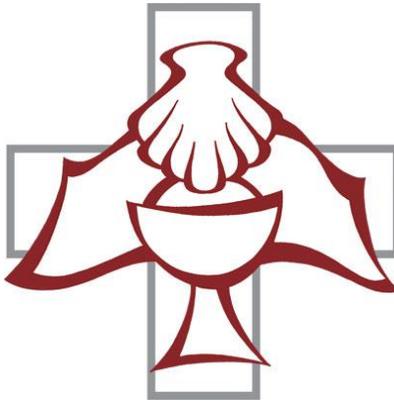


Welcome to ASCENSION!

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 ✠ David Mussmann

Prelude ~ “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” – handbell choir

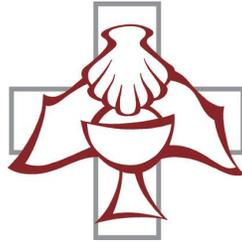
Voluntary ~ “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word” – Pelz

Communion ~ “How Firm a Foundation” – handbell choir

Postlude ~ “Toccata on A Mighty Fortress” – Lovelace

Special Music ~ Brass and Timpani Ensemble: Dr. Tom Baker,
Dan Berger, Jim Berger, David Bush, Tyler Wiegmann
David Mussmann, director
Handbell Choir - Dr. Ray Beights, director

Reformation Day
(Series B- Proper 26)
October 31, 2021



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Great is the Lord and greatly I to be praised*
in the city I of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her I towers,*
consider well her ramparts, go through her I citadels,
that you may tell the next gener- I ation*
that this is God, our God forever and I ever.

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First Reading – Revelation 14:6-7 (ESV) ⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – Romans 3:19-28 (ESV) ¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

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

Holy Gospel – *John 8:31-36 (ESV)* ³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?” ³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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