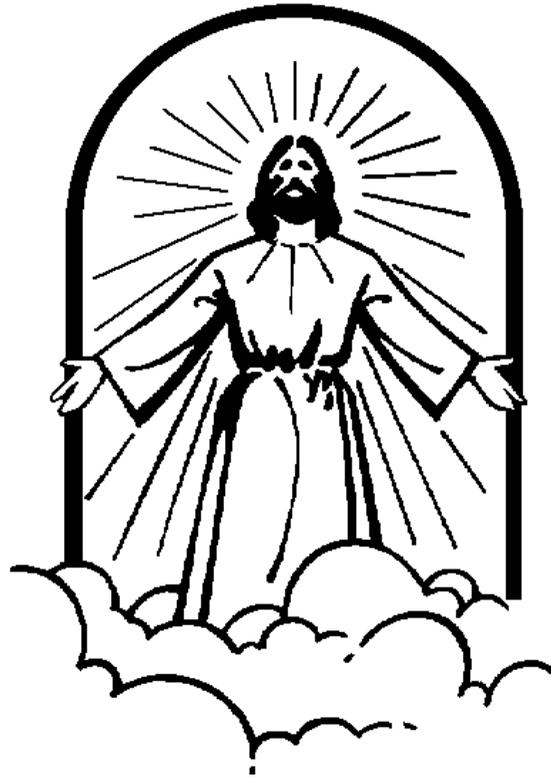


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

The 10th Sunday After Pentecost

“You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.” (Luke 4:8b)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 100 (pages 144-145 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 17 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Oh, Worship The King”*

Service Of Word And Sacrament (page 12, Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: 1 Timothy 6:6-10

⁶ Now godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into *this* world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. ⁸ And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 96

M: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C: SING TO THE LORD, BLESS HIS NAME; PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF HIS SALVATION FROM DAY TO DAY.

M: Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.

C: FOR THE LORD IS GREAT AND GREATLY TO BE PRAISED; HE IS TO BE FEARED ABOVE ALL GODS.

M: He is to be feared above all gods, for all the gods of the peoples are idols.

C: GIVE TO THE LORD, O FAMILIES OF THE PEOPLES, ... GIVE TO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE HIS NAME.

M: Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth.

C: SAY AMONG THE NATIONS, “THE LORD REIGNS; THE WORLD ALSO IS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED, IT SHALL NOT BE MOVED; HE SHALL JUDGE THE PEOPLES RIGHTEOUSLY.”

M: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and all its fullness.

C: FOR HE IS COMING, FOR HE IS COMING TO JUDGE THE EARTH. HE SHALL JUDGE THE WORLD WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THE PEOPLES WITH HIS TRUTH.

SECOND LESSON: Matthew 6:19-23 *rise*

¹⁹ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

The Apostles Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 239 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Come, Thou Almighty King*”

SERMON: Exodus 32:1-14

OUR REBELLIOUSNESS, AND GOD’S GRACE

1 Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, “Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” **2** And Aaron said to them, “Break off the golden earrings which *are* in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring *them* to me.” **3** So all the people broke off the golden earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* to Aaron. **4** And he received *the gold* from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, “This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!” **5** So when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow *is* a feast to the LORD.” **6** Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. **7** And the LORD said to Moses, “Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted *themselves*. **8** They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘This *is* your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!’” **9** And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and indeed it *is* a stiff-necked people! **10** Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation.” **11** Then Moses pleaded with the LORD his God, and said: “LORD, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? **12** Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, ‘He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people. **13** Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your

descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit *it* forever.’” **14 So the LORD relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.**

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalms 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 384 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Oh, How Great Is Thy Compassion*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 244 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Glory Be To God The Father*”

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 SCHOOL, but no BIBLE STUDY today. Our VOTERS MEET immediately following our service.

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 Glenn Libby.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday’s offering was \$9,135.60; attendance was 23.

CHURCH CLEANING: Our Church Council asks that on the first and third Sunday of each month we stay after Bible Study to help vacuum and clean up. With a group, we should be able to get it done fairly quickly.

CLC NEWS: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has called Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, to serve as co-pastor; Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck of Eau Claire, WI, to serve as interim pastor; and member Eric Libby of Mankato, MN, to teach 11-12 grade Religion for the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year. Pastor Richard Kanzenbach of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild; Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska; and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, all in WI, has returned the call to St. Luke’s Lutheran Church, Lemmon SD. Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has called Mrs. Valerie Hammett of Mankato to serve as its teacher in the 3rd and 4th grade. Mrs. Hammett has CLC teaching experience, but is not serving a regular call at this time. Teacher Matthew Thurow of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. Faith Lutheran has now called Teacher Barry Hay to be principal for one year and Teacher Marie Muehlenhaupt (nee Olmanson) full time for one year, and they both have accepted their calls.

ILC OPENING SERVICE: The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be on Sunday, August 20, at 3:00 PM in the gym.