

Ascension Lutheran Church
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Sunday, October 24, 2021
8:30 a.m.
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Worship
Sunday School
Radio Broadcast (AM 1540)

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.



WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting & Announcements

Opening Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 165

Invocation

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Declaration of God's Forgiveness (Absolution)

WE SPEAK TO GOD

Kyrie (Lord)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Glory to God in the Highest”

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You,

We give You thanks,

We praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world;

Have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father;

Receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also, with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in Your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation of our hope may be the joy of the marriage feast of Your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Anthem: “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Chancel Choir

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷For thus says the LORD: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’ ⁸Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Response before Gospel: "Glory to you, O Lord"

⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." ⁵⁰ And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." ⁵² And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Response after Gospel: "Praise to you, O Christ"

Pulpit Hymn: "Amazing Grace" No. 448

Sermon: "WHEN THE BLIND WILL SEE"

Hymn: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 559

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory

"Create in Me"

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Prayers of the Church: Each petition concludes: "Lord in Your mercy"
Congregation responds: "Hear our prayer."

Lord's Prayer

Benediction (The Blessing)

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"No. 320

Postlude



Ministers

Senior Pastor

Deacon

Organist

Pianist

Chancel Choir Director

Lector

Acolyte

All members of Ascension

Rev. Mike Badenhop

Tony McNally

Candis Smith

Kathy Schuhmacher

Mary Potter

Steve Moore

Lena Kearney Ledesma



Welcome to all who gather today as members and friends of God's family here at Ascension! May the Holy Spirit empower this service to be an inspiration and encouragement to all. If this is your first time here, we'd love to get to know you better. Please fill out a *Connect Card* located in the pew rack. You may also list any prayer requests you might have. Cards may be handed to an usher or placed in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary as you leave.

Please keep the following Ascension members in your prayers: Maria Drewes, Ivy Gibbons, Helen Green, Marilyn Haag, Gary Horak, Shanda Knight, John McNally, Traci McNally, Connie Moss and Dana Walker.

“The Encouraging Word” Radio Ministry is on the air each Sunday morning at 8:00 and 10:00 on KXEL (AM 1540). The announcer will indicate those in whose memory or honor the radio program is being sponsored. The cost is \$80.00 per program. **Today’s radio broadcast is being sponsored by John & Sally McNally in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary on October 22.** If you desire to sponsor a program on a specific date, please contact the Parish Office (233-1358) or sign up in the narthex. Please let the office know two weeks in advance. Thank you.

Congratulations to all those who celebrate birthdays or anniversaries this week:

- ☺ **Birthdays:** Ila Akers, Evelyn Honn, Devin Shields, Dave Burrington, Diane Camarata, Janet Freed, Mason Eldridge, Elijah Rohrs, Ken Burrington, JoAnn Stribley
- ☺ **Anniversaries:** Doug & Martha Stone, Lindsey & Matt Youngblut, Dan & Sheryl Tovar

Flowers are given today by John & Sally McNally in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary on October 22.

The Rite of Confirmation will be at 9:30 a.m. next Sunday, October 31 (one service). Please remember the following Confirmands in your prayers: Brady Beier, Grace Brokenshire, Spencer Eldridge, Aidan Hanson, Lydia Knight, Braden Krantz, Lily Stewart, Max Vincent and Douglas Voss.

Ascension now has a Listening Assist System installed in our sanctuary. If you are having trouble hearing or understanding the service, this system should address the interferences that are inherent in our sanctuary. To use the system, you will need to check out a receiver module which is available in the narthex. We recommend that you use your own personal earbuds or headphones with the receiver. The receivers need to be checked back in immediately after the service, so they are available for the next service. If you need assistance, ask the Deacon on duty.

Altar Guild needs additional members on their team! Serve by honoring God in preparing His sacraments for communion. Women who are post-confirmation age are welcome. Members usually serve once every 2-3 months. Easy training included! If interested in joining, please contact Linda Morrison.

Just a reminder – The deadline for submitting items for our Sunday bulletins is Wednesday (midnight). Thank you!

Trunk or Treat is today from 4-6 p.m.! Lots of ways to be a part of this outreach: decorate a car and hand out candy, deliver candy to cars who run out of candy, help with a carnival game, chat with visitors or answer questions from visitors. All are welcome! If you are able to do a trunk, talk to Shanda so we reserve enough spots. We like to have lots of trunks!

Attention Women! Please join us in the fellowship hall on November 6 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. for time in God’s Word while enjoying fellowship with ladies, coffee & pastries. Bring a Bible and even a friend! Don’t have a Bible? We will have one for you. Let us know you are planning to come by signing up in the narthex by October 31.

Offering envelopes for 2022 will be available in the narthex beginning November 7. Please return your faith commitment (pledge) cards by December 5.

Join us in honoring our veterans on November 7 at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our Ascension veterans will be presented with their very own “Quilt of Valor” which were made by ladies of our congregation.

Operation Christmas Child has launched! You can spread the joy and message of Jesus’ birth by selecting a Christmas Shoebox from the table in the Narthex, packing it with small gifts and returning it to Ascension no later than Sunday, Nov 7, 2021. Inside each shoebox there will be information about appropriate gifts and the process for packing. There is also an option to “fill your box” online. Information on this will be available in the narthex. Contact Cindi Mason with any questions. Thank you in advance for participating and spreading the Gospel to children around the world.

Bibles & Burgers – Sunday, November 14 at 5 p.m. for men of all ages! Meat, buns, and tableware are provided. We will share some food and a brief study of God’s Word together. Please bring your Bible (if you don’t have one, we will have one for you) and a drink. If you can, let us know you are coming by signing up in the narthex or contact Tom Knight.

Valley Lutheran News

Valley needs Middle School basketball coaches for both the girls and boys. Please email Coach Brian Jo at brian.jo@vlscrusaders.org or call 319-266-4565 if interested in coaching a great group of kids!

Valley Lutheran's Craft Show will be November 6 from 9 to 1. White Elephant items can be dropped off at the school during office hours. We are also looking for more vendors. If interested, please contact Denise Oler at deniseloler@yahoo.com or Valley’s office for a registration form.

October

Sun., Oct. 24	4-6:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat
Mon., Oct. 25	1:30 p.m.	Grace Bible Study
Tues., Oct. 26	4:00 p.m.	Bell Choir
Wed., Oct. 27	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 4:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:15 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Ladies' Bible Study Threads of Love Christmas Program Tryouts Chancel Choir AWANA (Costume Night) Sr. High Hangout C.I.A.
Thurs., Oct. 28	9:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study
Sat., Oct. 30	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Pictures/Practice Confirmation Banquet
Sun., Oct. 31	9:30 a.m.	Reformation Sunday Worship w/ Rite of Confirmation

Statistics – Sunday, October 17, 2021

Attendance

8:30 a.m.	85
11:00 a.m.	83

Offering

Worship	\$7,117.39
Building Fund	\$418.00