

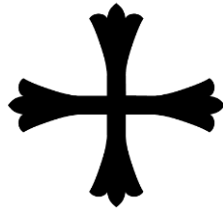
Divine Service

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION

AUGUST 30, 2020 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.



PRELUDE

Elevation

Francois Couperin

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 815

"All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine"



1 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in Thee,
4 Where-fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, Thou
5 Let ev - 'ry tongue con - fess with one ac - cord,



Didst yield the glo - ry that of right was Thine,
By Thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
Who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
Art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
In heav'n and earth, that Je - sus Christ is Lord,



That in our dark - ened hearts Thy grace might shine.
And by Thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
Hum - bling Thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow.
And God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.



Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

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

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 32:5

Kneeling or sitting forward

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Fifth Commandment:

- *Have I unjustly taken the life of anyone, born or unborn?*
- *Do I hate anyone, or am I angry with anyone?*
- *Do I hold grudges or harbor resentment?*
- *Am I abusive (in word or deed) toward my spouse, children, or anyone else?*
- *Have I ignored the plight of the helpless or been callous toward genuine need?*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained 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.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

Lutheran Service Book 942

"Kyrie! God, Father"

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef. It consists of eight lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love, Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E-le-i - son! Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va - tion for all You came to bring, O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne: Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli - ca - tion. E - le - i-son! E-le-i - son! Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this sin-ful world with glad - ness. E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!

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"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Galatians 2:20

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Lutheran Service Book 948

"All Glory Be to God Alone"



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
3 Lord God, our King on heav - en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al -
4 You take the whole world's sin a - way; Have mer - cy on us,



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord
Lord, we pray, You take the whole world's sin a - way; O



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -
Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your



gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.
mer - cy send, To all the world Your grace ex - tend.

- 5** **You only are the Holy One**
 And over all are Lord alone.
 O Jesus Christ, we glorify
 You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;
 With Him You evermore shall be
 One in the Father's majesty.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sitting

A The Old Testament Reading for Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Jeremiah, chapter 15.

¹⁵ O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD:

“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.

²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 26; antiphon: Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Antiphon

Debra Ramsey Dickensheets

Cantor introduces first time, then congregation repeats:

Voice

Fear the Lord you his saints, For those who fear him lack noth-ing!

Ma-ny are the af-flic-tions of the right ous, but the Lord de-liv-ers him out of them all.

A

*

L Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrity,*
and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.

C Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;*
test my heart | and my mind.

L For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,*
and I walk in your | faithfulness.

C I do not sit with men of | falsehood,*
nor do I consort with | hypocrites.

L I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,*
and I will not sit with the | wicked.

C I wash my hands in | innocence*
and go around your altar, | O LORD,

L proclaiming thanksgiving | aloud,*
and telling all your | wondrous deeds.

C O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house*
and the place where your | glory dwells.

L Do not sweep my soul away with | sinners,*
nor my life with blood- | thirsty men,

C in whose hands are evil de- | vices,*
and whose right hands are | full of bribes.



- L** But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity;*
redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.
- C** My foot stands on | level ground;*
in the great assembly I will | bless the LORD.
- C** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- C** *Antiphon*

EPISTLE

Romans 12:9-21

- A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 12.

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but

associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

Lutheran Service Book 952

"Alleluia-II"



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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.



[C] Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[P] ²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let

him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.



[C] Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CREED

Lutheran Service Book 953

"We All Believe in One True God"



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
Who sus - tains and com-forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

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CATECHETICAL RECITATION

Introduction of the Lord's Prayer

P What is the introduction of the Lord's Prayer?

C **Our Father who art in heaven.**

P What does this mean?

C **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.**

Sitting



HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 688

“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what-
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."

- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

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SERMON

"Do we realize what sin is? Let us take a close look at hell, a good long look at that spectacle. Then we should turn to Christ and hear him say: "For what does it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, but suffer the loss of his own soul?" (see Mt 16:26).
Blessed James Alberione

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

Lutheran Service Book 956

"Create in Me"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- P** Knowing the will of God that all would come to the knowledge of Your Son and find salvation in Christ, let us pray on behalf of our parish community and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

- P** For our faith and faithfulness, especially for those persecuted for the cause of Christ; and For our strength in time of trial and for us to persevere in grace in the day of trouble, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the Church, Jerusalem on high, our mother in Christ until Christ is fully formed in us; For the pastors who serve us, that they may be faithful stewards of God's mysteries; and For those at home and abroad, who bring the message of salvation to those who have not heard, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For Donald, our president; Brian, our governor; and all legislators and civil servants; For those who must render judgment and impose punishment upon lawbreakers; and For those who work for peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For favorable weather and for those who tend the soil and harvest its fruits; For business and industry, service workers and artisans; For generosity toward those in need; and For the unemployed and underemployed, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those married, that they would live in fidelity to their vows and promises;
For parents as they teach their children to know and love the Lord;
For single adults, that they may find fulfillment in their service to others; and
For our lives together showing the love of Christ one to another, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For grace to take up the cross and follow the Lord wherever He leads;
For courage in the face of challenge and adversity; and
For compassion and harmony in our life together, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For holy lives of faith;
For faith to receive the Lord's gift of His flesh and blood in the Holy Sacrament; and
For this holy assembly, that we may present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and
acceptable to God, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our remembrance of the saints and grace to follow their example of faith;
For God to grant us a place with them in their fellowship; and
For our eternal life in God's kingdom without end, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord,
Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, and grant to us all good things
needful to this body and life and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You
and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
whom with the Holy Spirit, You are one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.
C **Amen.**

Sitting

OFFERING

MUSIC

Dialogue

Francois Couperin

MEDITATION

Matt. 16:26 – "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?" He who dies with the most toys ... is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in the home, church, and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's Kingdom.

Standing

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.


P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

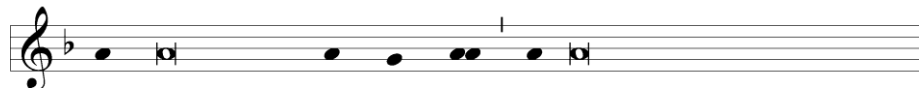
P In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words,
we receive His testament:

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25



P Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,



and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the



dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ∇ bod - y, which is giv-en for you.



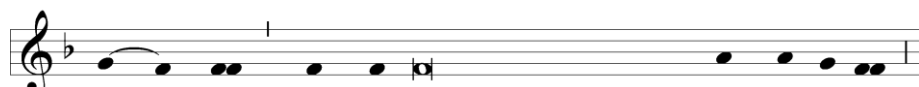
This do in re - mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so



He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it



to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in



My ∇ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.



This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 634

"The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord"



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

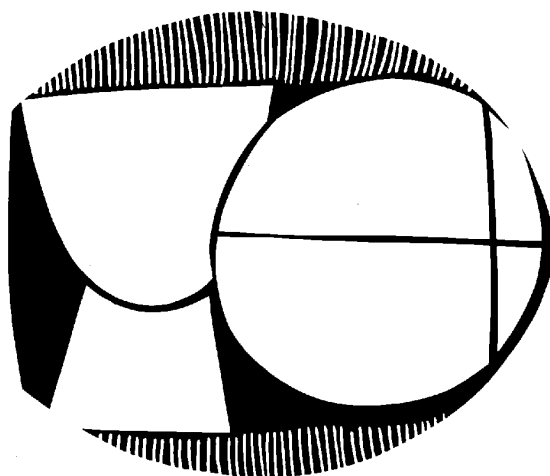
**5 We dare not ask how this can be,
But simply hold the mystery
And trust this word where life begins:
"Given and shed for all your sins."**

**7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.**

**6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!**

**8 Help us sincerely to believe
That we may worthily receive
Your Supper and in You find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.**

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NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32

Lutheran Service Book 938

"In Peace and Joy I Now Depart"



1 In peace and joy I now de-part Since God so wills it.
2 Christ Je - sus brought this gift to me, My faith - ful Sav - ior,
3 You sent the peo - ple of the earth Their great sal - va - tion;
4 Christ is the hope and sav - ing light Of those in blind - ness;



Se - rene and con - fi - dent my heart; Still - ness fills it.
Whom You have made my eyes to see By Your fa - vor.
Your in - vi - ta - tion sum - mons forth Ev - 'ry na - tion
He guides and com - forts those in night By His kind - ness.



For the Lord has prom - ised me That death is but a slum - ber.
Now I know He is my life, My friend when I am dy - ing.
By Your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, In ev - 'ry place re - sound - ing.
For Your peo - ple Is - ra - el In Him find joy and glo - ry.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

"Suffering is the school in which God chastens us and teaches us to trust in him so that our faith may not always stay in our ears and hover on our lips but may have its true dwelling place in the depths of our hearts."

Martin Luther

Letter to Elector John of Saxony

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



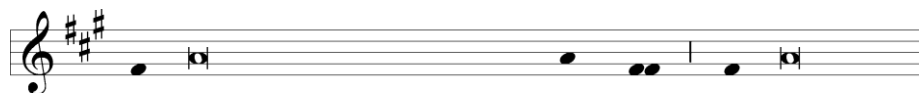
A Bless we the Lord.



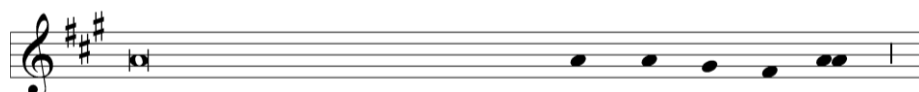
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

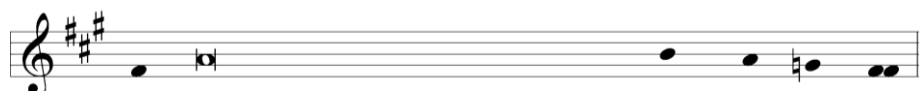
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

Please remain standing and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 662

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

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POSTLUDE

Fugue in C Major

George Frederic Handel

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Making Christ Known

CALENDAR		
Sunday 8/30	Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The Epistles of Peter</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship
Monday 8/31	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Tuesday 9/1	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 9/2	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM
Thursday 9/3	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 9/4	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 9/5	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 9/6	Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The Epistles of Peter</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion Fellowship Hour Outdoor Divine Service with Holy Communion	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM Following worship Noon

Truth ~ GROWING IN HIS WORD

✝ Adult Bible Study: *The Epistles of Peter*

Theme: It was to St. Peter that the Lord Jesus Christ called, "Follow Me." And it is through the two Petrine epistles that the Lord Jesus Christ still calls us today to be His disciples. Hear that calling like never before, and discover what it really means to follow Him with this nine-week Bible study.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., from August 30 – October 25

Location: Church fellowship hall

✝ Adult Bible Study: *Lutheranism 101*

Theme: Has it been decades since you last opened Luther's *Small Catechism*? Have you been wondering lately why Lutherans do the funny things that we do? Are you brand spanking new to Lutheranism? Whatever the case, this class is for you! The basis of our study is the book *Lutheranism 101*. You may purchase a copy for \$25. Please contact Pastor Miller for details.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning November 1

Location: Church fellowship hall

✝ POSTPONED: Men's Group Bible Study: *The Calling: Live a Life of Significance*

Theme: How do I pay the bills? How do I find a job that motivates and inspires. What should I major in at college? Why is my family life in such shambles? How do I live a life of meaning and significance? Am I really living the life God has created uniquely for me?

Unlike Noah or Paul, most of us won't receive answers to these questions directly from God. This doesn't mean, however, that God does not guide us to those choices that will give our life significance.

The Holy Spirit enables us to live the life God created uniquely for us. As we use the resources God places at our disposal, rely on His forgiveness when we stumble, and walk hand in hand with God, He will show us what it means to live a life of significance.

The basis of this study is Kurt Senske's *The Calling: Living a Life of Significance*. Copies are available for just \$20. Please contact Pastor Miller to obtain yours.

Day & Time: Saturday, September 26 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church overflow room

✦ **POSTPONED: Women's Group Bible Study: *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions***

Theme: Come, delve into the great hymns of our church as they're informed by God's Word! The Ascension Women's Group is taking on a new hymn each month using the book *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions* by Timothy Shoup. It's available for purchase on Amazon for \$13 or through Concordia Publishing House for \$18, and the book "features introductions to 14 hymns with devotions based on each stanza, helping readers learn the biblical basis of the words the authors chose."

If you've never joined this group for a book study before, now is a great time – since the ladies will be studying a different hymn each month, you're free to come when you can and not stress if you can't commit to every meeting. Childcare is provided!

Day & Time: Saturday, September 26 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church narthex

Beauty ~ WORSHIPING OUR GOD

✦ **Outdoor Divine Service**

Theme: At Ascension, we're always on the lookout for how we might best serve our neighbor. Due to these unprecedented times, some of our brothers and sisters in Christ have been put in a difficult position. Based on the CDC guidelines, they feel it best to refrain from the regular assembly for the time being. Therefore, in an effort to still provide them the ability to participate in the fullness of the Divine Service, we invite them to worship outdoors in a low-risk environment. An altar, pulpit, and chairs that are appropriately spaced out will be set up outside to ensure that all those gathered may do so in health and safety. Please encourage those who might not otherwise be at ease indoors to please take advantage of this special opportunity just for them.

Day & Time: Sundays in September and October at noon

Location: Front drive of the church

Goodness ~ SERVING IN HIS NAME

✝ Thank You from Pastor Miller

Dear saints of Ascension,

Thank you very much for the plethora of Christian grace and generosity of which you showed me on the occasion of my ten-year ordination anniversary. It was an honor to have the chance to renew my ordination vows publicly, and by God's grace I look forward to fulfilling them in service to this wonderful congregation. The monetary gift I received, the artwork, the luncheon, and the many thoughtful wishes are more than I deserve.

This is yet further affirmation that the Holy Spirit moves through this place and inspires hearts to love and charity. It also reaffirms the special relationship that exists between pastor and people, which is why it's such a unique privilege to serve God's Church in this place. It is a joy to share together with you in the ministry of Lutheran Church of the Ascension.

Thank you again for all that you do for me and all that you are to me. You are a blessing more than you know. Thank you!

*Sincerely,
Pastor David V. Miller*

✝ Donations for Stepping Stone Mission

Theme: The Lord blesses us so that we may be a blessing to others. Let us share the many gifts we've graciously received with those most in need. Now through September 20, you are invited to donate specific items to our local LCMS outreach to the homeless, Stepping Stone Mission. All donations may be dropped off by the marked box in the narthex. On September 20, you are also invited to stay after service and help put the donated items into "mercy bags." In addition, children are welcome to draw pictures for the recipients or write notes of encouragement to them.

Here's a list of the items requested for donation:

- Non-perishable food items, excluding cans without flip-top lid (since the homeless probably don't have a can opener). Examples include granola bars, protein bars, dried fruit, nuts, etc.
- Water bottles
- Personal hygiene products, including hand sanitizer and masks
- Toiletry items, such as toothpaste, combs, moisturizer, soap, etc.

✝ **Baby Shower for Bekah Beckman**

Theme: All are invited to a special baby shower in honor of Bekah Beckman. Men are also encouraged to attend. It will be a fun time of games and activities. Light snacks and cake will be provided. Please RSVP to Darlene Beckman at office@ascension-lcms.com.

Day & Time: Sunday, September 20 at 2:00 P.M.

Location: Church fellowship hall

✝ **1-1-1 Mission Campaign**

Theme: 1-1-1 is a campaign of the English District to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone can give toward the district's mission efforts. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, those missions include Concordia Lutheran Mission in Myerstown, PA, and eight other startup congregations, including two Spanish-speaking churches and several college ministries. Please consider playing a part in this special mission! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

Birthdays

✝ None this week

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

✝ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries

✝ Rev. David and Jeni Miller, 9/2

✝ Tom and Judy Russell, 9/5

Membership Anniversaries

✝ None this week

In Need

Recent Requests

For persecuted Christians:

✝ Iran

For comfort, health, and healing:

✝ Brian Beckman

✝ Jill Drachenberg

✝ Brandon Irwin (friend of Lauren Morr)

✝ Jimmy Murray (friend of Adrian Popescu)

✝ Homero Salgado

✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)

✝ Bob Sponsel (friend of Caitlin East)

✝ All impacted by COVID-19

For the health and safety of our deployed servicemen and women:

✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens)

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

✝ Terrie Dowling (aunt of Caitlin East)

✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden

✝ Rev. David Heller (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA)

✝ The Kroll family (friends of Ascension)

✝ Martin Kunkel

✝ Rosalia Kunkel (mother of Martin Kunkel)

✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr)

✝ Adi Murphy (former neighbor of the Beckmans)

For the leaders of Church and state:

✝ Director Barbara Collins & Open Arms Board

✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials

✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials

✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension

✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic

✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



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