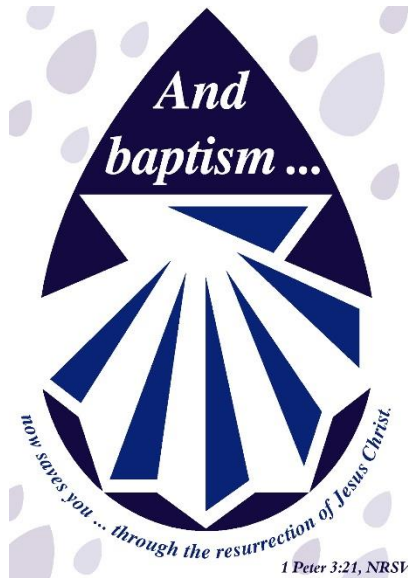


ASCENSION
LUTHERAN CHURCH
20th Sunday After Pentecost



WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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Pre-Service Meditation:

1 Peter 3:21 ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Prayer: Dear Lord, You have granted us access to You through the waters of Holy Baptism and the Communion of the body and blood of our Savior Jesus. Let these precious acts You do for us be our comfort in strife and our confidence of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Hymn

TLH 132 O God of God, O Light of Light

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. . . who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever:
- C** Amen

Old Testament Lesson:

Leviticus 16:1-11;15;20-22

¹The LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the LORD and died, ² and the LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. ³ But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place: with a bull from the herd for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering. ⁴ He shall put on the holy linen coat and shall have the linen undergarment on his body, and he shall tie the linen sash around his waist, and wear the linen turban; these are the holy garments. He shall bathe his body in water and then put them on. ⁵ And he shall take from the congregation of the people of Israel two male goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. ⁶ "Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin offering for himself and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. ⁷ Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting. ⁸ And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the LORD and the other lot for Azazel. ⁹ And Aaron shall present the goat on which the lot fell for the LORD and use it as a sin offering, ¹⁰ but the goat on which the lot fell for Azazel shall be presented alive before the LORD to make atonement over it, that it may be sent away into the wilderness to Azazel. ¹¹ "Aaron shall present the bull as a sin offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself. ¹⁵ "Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat. ²⁰ "And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat. ²¹ And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. ²² The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.

- P** Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways!
- C** You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.
- P** Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
- C** your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.
- P** Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the Lord. The Lord bless you from Zion!
- C** May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life!

Epistle Lesson:**1 Corinthians 11:17-32**

¹⁷ But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹ for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not. ²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰

That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹
But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But
when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may
not be condemned along with the world.

Confession of Faith:

Apostles Creed

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from
the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn:

WS 754 Come, Risen Lord

Sermon:

1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the
unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in
the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which he went and
proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ because they formerly did not
obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the
ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were
brought safely through water. ²¹ Baptism, which corresponds to this,
now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an
appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of
Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of
God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to
him.

God's Miracle Water

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

t: Stephen P. Starke

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

Words of Institution

A note to our guests: *We are very honored that you are worshiping with us today. The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world, "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. By following this practice, we do not make any judgment on your faith. Rather we do this out of love for you, as a public confession of our unity, and out of obedience*

to and love for God’s Word. Feel free to speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

Distribution

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

C Amen.

Hymn

TLH 309 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Mission Festival:** Our Mission Festival Sunday will be held October 13th at 10am at Redemption. A potluck will follow. Guest Preacher will be Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane, WA.
- **Help Needed:** If anyone is available to help Lance move back into his apartment, we plan on doing so after the service today.
- **Thanksgiving:** Our Thanksgiving Day service will be held here at Ascension on Thursday, November 28th at 10 am.
- **Christmas VBS:** Our Christmas VBS will be held December 7th from 9-12. For more details, or if you are interested in helping out, please speak to myself or Ann.
- **Advent Midweek:** Our candlelight Advent service will be held on Wednesday night December 11th at 6:30pm.

‘Call News:

- Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Dallas, TX **has received the call** to St. Stephen’s Lutheran in Mt. View, CA.
- Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church in Loganville, GA **has received the call** to Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO

Fruits of Faith at Ascension:

DATE	NEEDED	RECEIVED
9/8/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1125.00
9/15/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 215.00
9/22/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1215.00
9/29/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1000.00

Usher Schedule:

Month:

October

November

Name:

Jim Hansen

Dan Darling

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday October 6th Ascension Communion Service at 11:30

Sunday October 13th Mission Festival Service at 10

Sunday October 20th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30