

ASCENSION
LUTHERAN CHURCH
All Saints Sunday



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:

Revelation 7:14 And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Prayer: Dear Lord God, Your mercy and grace are too great to put into words. The salvation You brought for an unworthy sinner like me is nothing I deserve, but something I am eternally thankful for. Lord, You have granted to so many saints before the passage into eternal glory, and You have already washed me clean in the blood of Your Son. Now, I pray, preserve me that I too might enter the gates of the New Jerusalem, Your heavenly home. 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 656 Behold a Host Arrayed in White**

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream. When he was on his bed, he saw visions in his head. Then he wrote down the dream by recording the main points. ²Daniel said: During my visions at night, I was watching and saw the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. ³Four large beasts were coming out of the sea, each one different from the others. ⁴The first was like a lion. It had wings like an eagle. I kept watching until its wings were plucked off. Then it was lifted up from the earth so that it stood on its feet like a man, and a man's mind was given to it. ⁵Then another appeared, a second beast that looked like a bear. It was raised up on one side. Three ribs were in its mouth between its teeth. This is what was being said to it: "Arise, devour much flesh." ⁶After this, I kept watching and another beast appeared which was like a leopard. It had four bird wings on its back. The beast had four heads, and dominion was given to it. ⁷After this, I kept watching the night visions, and another beast appeared. The fourth beast was frightening and terrifying and very strong. It had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed. With its feet it trampled whatever was left. Now it was different from all the beasts that came before it. It had ten horns. ⁸I was thinking about the horns when suddenly another horn, a little one, came up among them. Three of the horns that had already been there were uprooted to make room for it. I noticed eyes like human eyes on that horn, and it had a mouth which was speaking boastfully.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 31 & 149 [Selected Verses]

- P** In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
- C** let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!
- P** Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!
- C** For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;
- P** Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.
- C** Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

P Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

C let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

Old Testament Lesson Cont.:

Daniel 7 EHV

⁹I continued to watch until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days was seated. His clothing was white as snow, and the hair on his head was like pure wool. His throne was flames of fire. Its wheels were blazing fire. ¹⁰A river of fire flowed out from his presence. Thousands upon thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and books were opened. ¹¹I kept paying attention to the sound of the boastful words that the horn was speaking. I kept watching until the beast was killed, and its body was destroyed and thrown into the burning fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion had been taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a set period of time. ¹³I kept watching the night visions, and there, in the clouds of heaven, I saw one like a son of man coming. He came to the Ancient of Days, and he was brought before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion, honor, and a kingdom. All peoples, nations, and languages will worship him. His dominion is an eternal dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed.

Hymn:

TLH 613 Jerusalem the Golden

Old Testament Lesson Cont.:

Daniel 7 EHV

¹⁵I, Daniel—my spirit was distressed within my body, and the visions in my head disturbed me. ¹⁶I approached one of those standing there, and I asked him for the truth about all this. So he spoke to me and made the meaning of these visions clear to me. ¹⁷“These great beasts are four kings who will arise from the earth. ¹⁸But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom, and they will possess the kingdom forever—yes, forever and ever.” ¹⁹Then I wanted to be certain about that fourth beast that was different from all the others. It was very frightening. Its teeth were iron, and its claws were bronze. It devoured and crushed, and whatever was left it trampled with its feet. ²⁰I also wanted to be certain about the ten horns on its head, about the other horn that came up, and about the three horns that fell to make room for it. What is more,

that horn had eyes and a mouth that was speaking boastful things. Its appearance was greater than that of the other horns that were with it. ²¹I kept watching, and that horn made war against the saints and prevailed over them, ²²until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was rendered in favor of the saints of the Most High. Then the time came, and the saints took possession of the kingdom. ²³So this is what he said to me: The fourth beast is the fourth kingdom that will come on the earth. It will be different from all the kingdoms. It will devour the entire earth, trample it, and smash it. ²⁴As for the ten horns—ten kings will arise from that kingdom, and another king will arise after them. He will be different from the previous ones, and he will humble three kings. ²⁵He will speak words against the Most High so that he will wear down the saints of the Most High. Moreover, he has plans to change times and the law. So the saints will be given into his hand for a time, times, and half a time. ²⁶Then the court will be seated, and the horn's dominion will be taken away in order to destroy it and wipe it out forever. ²⁷But the kingdom and the dominion and the greatness of the kingdoms under all the heavens will be given to the people, to the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an eternal kingdom, and all dominions will worship and obey him. ²⁸This was the end of the matter. I, Daniel—my thoughts troubled me greatly. My appearance changed and my face became pale, but I kept the matter to myself.

Confession of Faith:

Nicene Creed

☩ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the

Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: **LSB 678 We Sing for all the Unsung Saints**

Sermon: **Revelation 7:9-17**

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Numbered For Glory

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:

TLH 463 For All The Saints vs 1-5

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

Communion Liturgy:

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Note to Our Guests Concerning Communion:

In order that we might be faithful to our Lord who commands us to be of one mind and the same doctrine (1 Cor. 1:10), and who warns of the dangers of receiving the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner (1 Cor 11:27), and as coming to the Lord's table is a public confession of unity of doctrine, we practice close communion. For these reasons, we ask that only communicant members of Redemption Lutheran Church or a sister congregation in the Church of the Lutheran Confession come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. This is not a judgment of anyone's faith, but rather a confession of our own. If you would like to learn more about our doctrine and practice, the pastor would be happy to talk with you at your convenience.

Hymn

TLH 463 For All The Saints vs 6-8

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.

'Call News:

- Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church in Loganville, GA is **considering the call** to Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester, MO

Fruits of Faith at Ascension:

DATE	NEEDED	RECEIVED
10/6/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 710.00
10/20/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1421.00
10/27/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 515.00
11/3/2024	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1110.00

Usher Schedule:

Month:

November

December

Name:

Dan Darling

Scott Radcliffe

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday November 17th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday November 24th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Sunday December 1st Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30

Communion Liturgy

The Preface

The Church's One Foundation

P The Lord is with His people; Now may He be with you.

C The Lord is with His servants; May He be with you too.

P Now lift your hearts to praise Him.

C To God we lift them high. 'Tis right to praise and thank Him who to His world draws nigh.

The Great Thanksgiving

P Thanks and praise be to You, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord, God of promise and fulfillment. Of old Your faithful people waited for the day of Your visitation, manifest at last when the time had fully come and You sent forth Jesus Christ, Your Son. Having seen His glory, now we wait for the day of consummation, when He will come again as Judge and King. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus

Ye Sons and Daughters of the King

C HOLY are You, the heav'nly King! With angels hosts we join to sing, "Your majesty fills ev'rything!" Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY are You, our Lord most high! Blessed is He who now draws nigh In God's own name! With joy we cry: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY are You, through endless days! Our glad hosannas now we raise To greet You with exalted praise. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Consecration

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Agnus Dei

Jesus Christ My Sure Defense

Lamb of God, You take away All the sinful world's transgression;
Let Your mercy now, we pray, And Your peace be our possession.
Grant us from our sin release; Lord, have mercy, grant us peace!

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The Thanksgiving

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure And steadfast
love fore'er endure! Our eyes have seen, our ears have
heard, And we have tasted of His Word.

As His own servants we depart With His salvation in our
heart. His saving power He has made known; His love
through all the earth is shown.

Glory to God, the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit Three in One!
Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure And steadfast
love fore'er endure!

The Benediction

The Church's One Foundation

P The good Lord bless and keep you, Lift up His smiling face, With
favor look upon you And grant eternal peace.

C To Father, Son, and Spirit, Most gracious One-in-Three
The church sings Alleluia! Now and eternally. Amen.