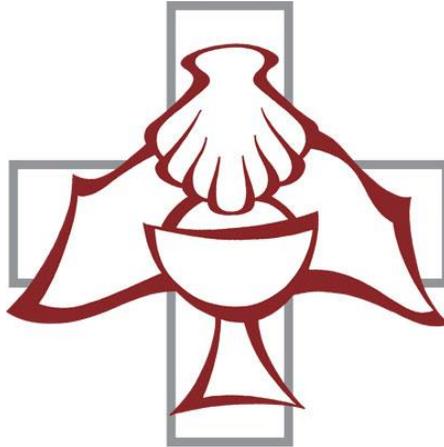


Welcome to ASCENSION!

We are delighted to have you with us today. If this is your first visit, see PREPARING FOR WORSHIP below. That we may know you better, please sign the Guest Registry in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor after the service. May God bless you with the assurance of His forgiveness, life, and salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. *Thank you, and ...*

Peace be with you!



PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

ALL WORSHIPERS. The *Worship Bulletin* includes the Order of Service and those parts not printed in the Hymnal. It is designed to be used with the hymnal. *Prayers for Worship* are located on the inside front cover of the Hymnal. *Large print hymnals*, full sheet magnifying glasses and personal hearing devices are available. Please ask an Usher. For *Spiritual Care* of our worshipers *please sign the pew information pad.*

PARENTS, a “Little Lambs” worship room is available if your child needs attention during the service, and a “Nursery” for mothers needing privacy.

GUESTS inquiring about Communion at Ascension, please see our Communion Statement on the inside of the bulletin cover.

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✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

Holy Communion is administered to **COMMUNICANT MEMBERS** of Ascension, of other Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, and of Lutheran Church bodies in declared fellowship with the LCMS, who have been instructed, examined, and *confirmed* in the Christian faith as taught by the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and so publicly declared their unity of faith in all doctrines of Holy Scripture in fellowship with LCMS.

All **COMMUNICANT MEMBERS** desiring to commune today are to fill out a *Member Communion Card* or *Guest Communion Card* and hand it to the Ushers when coming forward to commune.

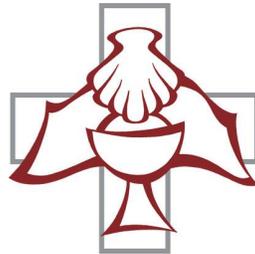
All others we kindly and respectfully request to abstain from communing until such public declaration is made in keeping with Christ's institution.

If you would like to know more about receiving Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak to the Pastors after the service and they will be glad to instruct you to that end. *Thank you!*

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – SERIES B (PROPER 22)

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October 3, 2021



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the fruit of the womb | a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a | warrior*
are the children | of one's youth.

Blessed is the man who fills his quiver | with them!*

He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies | in the gate.

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.

Unless the LORD | builds the house,*

those who build it la- | bor in vain.

Collect of the Day

P. Merciful Father, Your patience and loving kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (B80)

C. Amen.

Gradual (*Psalm 91:11; 103:1*)

He will command his angels con- | cerning you*

to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*

and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

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Old Testament Reading – Genesis 2:18-25 (ESV) ¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, “This at last is bone

of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – *Hebrews 2:1-13 (ESV)* ² Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ² For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, ³ how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. ⁵ For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶ It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? ⁷ You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸ putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹ But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹ For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹² saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” ¹³ And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

People: (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel – *Mark 10:2-16 (ESV)* ² And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³ He answered them, “What

did Moses command you?”⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.”⁵ And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment.⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’⁷ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife,⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh.⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.¹¹ And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her,¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them.¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Preacher ✕ Pastor Gary Zieroth
Assisting Pastor ✕ Pastor James Gier
Fieldworker ✕ Richard Sovitzky

Organist ✕ David Mussmann
Prelude ~ “O Father, All Creating” – Hobby
Voluntary ~ (8:00) ~ “Be Thou My Vision” - Shaw
(10:30) ~ “Our Father, By Whose Name” – Held
Postlude ~ “O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth” – Manz
Special Music ~ Adult Choir - Sam Marquart, director

MY SERMON NOTES

“Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ.” ~ Rm 10:17

