



“Let Us Not Neglect Meeting Together”

**Ascension Lutheran Church**

Landover Hills, Maryland  
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November 17, 2024

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### *Prelude*

"Deep River"  
Marianne Kim

### *(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.**

***Gathering Hymn***

ELW 720

“Canticle of the Turning”

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**1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?**

*Refrain:* **My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.**

2. **Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***
  
3. **From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the king beware for your justice tears  
ev'ry tyrant from his throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn;  
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. *Refrain***
  
4. **Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. *Refrain***

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

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray:

C: **O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*(Sit) The First Lesson*

Daniel 12.1-3

<sup>1</sup>“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The Second Lesson*

Hebrews 10.11-25

<sup>11</sup>Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup>But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” <sup>13</sup>and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” <sup>14</sup>For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified... <sup>19</sup>Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup>by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), <sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup>let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup>Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup>not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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 13.1-13

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

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

<sup>1</sup>As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!” <sup>2</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Do you see these great buildings? There will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

<sup>3</sup>And as he sat on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus began to say to them, “See that no one leads you astray. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These

are but the beginning of the birth pains.

<sup>9</sup>“But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup>And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup>And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup>And you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Sit) Message*

*(Stand) Hymn of the Day*

ELW 327

“Through The Night of Doubt and Sorrow”

Text: Bernhardt S. Ingermann, 1789-1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924, alt.

Music: Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944; arr. Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923; © 1969

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and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
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is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

## *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.**

## *(Kneel/Sit) Prayers*



We come to you god- with op - en hearts pray ing To ask for your heal ing and  
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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, *Nederlandsch 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.**

*(Greet one another with a word of peace.)*

*(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 worshiping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.*

*(Stand) Presentation of Gifts*

ELW685, v.1,4,6.

“Take My Life”

Text: France R. Havergal, 1836-1879

Music: William H. Havergal, 1793-1870

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 upon 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.)*

## ***Sending Hymn***

ELW439

“Soon and Very Soon”

Text and Tune: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945;

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- 1. Soon and very soon, we are goin’ to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah we’re goin’ to see the King!**
- 2. No more crying’ there, we are goin’ to see the King,  
No more crying’ there, we are goin’ to see the King,  
No more crying’ there, we are goin’ to see the King.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah we’re goin’ to see the King!**
- 3. No more dyin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King,  
No more dyin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King,  
No more dyin’ there, we are goin’ to see the King.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah we’re goin’ to see the King!**
- 4. Soon and very soon, we are goin to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin’ to see the King.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah we’re goin’ to see the King!**

***Sending***

L: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

***Postlude***

“Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow”  
setting, Robert J. Powell

## **SERVING US IN WORSHIP**

<b>Assistant</b>	Mary Tipton
<b>Musician</b>	Ben Harris
<b>Message</b>	Annette Singletary
<b>Reader</b>	Stephany Sims
<b>Greeters</b>	Gloria Malachi
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Agnes Jones, Helen Jones, Dianne Yohe
<b>Ushers</b>	Clay Goldston, Harry Sessums
<b>Counters</b>	Pat Broady, Dianne McGill

## **Adult Bible Study Schedule -Esther**

November 17- Preparing for a King...

December 1-An Unsung Hero

December 15- Video session 2

(The other lesson titles will be determined based upon our progress.)

January 12,26

February 16

March 2,16

April 13

May 4,18

June 1,15

## **Important Dates**

<b>November 24</b>	Deadline for Compassion Center Donations
<b>November 27</b>	No Thanksgiving Eve Service
<b>December 1</b>	Confirmation
<b>December 6</b>	Decorating The Church @ 9am
<b>December 24</b>	Christmas Eve Service @ 4pm

## **Donate Before Thanksgiving**

The annual food collection will be delivered in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday. All donations will be collected in the Narthex by Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Supplied foods must be within expiration dates, and be non-perishable. Suggested items are dry goods, like boxed mix items, pasta, rice, cereals, canned goods, coffee and tea. Salt, pepper and spices are accepted. Fresh food and fruit are not.

Your help is needed to deliver donations to the Compassion Center at Redeemer Lutheran Church early in the week of Thanksgiving. Please contact Lois Fulford or Stephany Sims if you are able to assist with the delivery.



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## ***Adult Bible Study***

Adult Bible study will begin again on September 1 and will be meeting in the music room following service.

We will be studying the book of Esther. If you are awaiting a miracle that has not come, feel inadequate, threatened, or pushed into overpowering situations, this is the study for you. We will explore the history of the Persian empire, the diaspora, and the plight of Israel during this period. We will look at other scriptures in both the old and new testaments that support and expand our understanding of Esther's story. We will learn how Esther's story has contemporary applications for our lives today. To include the most people possible, we will be meeting on Sundays when choir is not in rehearsal.

### ***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.*

*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***

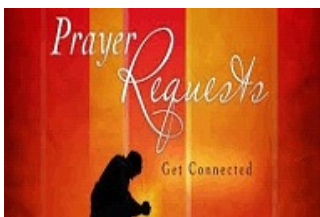
To the Homebound and Sick, we invite you to participate in Sunday @ 6, a weekly worship call. We have prayer, Scripture, a devotion and music. We invite, welcome and encourage you to join us in Christian fellowship every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Sunday @ 6**

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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.

*Ginny Raft, former Ascension teacher, missionary and Daughter of former members Ruth and Russell Ford.*

*Jannie Goldston and family, upon the recent passing of her brother Dewitt L. Moore, from Upper Marlboro, MD.*

*The Family of Rose C. Cherry (Peace Lutheran Church) upon her recent passing.*

*The Ojurongbe /Osho Family, upon the recent passing of Abidemi "Demi" Ojurongbe*

*Ernestine Hayes, Prayers for healing.*

*Jannie Goldston, prayers for healing.*

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

*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.*

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## Information & Notices

Nov. 17, 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  
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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, November 17,**      **Twenty-Six Sunday of Pentecost**  
9:00 am                      Worship  
                                     Bible Hour  
6:00 pm                      Sunday @ 6

**Sunday, November 24,**      **Last Sunday After Pentecost**  
9:00 am                      Worship  
6:00 pm                      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.



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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



**Bose Osho, (*In memory of Abidemi Ojurongbe*)  
Kenny Sessums, Sophie Corkill,  
Shane Corkill, Melanie Hymes**



### **SERVING US IN WORSHIP, Next Sunday, Nov. 24**

**Pastor:** Jon Diefenthaler  
**Assistant** Andy House  
**Musician** Ben Harris  
**Reader** Annette Singletary  
**Greeters** Mike and Kathy Walker  
**Altar Guild** Gloria Malachi, Kathy Garrett,  
Roberta White, Barbara Thom  
**Ushers** John Corkill, Calvin Lee, Ekanem Ekanem  
**Counters** Dianne Yohe, Harry Sessums