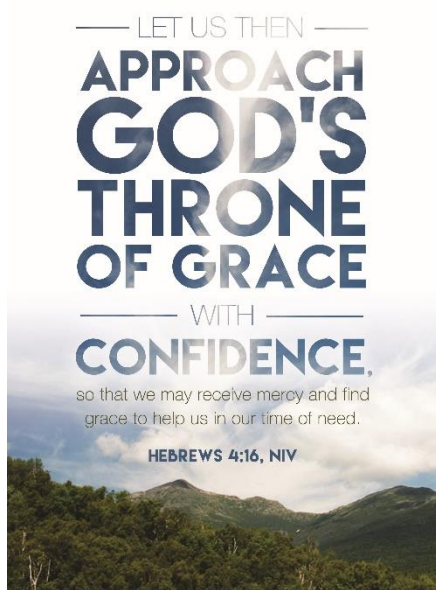


ASCENSION
LUTHERAN CHURCH
22nd Sunday After Pentecost



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:

Hebrews 4:16 ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, the Law of Your Word pierces through my soul, I know that in me, nothing good dwells. By my own merit, I cannot enter the holy rest You have promised to Your people. But for the sake of my Savior Jesus, who has taken my place under Your punishment, I pray, grant me Your mercy and grace that I might come before You to receive an eternal rest prepared for all who believe in Jesus. Through the same 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

LSB 690 Hope of the World

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

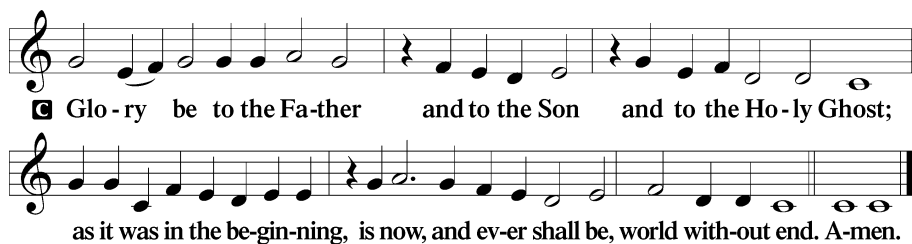
P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gloria Patri TLH pg 6



Two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men."

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie TLH pg 7



Two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us."

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Response: TLH 237

All Glory be to God on high, Who hath mankind befriended!
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.
God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth
again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

Old Testament Lesson:

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. ¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen

under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. ¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119 [Selected Verses]

- P** How can a young man keep his way pure?
- C** **By guarding it according to your word.**
- P** With my whole heart I seek you;
- C** **let me not wander from your commandments!**
- P** Blessèd are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes!
- C** **With my lips I declare all the just decrees of your mouth.**
- P** I will meditate on your precepts
- C** **I will not forget your word.**

Gospel Lesson:

Mark 10:23-31

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed

you.”²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

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: TLH 430 What is the World to Me vs 1-4,8

Sermon: Hebrews 4:1-16 EHV

¹Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be fearful that any one of you may be judged to have failed to reach it. ²In fact, we have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did. But the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united in faith with those who did listen. ³Indeed, we who believe are going to enter his rest. It happened just as he vowed when he said: So I swore an oath in my wrath, “They will never enter my rest.” And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in this way: And God rested on the seventh day from all his works. ⁵And again in this statement: They will never enter my rest. ⁶Therefore, since it is still the case that some do enter this rest, and yet those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not enter because of disobedience,

⁷God again set a certain day, namely, “today,” when he later said through David, as quoted before: Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts. ⁸For, if Joshua had given them rest, then God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰For the one who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God rested from his work. ¹¹Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to the point of dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, even being able to judge the ideas and thoughts of the heart. ¹³And there is no creature hidden from him, but everything is uncovered and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we will give an account. ¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest, who has gone through the heavens, namely, Jesus the Son of God, let us continue to hold on to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. ¹⁶So let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

God's Rest Found in God’s Promises

Offertory:

Create in Me ♪♪

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

Hymn:

WS 777 Amazing Grace

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & 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

Benediction

- ☐ Amen.

Hymn

LSB 906 O Day of Rest and Gladness

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **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.
- **Lay Service:** Next weekend will be a lay-service as I will be flying back home to help my parents move out of their house. If you need anything, please call 507-329-2641.

‘Call News:

- Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Dallas, TX **has returned 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
9/15/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 215.00
9/22/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1215.00
9/29/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1000.00
10/6/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 710.00

Usher Schedule:

Month:

October

November

Name:

Jim Hansen

Dan Darling

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday October 27th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday November 3rd Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday November 10th Ascension Communion Service at 11:30