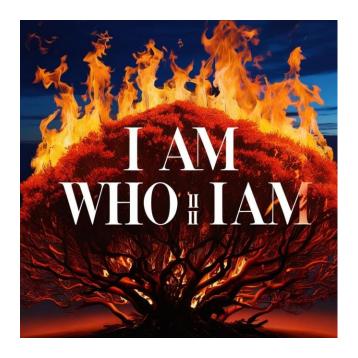
# ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Last Sunday in the Church Year



<u>WELCOME</u> 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:

**Exodus 3:13-14a**  $^{13}$ But Moses said to God, "If I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what should I say to them?"  $^{14}$ So God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

**Prayer:** Dear Father in heaven, In Your grace, You revealed Your Holy Name to Your people. By doing this, You showed Yourself to be God who cares about His people, even going so far as sending Your Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. You also showed that You alone art holy, eternal, and unchanging. So then, Lord, hold onto us and protect us as we grow in knowledge and love for you. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who rules and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

## Service of the Word

## Opening Hymn TLH 341 Crown Him With Many Crowns

#### Invocation

- 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.

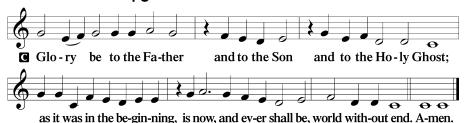
©: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come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



#### Kyrie TLH pg 7





## 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.
- 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.
- Amen.

## **Epistle Lesson:**

#### Revelation 1:4b-8

<sup>4</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

## **Epistle Lesson:**

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. <sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 93 [Selected Verses]

Jude 1:20-25

- P The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;
- the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
- **P** Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.
- Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.
- The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.
- Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty!
- P Your decrees are very trustworthy;
- holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

## **Gospel Lesson**

John 18:33-37

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" <sup>35</sup>Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief

priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." <sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice."

#### 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  $\pm$  everlasting. Amen.

Hymn:

TLH 361 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

Sermon: Exodus 3:1-15

<sup>23</sup>Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. <sup>3</sup>So he said, "I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up." <sup>4</sup>When the Lord saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!" Moses said, "I am here." <sup>5</sup>The Lord said, "Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He then said, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, because he was

afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup>The Lord said, "I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. 8So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9Now indeed, the Israelites' cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." 11But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" <sup>12</sup>So God said, "I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain." <sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, "If I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what should I say to them?" <sup>14</sup>So God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He also said, "You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you." 15God also told Moses, "Say this to the Israelites: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham. the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.'

## "I AM" A Name You'll Never Forget

## Offertory:

Create in Me 11 11

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 763 At the Name of Jesus

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**

C Amen.

#### Hymn

LSB 474 Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

#### **Silent Prayer**

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## **Announcements**

## **Upcoming Events:**

- <u>Thanksgiving:</u> Our Thanksgiving Day service will be held here at Ascension on Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.
- <u>Christmas VBS</u>: Our Christmas VBS will be held December 7<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- <u>Centerpiece Crafting:</u> All are invited to Redemption on December 7<sup>th</sup> following our Christmas VBS for a crafting party. If you would like to attend, but are hesitant about driving, please let me or Ann know.

## 'Call News:

- Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire WI has returned the call to St Stephen's Lutheran Church in Mt. View, CA
- Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Lutheran in Spokane, WA has received the call to Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO

## Fruits of Faith at Ascension:

DATE	NEEDED		RECEIVED	
10/27/2024	\$	1,200.00	\$	515.00
11/3/2024	\$	1,200.00	\$	1110.00
11/10/2024	\$	1,200.00	\$	670.00
11/17/2024	\$	1,200.00	\$	710.00

## **Usher Schedule:**

Month: Name:

November Dan Darling

December Scott Radcliffe

## **Upcoming Schedule:**

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Service at 9:30 Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30 Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> Ascension Communion Service at 11:30