



**“...the LORD has  
laid on him the  
iniquity of us all.”**

**Isaiah 53:6b**

**Ascension Lutheran Church**

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## Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

October 20, 2024

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### **Prelude**

“Out of The Depths I Cry To Thee”

Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir, BWV 687

J.S. Bach

#### ***(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 818

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

1. **O Master, let me walk with you  
in lowly paths of service true;  
tell me your secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**
2. **Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.**
3. **Teach me your patience; share with me  
a closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,**

- 4. In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broad'ning way,  
in peace that only you can give;  
with you, O Master, let me live.**

***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 divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C:** Amen.

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

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup>As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils

under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup>Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ***The Second Lesson***

Hebrews 4:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,

“They shall not enter my rest,”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

<sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.”

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

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 10.23-31

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

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

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Sit) Message*



*(Stand) Hymn of the Day*

ELW 712

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

Text: Albert F. Bayly; Tune: The Sacred Harp

- 1. Lord, whose love in humble service  
Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
Worked your mercy’s perfect deed:  
We, your servants, bring the worship  
Not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to your purpose  
Ev’ry gift which you impart.**
- 2. Still your children wander homeless;  
Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
By your Spirit send your power  
To our world to make it whole.**
- 3. As we worship, grant us vision,  
Till your love’s revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring up to ardent service,  
Your abundant life to share.**

*(“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: KREMSER, A Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckelancck*, 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 worshipping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.

***Anthem***

*Senior Choir*

**“Anything Through Christ”**

Lynn Tracey

*(Stand) Presentation of Gifts*

**“Take My Life”**

ELW685, v.1,4,6.

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- 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.)*

## ***Sending Hymn***

**“O Christ, Our Hope”**

ELW 604

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-1876, adapt.

- 1. O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,  
creation's mighty Lord,  
redeemer of the fallen world,  
by holy love outpoured,  
by holy love outpoured:**
- 2. How vast your mercy to accept  
the burden of our sin,  
and bow your head in cruel death  
to make us clean within,  
to make us clean within.**
- 3. But now the bonds of death are burst,  
the ransom has been paid;  
you reign above at God's right hand,  
in robes of light arrayed,  
in robes of light arrayed.**
- 4. Oh, let your mighty love prevail  
to purge us of our pride,  
that we may stand before your throne  
by mercy purified,  
by mercy purified.**
- 5. All praise to you, ascended Lord;  
all glory ever be  
to Father, Son, and Spirit blest  
through all eternity,  
through all eternity!**

## ***Sending***

L: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## ***Postlude***

“Lasset uns mit Jesu ziehen”

Jacob B. Weber

## **SERVING US IN WORSHIP**

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

## **The Ascension Call Committee**

The Ascension Call Committee invites you to join them to Meet and Greet a visiting prospective pastor and his wife.

The Elder Board is hosting this Coffee Hour at 11 am Saturday, October 19. We will want to be very welcoming and happy to meet them. They want to get to know us, just as we want to know more about them!

But if you already have plans on Saturday morning, you could meet them on Friday morning as well. We will have them visiting our church to offer them a tour of our buildings and sanctuary and in a casual and conversational meeting. Come by on Friday, October 18 at 10 am if you are free.

DCMARVA  
Fall 2024 Zone Rally  
Saturday, November 2, 2024

A meditation on Psalm 103

*11 "For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His  
steadfast love towards those who fear Him"*

Ingathering will support Community Crisis Services, Inc.

The CCSI provides low barrier safe shelter for men, women and children.  
This includes case management and follow up as they move towards  
permanent housing.

Items Most Needed

Nonperishable food items - especially snacks - chips, popcorn, cookies  
(pop tops or easy open - can openers not always available)  
Laundry supplies - detergent (pods), dryer sheets, fabric softener, bleach  
Food Gift Cards - Popeyes, McDonald's, Wendy's, Subway, Chipotle, KFC,  
Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts  
Toiletries (full size) -body wash, lotion, deodorant, tooth brushes, tooth  
paste, dental floss, hand soap, bar soap, shampoo and conditioner

Zone Elections

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Registration 9:00 am Donation \$10  
Please RSVP by Oct 27 to Agnes Brown-Jones  
301-537-7469/agnesbrownjones@yahoo.com



## ***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.*

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### **Sunday @6**

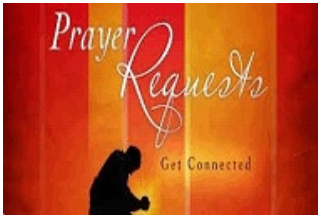
*To the Homebound and Sick, we invite you to participate in Sunday @ 6, a weekly worship call. We have prayer, Scripture, a devotion and music. We invite, welcome and encourage you to join us in Christian fellowship every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.*

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***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.*

*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.*

*Mary Tipton and family, upon the recent passing of her brother John  
Tipton*

*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

**Oct. 20, 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

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**Sunday, October 20, Twenty-Second Sunday of Pentecost**

9:00 am	Worship
	Confirmation Class
6:00 pm	Sunday @ 6

**Sunday, October 27, Twenty-Third Sunday of 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.



Altar Flowers

<i>Altar Flowers</i>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<i>Sanctuary Lights</i>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>

**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



**Samuel Coss, Katherine Kambia,  
Korey Budd, H. Glen Gaither, Jr.**

**Matthew & Erin  
Bartels**



## **SERVING US IN WORSHIP, Next Sunday, Oct. 27**

<b>Assistant</b>	Morris Hymes, Jr.
<b>Musician</b>	Ben Harris
<b>Message</b>	Andy House
<b>Reader</b>	Annette Singletary
<b>Greeters</b>	Jannie & Clay Goldston
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gloria Malachi, Kathy Garrett, Roberta White, Barbara Thom
<b>Ushers</b>	John Corkill, Calvin Lee, Ekanem Ekanem
<b>Counters</b>	Dianne Yohe, Harry Sessums