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## **Ascension Lutheran Church**

Landover Hills, Maryland  
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## Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 2, 2024

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Prelude*

“Here I am Lord”

Dan Schutte

#### *(Stand) Confession and Forgiveness*

*“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”, Romans 3.23*

*In this part of the service we acknowledge our sinfulness and our need  
for a Savior.)*

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*(Kneel/Sit)*

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

**C: and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

L: Most Merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he gives power to become children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. They who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

**C: Amen.**

*(“The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus”, Romans 6.23b  
In this part of the service we proclaim the Gospel that frees us from sin.)*

*(Stand)* **Greeting**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**Opening Hymn**  
ELW521

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Text: Christopher Wordsworth;

Tune: M. U Werkmeister, Gesangbuch der Herzog

- 1. O day of rest and gladness, o day of joy and light,  
O balm for care and sadness, Most beautiful, most bright:  
On you the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
Sing, “Holy, holy, holy,” to the great God triune.**
- 2. On you, at earth’s creation, the light first had its birth;  
On you, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
On you, our Lord victorious the Spirit sent from heav’n.  
And thus on you, most glorious, a three fold light was given**
- 3. Today on weary nations the heav’nly manna falls;  
To holy convocations the silver trumpet calls,  
Where Gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams  
And living water flowing with soul refreshing streams.**

4. **New graces ever gaining from this our day of rest,  
We reach the rest remaining to spirits of the blest.  
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;  
The Church its voice upraises to you, blest Three in One.**

***Salutation and Prayer of the Day***

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray:

**C: Lord God of all nations, you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us all. Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***(Sit) The First Lesson***

Deuteronomy 5.12-15

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4.5-12

<sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### (Stand) *Alleluia Verse*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## ***The Gospel Lesson***

Mark 2.23-3.6

R: The Gospel according to St. Mark the second chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, “The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.” <sup>3.1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, ‘Come forward.’ <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, ‘Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?’ But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, ‘Stretch out your hand.’ He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Sit) Message*

*(Stand) Hymn of the Day*

ELW532

“Gather Us In”

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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- 1. Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**
- 2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for your face;  
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**
- 3. Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**
- 4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away—  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**



*(“If you confess with your mouth ‘Jesus is Lord’  
and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,  
you will be saved.”, Romans 6.23b  
Having just heard the saving Gospel proclaimed,  
in this part of the service we respond with our profession of faith.)*

### ***The Apostles Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit;**

**the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints;**

**the forgiveness of sins;**

**the resurrection of the body;**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(“Therefore, since we have been justified through faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”. Romans 5.1  
We have peace with God! In this part of the service we:  
- climb into our Father’s lap and share our deepest thoughts  
and make our needs known,  
- bring our Father our gifts, simple though they may be,  
- come to the Table for the Family Meal, a foretaste of  
the heavenly banquet,  
- sing the songs that even now are sung before the Throne of Grace.)*

*(Kneel/Sit) Prayers*

We come to you god- with op -en heartpray ing To ask for your heal ing and  
7  
bless -ing a bound. We pray to you knee ling with heads bowed in -  
12  
wit ness the glo - ry of your pow - er and un bound less love.  
Text: Ben Harris  
Music: KREMSER, A Valerius, Nederlanatsch Gedenckelanck, 1626

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:

*(After each portion of the prayers:)*

L: Lord, in your mercy

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*(The prayers conclude:)*

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*(Stand) Sharing of the Peace*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*All may greet one another with a word of peace.*

*“Peace be with you”... “God bless you”... “God loves you”*

*(Sit) The Gathering of Gifts*

Any tithes or offerings may be placed into the offering plate by the entrance to the Sanctuary at the beginning or the end of service. For those who are worshipping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.

*(Stand) Presentation of Gifts*

“Take My Life”

ELW685, v.1,4,6. Text: Frances Ridly Havergal; Tune: Henri Malan. Public Domain

1. **Take my life, that I may be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
  
4. **Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I with-hold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.**
  
6. **Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee.**

*Offering Prayer*

L: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: **You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

L: Lord, remember us in your Kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our  
sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### ***Benediction***

L: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

L: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

*(“In view of God’s mercy I urge you brothers and sisters to offer yourselves as living sacrifices to God”. Romans 12.1*

*We leave worship to re-enter the world as the redeemed Children of God – salt and light for a benighted world.)*

## *Closing Hymn*

ELW832

“My Lord of Light”

Text: Christopher Idle, b. 1938

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- 1. My Lord of light who made the worlds,  
in wisdom you have spoken;  
but those who heard your wise commands  
your holy law have broken.**
  
- 2. My Lord of love who knew no sin,  
a sinner's death enduring:  
for us you wore a crown of thorns,  
a crown of life securing.**
  
- 3. My Lord of life who came in fire  
when Christ was high ascended:  
your burning love is now released,  
our days of fear are ended.**
  
- 4. My Lord of lords, one Trinity,  
to your pure name be given  
all glory now and evermore,  
all praise in earth and heaven.**

## *Sending*

L: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## *Postlude*

“Prelude on Christ Is Alive Let Christians Sing”

Matthew H. Corl

# **SERVING US IN WORSHIP**

<b>Assistant</b>	Adam Kampia
<b>Musician</b>	Ben Harris
<b>Message</b>	Dianne Yohe
<b>Reader</b>	Dianne Yohe
<b>Greeters</b>	Jannie & Clay Goldston
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Wells Family, Ernestine Bivins, Vivian Licorish, Dianne McGill
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan Fulford, Jr., Carl Wilhoit, Darrell Dockery
<b>Counters</b>	Vivian Licorish, Morris Hymes, Jr.,

# **The 2023 Hayes Scholarship Application**

## **Ascension Lutheran Church**

### **Landover Hills, Maryland**

#### **Preamble**

The Hayes Scholarship was created in 1984 by the family of the late Bernard G. Hayes, Jr. to perpetuate his memory and his special interest in the education of children. Bernard Hayes served on the Board of Education of Ascension Lutheran Church for nearly a decade. The Hayes Scholarship was initially established to give assistance to needy children attending Ascension Lutheran School. With the closing of the Day School the Hayes Scholarship continues to support the educational needs of Ascension members by giving annual scholarships to those pursuing full time post-high school education and meeting the qualifying criteria:

To qualify for a Hayes Scholarship the applicant must be

1. An active, confirmed member of Ascension Lutheran Church. “Active” means regular attendance in Sunday worship when the applicant is “at home”, at least twice a month for those attending school while in local residence or when visiting home if away at school.
2. Registered full-time in an accredited post-high school educational institution, e.g. a college, university, or trade school

Name of applicant:

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Email address:

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School which you will attend in the fall:

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Will you be enrolled full time? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

In the past year have you attended Sunday worship at Ascension Lutheran Church at least twice a month?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If “No”, please explain your circumstances (away at school; didn’t come home for breaks, etc.)

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Signature of applicant

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Date

#### Application process

1. Applications are due by **June 30, 2024**.
2. Submit to the Church Office in a sealed envelope ATTN: Board of Education
3. After the application deadline, the Board of Education will determine how many qualifying applications have been received and determine the amount of the Hayes Scholarships.
4. Scholarship awards will be made in the fall when recipients confirm they are attending school full-time.

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## *Adult Bible Study*

We are happy to announce that Ascension will be offering a new in- person adult Bible Study class. Jenny DeMaio will be teaching and Annette Singletary has graciously agreed to be the substitute if needed. The class will be focused on the book of Matthew. Our text will be Life Lessons from Matthew by Max Lucado. Themes in the study include: 1. The Birth and Preparation of the Messiah 2. Jesus' Ministry in Galilee 3. Jesus' Last Days on Earth. The series is divided into twelve lessons. Ascension will be purchasing books for those interested in joining us.

Class will be held on Sunday mornings following church service the weeks that choir is not rehearsing. That will allow those who participate in choir to join. Based upon the current choir schedule, Bible Study will meet on the following weeks in 2024:

***June 9 (Final Class)***

*Ascension has purchased the texts for Bible class. Donations of \$10.00 to cover the costs of books would be appreciated. Please earmark checks for Bible study materials payable to Ascension.*

*Meet your Confirmation Students.*

*Malia Best and Michael Pineda have begun their confirmation studies. As you may know, this is a time of study and growth leading to the affirmation of faith. For Malia, this journey will also include her First Communion. Please surround Michael and Malia in your prayers as they prepare and study during these months. When you see them at church, invite them to share what they liked about worship or what they learned in the Scripture readings and message. Ask them if there is anything in their lives for which you can be praying. We are the family of faith that God has given them, let's support them.*

*Malia Best will be a sophomore at DuVal. High School. She enjoys writing and science. Her dream is to become a pediatrician. She looks forward to spending more time in the Scriptures and in worship.*

*Michael Pineda will be a sophomore at Flowers High School. He enjoys playing the drums, soccer and video games. He dreams of becoming a pro-football (soccer) player. He will be working with his dad this summer. Michael looks forward to learning more about the faith.*

*The next class will be a full-day class on Saturday, June 22 at Sr. Sally's house. She will meet the students at 9:00 am at church and return them to Ascension at 3:00.*

*Sally J Hiller, Deaconess*

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### **Prayer List**

*In order to keep the prayer list current the **Board of Elders** will edit the list once a month. If you have the name of a loved one that you would like to keep on the prayer list permanently, please contact Marj Nilsson @ 301-442-6253  
marjorienilsson@hotmail.com.*



### **Sunday @6**

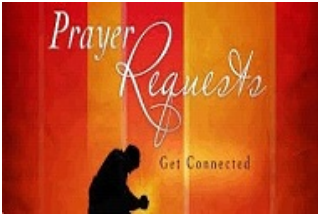
*To the Homebound and Sick, we invite you to participate in Sunday @ 6, a weekly worship call. We have prayer, Scripture, a devotion and music. We invite, welcome and encourage you to join us in Christian fellowship every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.*

***The call is toll-free:(267) 807-9601***

***Sunday @ 6***

***Enter this code:773-431-475 #***

*For further information, call Alice Gaither at (301) 459-4194!*



**Ascension Lutheran Church  
Prayer Request**

*Please put your prayer requests in the Prayer Diary at the rear of the Sanctuary so we can add your need to our prayers.*

*Aggie Jones and Family, upon the recent passing of Agnes Brown and Robert Brown Jr., brother of Aggie Jones.*

*Bonnie Garrett, Sister-In-Law, of Rob Garrett, prayers for healing*

*Gloria Malachi and Family upon the recent passing of Sam Malachi*

*Bette Carpio, Prayers for healing and comfort*

*Jenny DeMaio, Prayers for healing.*

*Amy Scully and Family, Upon the recent passing of Bill Kley*

*Marj Nilsson, Prayers for healing.*

*Calvin Lee, Prayers for healing.*

*Lewis Powell, Prayers for healing*

*Herman McNeil, Prayers for comfort and healing.*

*Maria Doakes, Prayers for continued healing.*

*Lois Fulford, Prayers for continued healing.*

*Zachary Plue, Prayers for continued healing.*

*Susie Nilsson, Prayers for continued healing.*

*Joyce Bailey, Prayers for continued healing.*

*Helen Bell, Prayers for healing*

*Alice Gaither, Prayers for healing.*

*Kent & Walt Nilsson, Prayers for improved vision.*

**Ascension Shut-Ins:**

*John DellaGatta; Lois Flemming;*

*Olivia Powell; Arthur & Mildred Smith, Helen Riley.*

# Ascension Weekly

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## Information & Notices

June 2, 2024

### Services

#### Divine Worship

Sunday at 9:00 am

**Holy Communion** is celebrated in most services.

#### Holy Baptism

Arrangements for Baptism can be made with the Church Office.

#### Weddings

Weddings for active Ascension members are arranged with the Church Office

### Please Note

**Adult Bible Study:** Bible study meets on Sundays after worship, at 10:30 am.

#### Staff:

Gwen Neal            Office Mgr.  
Ben Harris        Parish Musician

Office open Mon-Fri., 8-4:30  
Closed Holidays.

Please allow us to share Church News with you via email. Send your **email address** to the Church Office at [ascenluth@aol.com](mailto:ascenluth@aol.com).

**Sunday, June 2**

9:00 am

6:00 pm

**Second Sunday of Pentecost**

Worship

Sunday @ 6

**Saturday, June 8**

2:00 pm

Movie Afternoon

**Sunday, June 9**

9:00 am

10:30 am

6:00 pm

**Third Sunday of Pentecost**

Worship

Bible Study (Final Class)

Sunday @ 6



**Altar Flowers Presented By**

***The Nilsson Family*** in Honor of ***Kent Nilsson's Birthday.***



**Altar Flowers**

*Please Note* that flowers will only be provided when they are sponsored by members. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Church Office Wing.

***Altar Flowers***

***\$50.00***

**Ascension Lutheran Church: Becoming Caring  
Servants who Extend Life in Christ to Diverse people**

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**Call Committee Prayer Vigil:**

Our designated prayer time for the Call process is 7 pm. Please remember to set some kind of an alarm for this time daily for the remainder of the call process. I know many of us are already praying, so let's have this one time daily when we do it all together.

For the Call Committee and Pastoral Candidates, please pray for...

- \*The Lord's Guidance
- \*The Lord's Discernment

This is not an exhaustive list so please add any other prayer that comes to mind

Thank you!  
Ascension Board of Elders

## Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



**Christopher Dockery, Idong Ekanem  
Claire DeMaio, Bob Nelson, Kathy Sessums,  
Keith Greer, Jakob House, Ryan McNeil**

**Gene & Joan Tarkington**



### **SERVING US IN WORSHIP, Next Sunday, June 9**

<b>Pastor</b>	Gary Pomrenke
<b>Assistant</b>	Andy House
<b>Musician</b>	Ben Harris
<b>Reader</b>	Andy House
<b>Greeters</b>	Barbara & David Thom
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cheryl Townsend, Carolyn Plue, Mary Tipton, Bose Osho
<b>Ushers</b>	Ronnie Townsend, Cris Bonner
<b>Counters</b>	Andy House, Dwight Mitchell, Adam Kampia