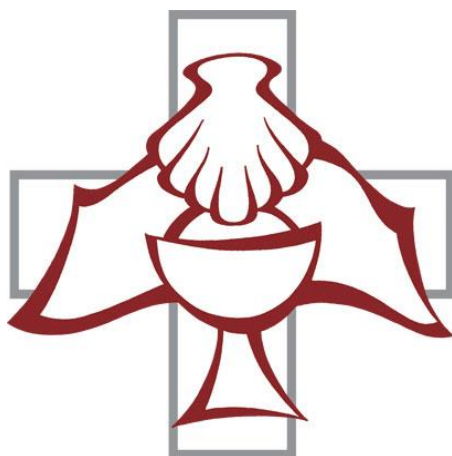


Welcome to ASCENSION!

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!*

Preaching Pastor ✠ Pastor Gary Zieroth

Assisting Pastor ✠ Pastor James Gier

Fieldworker ✠ Richard Sovitzky

Organist ✠ David Mussmann

Prelude ~ *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* – handbell choir

Voluntary ~ *“These Are the Holy Ten Commands”* – Birersch

Communion ~ *“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”* – handbell choir

Postlude ~ *“We Know That Christ is Risen”* – Hobby

Special Music – handbell choir, Dr. Ray Beights, director

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Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who | fears the LORD,*
 who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!

**Wealth and riches are | in his house,*
 and his righteousness endures for- | ever.**

Light dawns in the darkness for the | upright;*
 he is gracious, merciful, and | righteous.

**It is well with the man who deals generous- | ly and lends;*
 who conducts his affairs with | justice.**

For the righteous will nev- | er be moved;*
 he will be remembered for- | ever.

**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.**

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who | fears the LORD,*
 who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!

Collect of the Day

P. Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (B81)

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!

Old Testament Reading – *Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (ESV)* ⁶ Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, ⁷ O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! ... ¹⁰ They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. ¹¹ Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹² For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. ¹³ Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴ Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. ¹⁵ Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – *Hebrews 3:12-19 (ESV)* ¹² Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³ But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵ As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” ¹⁶ For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷ And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

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 10:17-22 (ESV)* ¹⁷ And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’ ” ²⁰ And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹ And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²² Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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