



Ascension Lutheran Church

See,
I am
making
all things
new.

Revelation 21:5

Welcome to Ascension Lutheran Church!

We are so glad that you're here and have chosen to worship with us.

Coming to a new church can be a bit overwhelming and we hope that you feel a warm welcome here at Ascension.

Worship styles vary from church to church, so we've created this worship bulletin in hopes that it simplifies your worship experience and helps you to experience God's presence.

Deacon Ellen Koester is our minister and she strives to make each worship experience meaningful and engaging.

Sunday, November 3, 2024
All Saints Sunday

Ascension Lutheran Church

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FAQs

Here are some answers to FAQs:

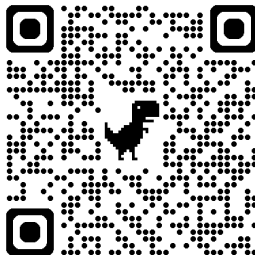
The Restrooms: Take a left as you leave the worship space. Our main bathrooms are on the right. Follow the signs around the corner for individual, accessible bathrooms.

Standing, Sitting & Kneeling: Traditionally worshipers stand when they sing, stand or kneel during prayer, and sit when they are listening. We give you prompts in the bulletin so you know what others might be doing, but please feel free to stand, sit or kneel at any time during the service.

Bulletin Guide: Congregational responses are in bolded text following the **C**. Worship Leaders will say the words in regular text. Descriptions and prompts are in small italic text. Please let us know if there is any other information you think would be helpful.

Nursery: Children are always welcome in worship. We have kid-friendly activity bags hanging in the entrance hall—with coloring books, crayons, and more.

Guest Welcome: Please use the QR code to let us know who you are. Or, you can use the guest sign-in book in the lobby.



Gathering

Call to Worship—ringing of the church bell

Prelude—Ascension Organist Lynn Frye

Welcome—Deacon Ellen Koester

Standing Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

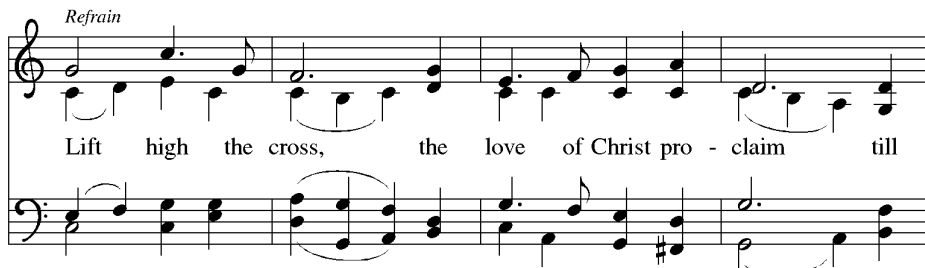
Our Communion Service:

*The Holy Spirit comes to us in our **gathering** around the means of grace—the saving **Word** of God and the sacraments. From the **meal** at the communion table where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness, life, and salvation, God **sends** us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.*

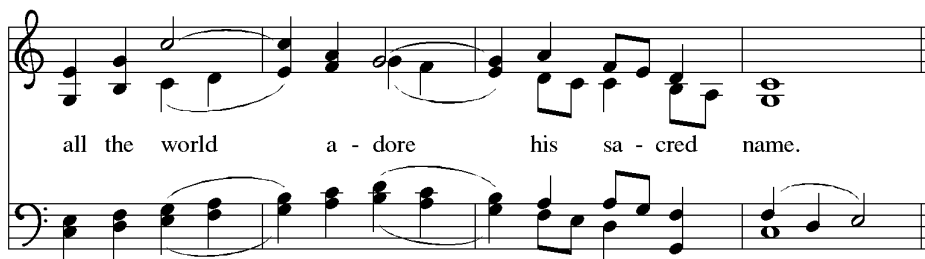
Gathering

Standing Hymn 660 Lift High the Cross

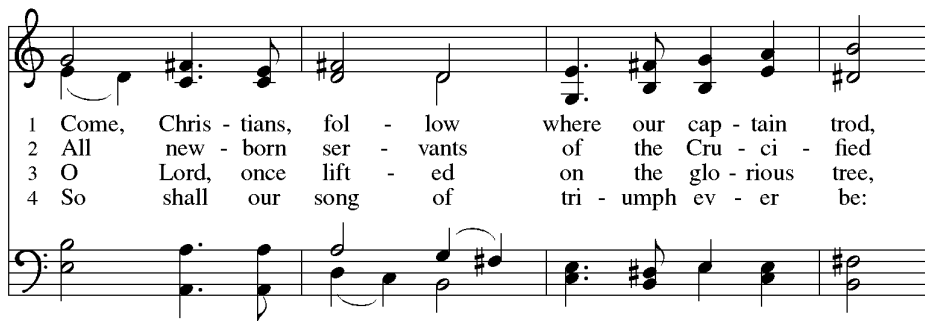
Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

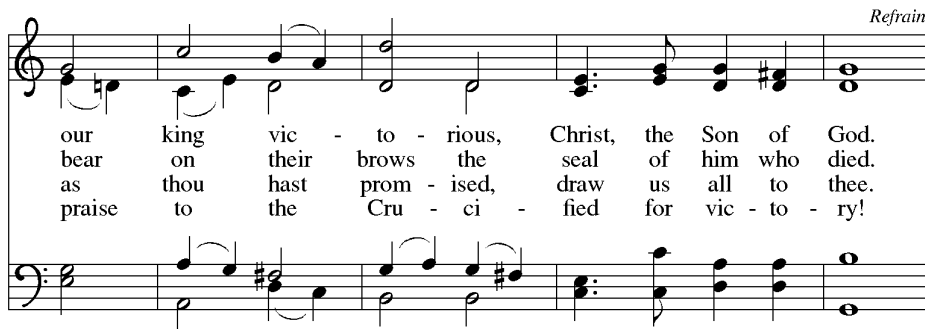


all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Gathering

Standing Apostolic Greeting

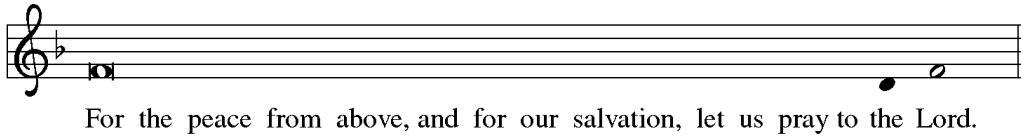
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

Standing Kyrie

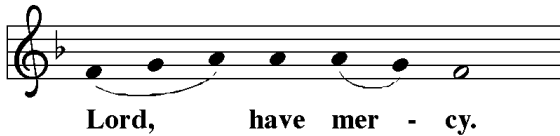
The Greeting, Kyrie and Canticle of Praise are ancient prayers and represent both highs and lows of our faith. With the Kyrie we ask for mercy.



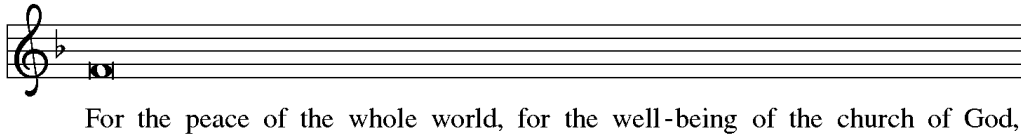
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



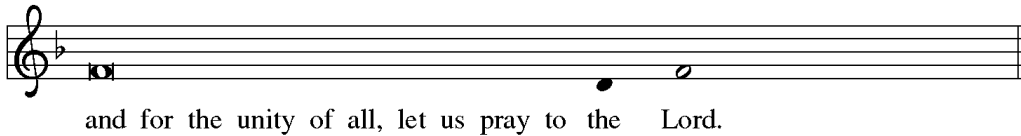
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



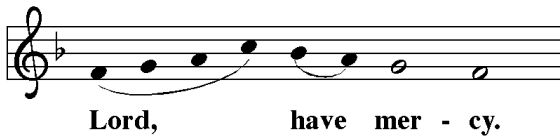
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

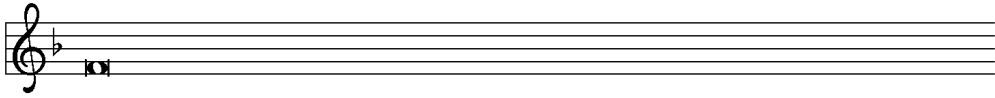


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

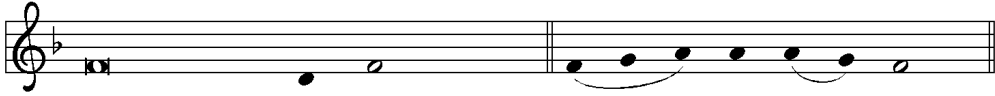


Lord, have mer - cy.

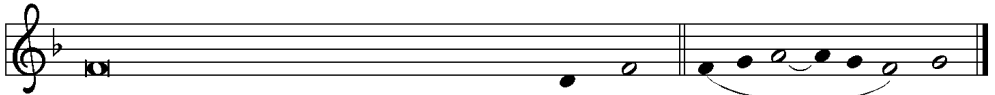
Gathering



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Standing Canticle of Praise

Knowing we have God's mercy, we can rejoice with the Canticle of Praise. We recognize that even though we carry many burdens, we can praise God together as a community of believers.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Gathering

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Word

Standing Prayer of the Day

Please join me in praying the prayer of the day.

C: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Word of God is proclaimed within and by the gathered assembly. The first Bible reading, usually from the Old Testament, is followed by a psalm.

Seated First Reading | Isaiah 25: 6-9

A Reading from Isaiah

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

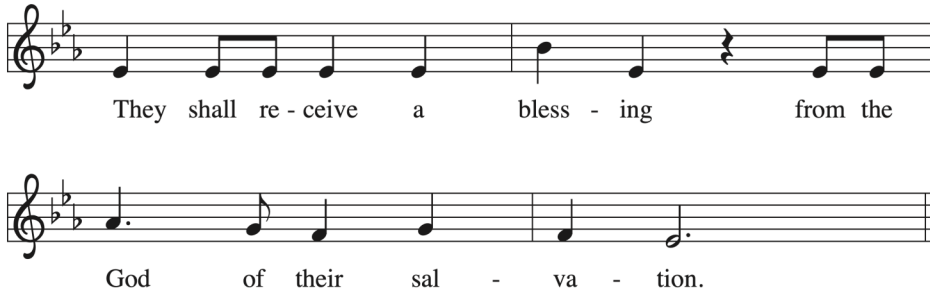
The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Word

Seated Psalm 24

Psalm Refrain:



They shall re - ceive a bless - ing from the
God of their sal - va - tion.

- ¹ The earth is the LORD's and all¹ that is in it,
the world and those who¹ dwell therein.
- ² **For the LORD has founded it up-¹ on the seas
and established it up-¹ on the rivers. (Refrain)**
- ³ Who may ascend the mountain¹ of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's¹ holy place?
- ⁴ **Those of innocent hands and puri-¹ ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by¹ what is false.**
- ⁵ They shall receive blessing¹ from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of¹ their salvation.
- ⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek¹ you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O¹ God of Jacob. (Refrain)**
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-¹ lasting doors,
that the King of glory¹ may come in.
- ⁸ **Who is this¹ King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might-¹ y in battle!**
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever-¹ lasting doors,
that the King of glory¹ may come in.
- ¹⁰ **Who is this¹ King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the¹ King of glory. (Refrain)**

Word

Seated Second Reading | Revelation 21:1-6a

The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.

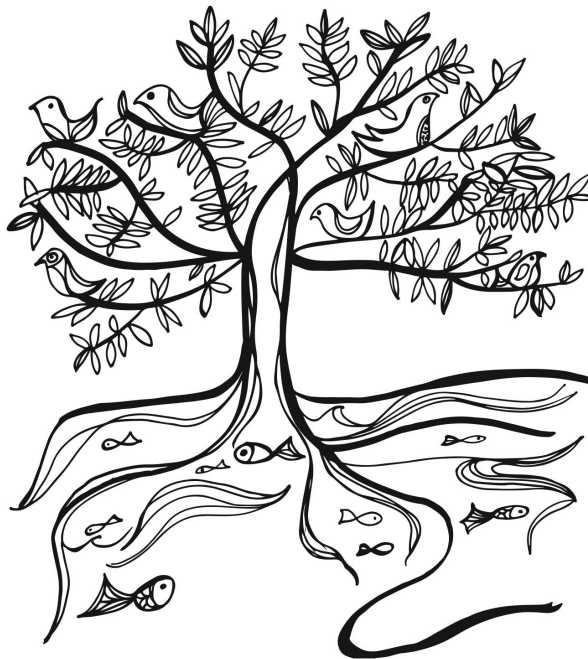
A reading from Revelation

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a} Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**



Word

Gospel | John 11: 32-44

*We stand for the Gospel reading to
acknowledge the presence of the living God in
the Gospel.*

Standing Gospel Acclamation Hymn 509 God's Word is Our Great Heritage



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.



Word

The Holy Gospel according to John

C: Glory to you, O Lord

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Seated Sermon—Deacon Ellen Koester

Silence for Reflection

Preaching brings God's word of law and gospel into our time and place to awaken and nourish faith.

Word

Standing: Hymn 767 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

Word

Standing Nicene Creed

Let us join together in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**


**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the
world to come. Amen**

Creeds are statements from the early church helping clarify what we believe. As many denominations include them in worship, they are signs of unity.

Word

Standing: Hymn 512 Lord Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Word

Standing Releasing the Hymnals

Today we are disposing of hymnals that have been part of the lives of members from St. Matthew, Resurrection, and Ascension Lutheran congregations. Hymnals guide our worship and shape us as followers of Jesus. They bring us comfort and joy. They help us in our celebrations and our losses. New hymnals come, and it is time to release the old ones.

Let us pray.

Thank you, God of Knowledge and Truth, for providing us with the written word for guidance and growth. While words written on paper decay, we know that Jesus is the Living Word. Open our hearts so that we always welcome your presence. Spark our imaginations so that we see possibilities for new technologies that can reveal you in our day and time. In the name of the Living Word, Jesus Christ, we pray.

C: Amen.

We are grateful for those who generously provided hymnals and other materials so that we may grow in our discipleship and praise God. The pages once read, now brittle and yellowing, are being returned for renewal. May they make new paper on which truth, beauty, and joy may be known.

Standing Hymn 422 For All The Saints (Verses 1 & 2)

C:



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .

Amen.

Word



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

All Saints is a special day as we remember and give thanks for the loved ones who have entered the Church Triumphant especially since the last All Saints Day. In remembering we honor their lives and all they have meant to us.

As names are read, a chime will sound and a candle lighted.

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you.

Martha Fry
Nancy Mammen Stitt
Robin Gawne

Word

Standing Hymn 422 For All The Saints (Verses 6 & 7)



6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .



King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Ida Seneker

Jean Adams, mother of Phyllis Wade

Lizy John, cousin of Susan Kurien

Deepak Punnose George, relative of George Kurien

Kenneth Colebank, relative of Sarah Nichols

Wanda Bremer, friend of Lynn Frye

Julia Santos, coworker of Nathalie Spiesser

Paul Stancil, cousin of Anne Langston

Mike Mingle

Diane Robinette

Rosa

Therese and Elias Samaha

Max Quarles, family friend of Wanda Vipond

Diana Moore, relative of Wanda Vipond

Jason Chastain

Word/Meal

Thank you for the blessing their lives have been to us. With them and all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever.

The Peace we receive from God we share with others with a handshake, a hug, or a nod, as you feel comfortable.

C: Amen.

Standing Hymn 388 Be Not Afraid (sing twice)



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

Kneeling/Standing Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

For the offering, An usher will pass a plate around for anyone wishing to contribute. Financial support is a spiritual practice for disciples.



Meal

After each prayer...Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

Standing The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Let us share with one another the Peace.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Seated
The

Offering

Meal

Deacon Ellen will explain to all how communion will be offered. All are welcome at the communion table. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest. If you have any questions on communion at Ascension, please feel free to speak with Deacon Ellen.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

At this point, you may come forward to the altar rail. Kneel or stand as you are comfortable.

Offering Prayer **C: Amen**

Sending

Standing The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Standing Hymn 550 On What Has Now Been Sown

C:
And also with you.

Lift up your

1 On what has now been sown your bless-ing Lord, be - stow; the
2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -
3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may

pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in
cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,
meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low

grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!
Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.
you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....



Prayers & Concerns

- Asa, child with health concerns
- Delphia, Marsha Bock’s mother
- Gene and Sandy Jung
- Nancy Crim
- Arlene Halvorsen
- Cohen, child with health issues
- Bobbie Tucker, husband of Christy Spiesser’s Aunt Sherri Tucker
- Anne Langston
- Ann Humberger, sister of Lynn Frye
- John S, health concerns and son Arthur S needing peace
- All those dealing with the impact of Hurricane Helene and Milton

Our full Member Concerns list can be found in the newsletter.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, Nov 5	Vitality Coaching
Wednesday—7:00 PM Evening Prayer Service	Come away for a time of reflection and renewal with Evening Prayer
Saturday, Nov 16	Vitality Training 3 of 6
Sunday, Nov 17	Council Meeting
Sunday, Dec 8	Congregational Meeting

Birthdays

Patrick Woodard 11/7	Eddie McCollum 11/13
Kathan Thomas 11/10	Hunter Lindberg 11/22
Nancy Crim 11/11	

Newsletter

We publish a short, weekly newsletter with details on upcoming events, information for next week’s services, and other community information.

Use the QR code to view the current newsletter and sign up.





Ascension Lutheran Church

Deacon Ellen Koester considers herself a Michigan girl and a Southern woman. She lives with Elmo, her loud and rambunctious canine companion who she is certain is part velociraptor. She came to consider the South her home as she served congregations in Tennessee, Georgia, and North Carolina. She also served with Lutheran Services in Tennessee. She is a graduate of the University of Dayton in Dayton, OH and Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, OH. Seeing individuals of all ages grow in their faith and life and helping them discover ways to use their gifts to share God's love are what she loves in ministry. If you are visiting with us today, she would enjoy the opportunity to chat with you.

Deacons in the ELCA are ordained ministers of Word and Service. They serve at the intersection of church and world, bringing a sharper focus to how the church responds to the needs of the people.

To contact Deacon Ellen, call the church office at 423-698-5047 or by email at office@thisisthefeast.org.

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