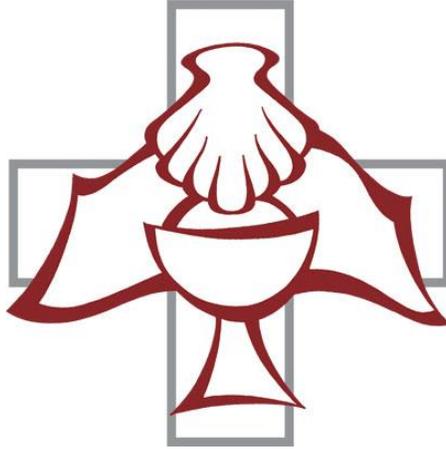


Welcome to ASCENSION!

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 James Gier
Assisting Pastor ✠ Pastor Gary Zieroth
Fieldworker ✠ Richard Sovitzky

Organist ✠ Josh Walworth

Prelude ~ “Double Concerto” - Bach

Voluntary ~ “Aria” - Handel

Communion ~ “Nimrod” – Elgar

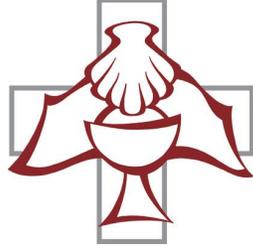
Postlude ~ “Amazing Grace” – Hopson

Special Music ~ Richard Sovitzky and Joeline Mayes, violin

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

(Series B- Proper 25)

October 24, 2021



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Introit (*Psalm 131; antiphon: Psalm 130:1-2*)



Out of the depths I cry to you, | O LORD!*

O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for
I mercy!

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not | raised too high;*

I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvel- | ous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its | mother;*

like a weaned child is my soul with- | in me.

O Israel, hope | in the LORD*

From this time forth and for- | evermore.

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.

Out of the depths I cry to you, | O LORD!*

O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas
for I mercy!

Collect of the Day

P. O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (883)

C. Amen.

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

He will command his angels concerning 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 – Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷ For 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.’ ⁸ Behold, 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. ⁹ With 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.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – Hebrews 7:23-28

²³ The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴ but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost^[a] those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷ He 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. ²⁸ For 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.

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 10:46-52

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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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MY SERMON NOTES

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