



Ascension Lutheran Church

Landover Hills, Maryland
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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 7, 2024

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Prelude

“Faithfulness”
arr. David Evan Thomas

(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

ELW 576

“We Are All One in Mission”

Text: Rusty Edwards; Music: Finish folk tune

- 1. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.**
- 2. We all are called to service, to witness in God’s name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others wit God’s surprising grace,
so ev’ry folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.**
- 3. Now let us be united; and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray:

C: O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Sit) The First Lesson

Ezekiel 2: 1-5

¹ He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” ²And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ ⁵And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

¹I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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 6:1-13

R: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

¹He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not

welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.’

¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.

¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit) Message

(Stand) Hymn of the Day

“How Firm a Foundation”

ELW 796

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

Tune: Foundation

- 1. How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**
- 2. "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."**
- 3. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine."**
- 4. "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."**

*(“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 hearts pray 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: KREMSEER, A Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckelancq*, 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.**

- 2. 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.**

- 3. 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

ELW876

"Let The Whole Creation Cry"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke; Tune: Christoph Anton

1. Let the whole creation cry,
"Glory to the Lord on high!"
Heav'n and earth, awake and sing,
"Praise to our almighty king!"
Praise God, angel hosts above,
ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice;
night and stars, in God rejoice.

2. **Servants striving for the Lord,
prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong
add their voices to the song.
Pow'rs of knowledge and of law,
to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait,
sing, "The Lord is good and great!"**

3. **Men and women, young and old,
raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children's happy hearts
in this worship take their parts;
from the north to southern pole
let the mighty chorus roll:
"Holy, Holy, Holy One;
glory be to God alone!"**

Sending

L: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“O God of Light”
arr. Mark Sedio

SERVING US IN WORSHIP

Assistant	Mary Tipton
Musician	Ben Harris
Message	Agnes Jones
Reader	Andy House
Greeters	David & Barbara Thom
Altar Guild	Wells Family, Ernestine Bivins, Vivian Licorish, Dianne McGill
Ushers	Dan Fulford, Jr., Carl Wilhoit, Darrell Dockery
Counters	Vivian Licorish, Morris Hymes, Jr.

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

Ascension Lutheran Church
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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

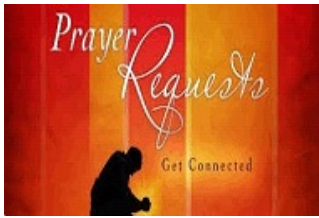
To the Homebound and Sick, we invite you to participate in Sunday @ 6, a weekly worship call. We have prayer, Scripture, a devotion and music. We invite, welcome and encourage you to join us in Christian fellowship every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

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.

Mary Tipton, Prayers for Comfort and Healing

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.

Marj Nilsson, Prayers for healing.

Calvin Lee, Prayers for healing.

Lewis Powell, Prayers for healing

Herman McNeil, Prayers for comfort and 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

July 7, 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.
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Sunday, July 7

9:00 am

6:00 pm

Seventh Sunday of Pentecost

Worship

Sunday @ 6

Sunday, July 14

9:00 am

6:00 pm

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Worship

Sunday @ 6



Altar Flowers Presented By

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

***Altar Flowers* \$50.00**

***Sanctuary Lights* \$ 5.00**

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

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



**John Johnson, III, Jonathan Sessums,
Lisa Connor, Greta Coss, Joshua Doakes,
Unyimeabasi Ekanem, Teresa Hymes-Fields,
Vivian Licorish**

Fred & Alice Hedt



SERVING US IN WORSHIP, Next Sunday, July 14

Pastor	Jon Diefenthaler
Assistant	Adam Kampia
Musician	Ben Harris
Reader	Mike Walker
Greeters	Agnes Jones
Altar Guild	Cheryl Townsend, Carolyn Plue, Mary Tipton, Bose Osho
Ushers	Ronnie Townsend, Cris Bonner
Counters	Andy House, Dwight Mitchell, Adam Kampia