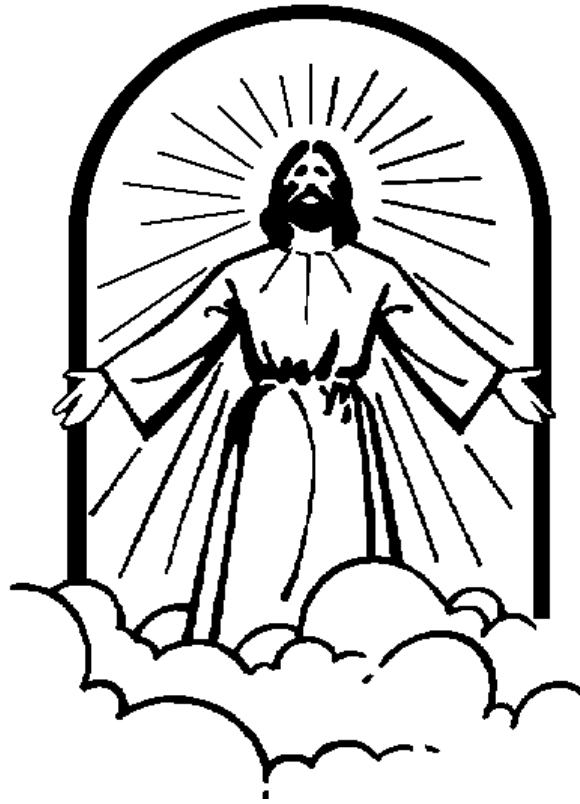


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians

intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 122 (pages 152-153 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 1 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty”*

The Order Of The Confessional Service (pages 46-48, The Lutheran Hymnal)

FIRST LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

⁵ For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your bondservants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed – ¹⁰ always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹ For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So then death is working in us, but life in you.

PSALM OF THE DAY (responsively) – Psalm 84

L: How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD of hosts!

C: MY SOUL LONGS, YES, EVEN FAINTS FOR THE COURTS OF THE LORD; MY HEART AND MY FLESH CRY OUT FOR THE LIVING GOD.

L: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young –

C: EVEN YOUR ALTARS, O LORD OF HOSTS, MY KING AND MY GOD.

L: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they will still be praising You.

C: BLESSED IS THE MAN WHOSE STRENGTH IS IN YOU, WHOSE HEART IS SET ON PILGRIMAGE.

L: As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a spring; the rain also covers it with pools.

C: THEY GO FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH; EACH ONE APPEARS BEFORE GOD IN ZION.

L: O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob!

C: O GOD, BEHOLD OUR SHIELD, AND LOOK UPON THE FACE OF YOUR ANOINTED.

L: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand.

C: I WOULD RATHER BE A DOORKEEPER IN THE HOUSE OF MY GOD THAN DWELL IN THE TENTS OF WICKEDNESS.

L: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

C: O LORD OF HOSTS, BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTS IN YOU!

SECOND LESSON – the Gospel: Mark 2:23-28 *rise*

²³ Now it happened that He went through the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. ²⁴ And the Pharisees said to Him, “Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?” ²⁵ But He said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: ²⁶ how he went into the house of God *in the days* of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat, except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?” ²⁷ And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath.”

THE NICENE CREED (page 5, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 44 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Ye Lands, To The Lord Make A Jubilant Noise*”

SERMON: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

SABBATH REST FOR OUR SOULS

¹² **Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you.** ¹³ **Six days you shall labor and do all your work,** ¹⁴ **but the seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who *is* within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you.** ¹⁵ **And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.**

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 755 (Worship Supplement) “*What Is This Bread*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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*

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 53 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*”

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex. TODAY our usher is Rick Louderman. No Sunday School today, but Bible Study after church.

We’re resuming our study of the book of Revelation.

MONDAY – TUESDAY: Don and Pastor will be attending the Greater Lakes Delegate Conference at Faith Lutheran Church in Markesan, Wisconsin.

FRIDAY: North Aurora Bible study: 10:10 AM.

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

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Greg Suwanski. NEXT SUNDAY IMMEDIATELY

FOLLOWING OUR SERVICE WE’LL TAKE A GROUP PICTURE FOR THE LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN. Then we will have a POTLUCK, then our CHURCH WORK DAY (no Sunday School or Bible Study). The Kestersons will provide brats, buns, and a salad. Please bring other food and drink to share. During our work day we need to clean our church and fellowship hall, wash the windows, clean the carpet in the church and entryway, blow the dead leaves out of the ground cover along the front of the church/parsonage, trim some of the trees and bushes in the back, burn the old brush piles, and paint the mower shed. Needed: leaf blower(s), work gloves, rags and buckets, squeegees, a carpet cleaner (if anyone has one), hoses (with metal attachments on both ends), hose nozzles that shut off, paint, scrapers, and paint brushes.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$787.00 (needed each week: \$1,157.00); our attendance last Sunday was 14. Our General Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$855.00.

CLC NEWS: After being the ILC boys’ dormitory supervisor at Immanuel, Eau Claire, for five years, Brian Fox will now be serving as a teacher at our CLC congregation in Clarkston, WA. Gus Falkenberg from Eau Claire, WI, is the new boys’ dorm supervisor.

“Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it!” (Luke 11:28)

“Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:18b-19)

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:23-25)