

7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 27, 2025



Welcome to *ASCENSION!*

We are delighted to have you with us today. 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!**



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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!*

Preacher ✠ Rev. Gary Zieroth

Liturgist and Celebrant ✠ Rev. James Gier

Fieldworker ✠ Jonathan Landrey

Organist ✠ David Mussmann

Prelude ~ "Prelude to the Te Deum" – Charpentier & Maslatt

Voluntary ~ "Our Father, Who from Heaven Above" - Manz

Postlude ~ "Voluntary on Old 100th" – Purcell & Carley

Special Music ~ Brass Group ~ Sam Marquart, David Vandre, Josh Vandre,
Steven Vandre, Sam Lind, Steven Gernhardt

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Introit (*Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15*)



Call upon me in the day of | trouble;*

I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, | O LORD!*

I will keep your | statutes.

I call to you; | save me,*

that I may observe your testi- | monies.

I rise before dawn and | cry for help;*

I hope | in your words.

My eyes are awake before the watches | of the night,*

that I may meditate on your | promise.

Hear my voice according to your | steadfast love;*

O LORD, according to your justice | give me life.

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.

Call upon me in the day of | trouble;*

I will deliver you, and you shall glo- | rify me.

Collect of the Day

P. O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (C70)

C. Amen.

Gradual (*Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.*)

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,*

who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.

Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,*

and their words to the ends | of the world.

Old Testament Reading – *Genesis 18:17-19 (ESV)* ¹⁷ And as they brought them out, one said, “Escape for your life. Do not look back or stop anywhere in the valley. Escape to the hills, lest you be swept away.” ¹⁸ And Lot said to them, “Oh, no, my lords. ¹⁹ Behold, your servant has found favor in your sight, and you have shown me great kindness in saving my life. But I cannot escape to the hills, lest the disaster overtake me and I die.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – *Colossians 2:6–15 (ESV)* ⁶ Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel – *Luke 11:1–13 (ESV)* ¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² And he said to them, “When you pray, say” Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” ⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before

him ⁷ and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

MY SERMON NOTES

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