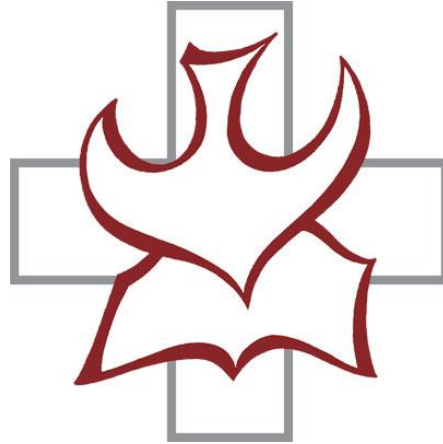


Welcome to ASCENSION!

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.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
8811 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46835
Office 260.486.2226 ✕ Email office@alcsfw.org ✕ www.alcsfw.org

✕ ✕ ✕

Rev. James D. Gier, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Gary Zieroth, Associate Pastor
Dcs. Pamela Buhler, Deaconess
Mrs. Laurie Behnfeldt, Principal

✠ 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 ✠ Rev. Gary Zieroth

Assisting Pastor ✠ Rev. James Gier

Field Worker ✠ Jonathan Landrey

Organist ✠ David Mussmann

Prelude ~ “All Depends on Our Possessing”—Manz

Voluntary ~ “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”—Hildebrand

Postlude ~ “What is the World to Me”—Costello

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

(Series C – Proper 13)

DIVINE SERVICE 4

✠ ✠ ✠

Opening Hymn #732

Confession & Absolution p. 203

The 7th Commandment

SERVICE OF THE WORD

The Introit *bulletin*

The Kyrie p. 204

Gloria in Excelsis p. 204

The Salutation p. 204

The Collect of the Day *bulletin*

Scripture Readings *bulletin*

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26

Gradual

Colossians 3:1-11

Alleluia and Verse p. 205

Luke 12:13-21

The Nicene Creed p. 206

Hymn of the Day #782

The SERMON

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

The Offering

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface p. 208

Sanctus p. 208

Prayer of Thanksgiving p. 209

Lord's Prayer p. 209

The Words of Our Lord p. 209

Pax Domini p. 209

The Agnus Dei p. 210

The Distribution **#714#611#724**

#652#653

Nunc Dimittis p. 211

Post-Communion Collect p. 212

Benedicamus & Benediction p. 212

Closing Hymn #730

Introit (*Psalm 49:7-8, 13-14a, 15; antiphon: Psalm 49:1-2*)



Hear this, all 1 peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world.
both | low and high,*
rich and poor to- | together!

Truly no man can ransom an- | other,*
or give to God the price | of his life,
for the ransom of their life is | costly*
and can nev- | er suffice.

**This is the path of those who have foolish | confidence;*
yet after them people approve | of their boasts.**
Like sheep they are appointed | for Sheol;*
Death shall be their | shepherd.

**But God will ransom my soul from the power | of Sheol,*
for he will re- | ceive me.**

**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.**

Hear this, all | peoples!*

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world.

both | low and high,*

rich and poor to- | together!

Give ear, all inhabitants | of the world.
both | low and high,*
rich and poor to- | together!

Collect of the Day

P. O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (C71)

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 – *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26 (ESV)* ^{1:2} Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . . ¹² I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴ I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . . ^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³ For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴ There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵ for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶ For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading – *Colossians 3:1–11 (ESV)* ¹ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Holy Gospel – Luke 12:13–21 (ESV) ¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

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