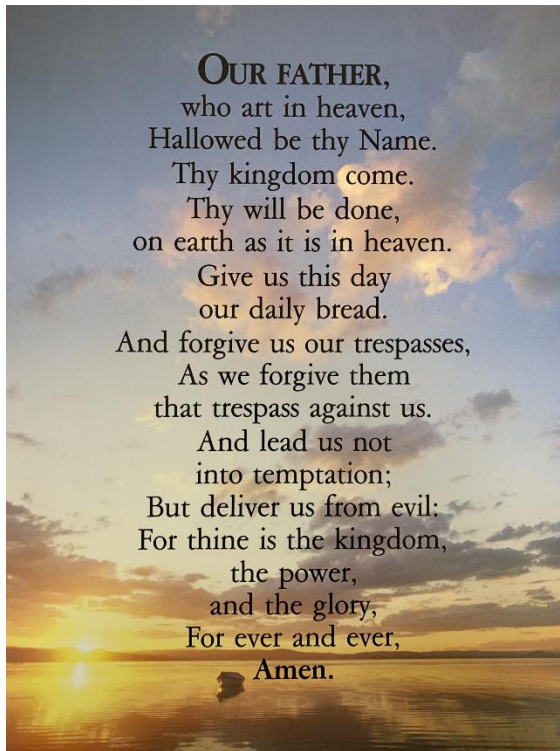


ASCENSION LUTHERAN church

Rogate 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:

John 16:26-27 ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus Christ, Through Your death and resurrection, You have reserved for us the right to become children of God. As His children forever, You have given us immediate access to Him in prayer. In Your name we pray because of Your love that lives in us and by Your name, our Father in Heaven promises to always hear our prayers. Lead us to always and fervently pray in Your name for all things. Through Your saving name, even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever, world without end. Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Hymn **TLH 457 What A Friend We Have In Jesus**

Invocation

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

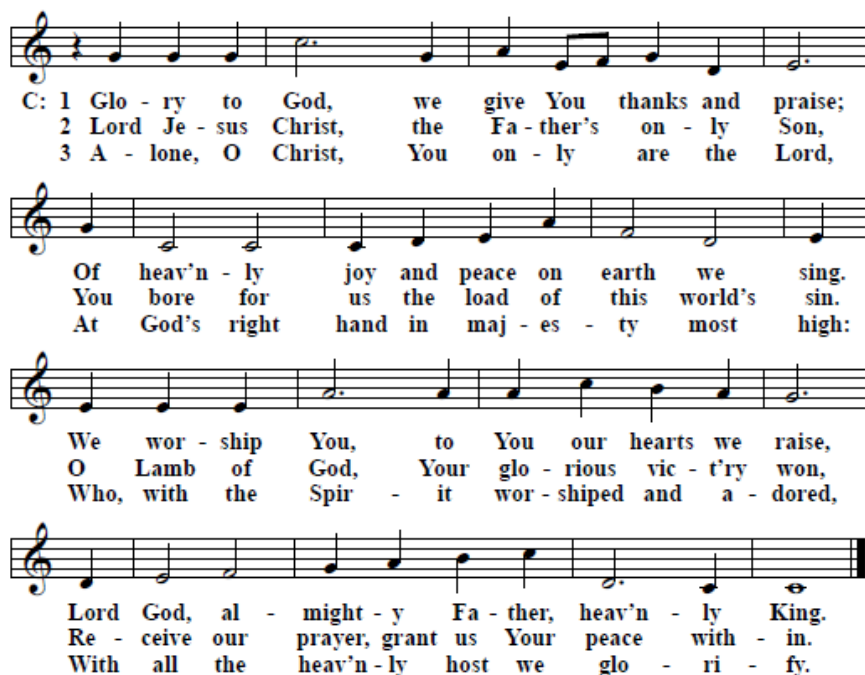
Confession and Absolution

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- P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C** Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*





C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G 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.

G Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take

away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 55 [Selected Verses]

- P** Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;
C he will never permit the righteous to be moved.
P My heart is in anguish within me;
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
C But I call to God, and the Lord will save me.
P Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and
moan, and he hears my voice.
C He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,
P Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;
C he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Epistle Lesson

James 1:22-27 (NASB)

²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. ²⁵ But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man shall be blessed in what he does. ²⁶ If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man's religion is worthless. ²⁷ This is pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father, to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by 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:

TLH 446 Rise My Soul to Watch and Pray

Sermon

John 16:23-30

²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵ "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." ²⁹ His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God."

A New Relationship is Yours With the Father

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 528 If God Himself Be For Me vs 1-4,9,15**

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 **TLH 207 Like the Golden Sun Ascending**

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **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.

Call News:

- Pastor Mark Tiefel of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI ***has received the call*** to Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, WI
- Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church of Loganville, GA ***has received the call*** to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Fruits of Faith at Ascension:

| DATE | NEEDED | RECEIVED |
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| 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, June 1st Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30
Sunday, June 8th Ascension Communion Service at 11:30
Sunday, June 15th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30