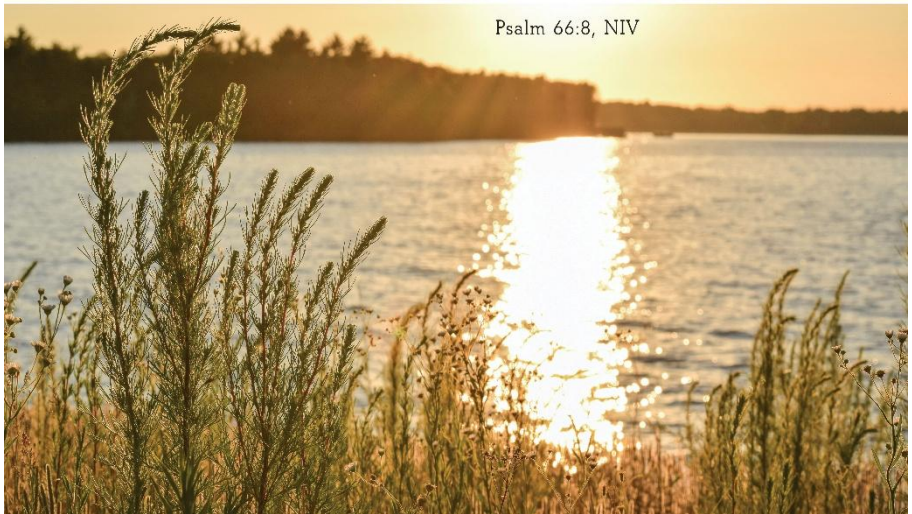


ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cantate Sunday

Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.

Psalm 66:8, NIV



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:

James 1:17 ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, the greatest gift You gave to the world was Your Son to be the Savior from sin. And the ultimate gift You have given to us, is Your constant presence. You always humble us through the preaching of the Law and restore us through the assurance of forgiveness in Christ our Savior. As we rise and fall in the waves of life, You, Lord, are our constant for salvation and eternal life. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever, world without end. Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Hymn

LSB 803 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us Pray

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence, we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

WS 798 God We Praise You

God, we praise You, God, we bless You! God, we name You sov'reign Lord! Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by Your Church adored: All creation shows Your glory; Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne, Singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze, Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one growing song of praise, While Your Church on earth confesses One majestic Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.

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

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹ You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ² "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵ "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Psalms of the Day

Psalms 66 [Selected Verses]

P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

C Sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!

P Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!

C All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.

P Come and see what God has done:

C He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man.

P He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.

C There did we rejoice in Him, who rules by His might forever,
whose eyes keep watch on the nations

P Bless our God, O peoples;

C Let the sound of His praise be heard

Gospel Lesson

John 16:5-15

⁵ But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Confession of Faith:

Apostles Creed

C 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 747 Earth and All Stars

Sermon

James 1:16-21

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

God's Ultimate Gift: Consistency

Offertory: Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Everlasting Son of God,
Humble was Your virgin mother, Hard the lonely path You trod:
By Your cross is sin defeated, Hell confronted face to face,
Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.

Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the world
You made; Lord, in mercy help Your servants For whose freedom
You have paid: Raise us up from dust to glory; Guard us from all
sin today. King enthroned above all praises, Save Your people,
God, we pray.

Hymn

TLH 392 Blest is the Man, Forever Blest

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 808 O Sing to the Lord

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Evangelism Seminar:** The Evangelism Seminar will be held at Redemption on Friday night at 7pm. It will be available on Redemption's Youtube page.
- **Pastoral Conference:** June 17th – 19th is the General Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI. I will be in attendance and will be taking the following Sunday off to spend time with family. We will have a Lay Service on Sunday, June 22nd.
- **Work Day:** Saturday, June 7th, we will be having a church work day. Work starts at 9:30, arrive when you are able.
- **New Secretary:** In a regular official Voters' Meeting of Ascension Lutheran Church, the voters elected Dan Darling to the position of Church Secretary. We wish the Lord's blessings to Dan in this office.

Call News:

- Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Spokane Valley, WA ***has returned the call*** to Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, WI

- Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church of Loganville, GA ***has returned the call*** to St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA
- Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, ***has returned the call*** to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Fruits of Faith at Ascension:

DATE	NEEDED	RECEIVED
4/17&20/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1665.00
4/27/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 775.00
5/4/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 650.00
5/11/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 850.00

Upcoming Schedule:

- Sunday, May 25th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30
- Sunday, June 1st Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30
- Sunday, June 8th Ascension Communion Service at 11:30