

# ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD  
LITTLETON, COLORADO

*November 18, 2018*

**8:00 am**



**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/SECOND LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

Glory Everlasting

**AS WE GATHER**

As the Church Year is approaching its close, we turn our focus to the last things. The very last thing that we confess in the Apostles' Creed is that we believe in the life everlasting. In Revelation, John describes the heavenly city of God and tells us that the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. Brilliant brightness has always been associated with the seeing of God, from the time when Moses had to veil his face because it reflected the dazzling presence of the almighty Lord. As we come into His presence for worship, we have a partial sense of that glory as we await that time beyond time, when we shall experience it fully in the life everlasting in His heavenly kingdom.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PRELUDE

“Glory Be To God the Father”

arr. Jim Vyhanek

PASTORAL GREETING

TOLLING OF THE BELL *Congregation, please stand.*

HYMN

“Alabare”

LSB 799

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Revelation 4:11; 15:4*

Pastor: Worthy are You, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,

People: **for You created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.**

Pastor: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

People: **For You alone are holy.**

Pastor: All nations will come and worship You,

People: **for Your righteous acts have been revealed. Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: **Merciful Father, with heartfelt repentance we confess our sin. We are sinful from birth and daily sin in thought, word, and deed. Our actions have been unkind and often have resulted in evil. Our words have been hurtful, and we have not always honored Your name in our speaking. We have left undone many things that could have brought glory and praise to You. We do not remain focused on looking with eager expectation to Your return in glory and have become taken in by the fleeting pleasures of this world. O Lord, grant us Your grace and the blessing of forgiveness. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to amend our sinful lives, that we grow daily in righteousness and be bringers of peace in our time.**

Pastor: Because of the great sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, on the cross of Calvary, God promises full and free forgiveness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☐ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

**Kyrie** (*spoken*)

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: 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.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "Glory Be To God the Father"  
**Verses 1-2, 4**

*LSB 506*

**SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You have promised that at the end of time You will appear in glory to gather Your people to You. Keep us firm and steadfast even in the face of hardships, challenges, and disappointments in this world that we never lose the hope in Christ that will sustain us until Your return as judge on the Last Day; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are worshiped and glorified, now and eternally.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Daniel 12:1–3**

(Those who are named in the Book of Life will be delivered.)

**"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people--everyone whose name is found written in the book--will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.**

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Refrain*



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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### **EPISTLE: Hebrews 10:11–25**

(The Lord will not remember the sins of the faithful anymore.)

**Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool, because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:**

**"This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."**

**Then he adds:**

**"Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."**

**And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.**

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*Congregation, please rise for the Alleluia Verse and the Gospel.*

**VERSE**     *Mark 13:13b*

**People:**     **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Pastor:**     The one who endures to the end will be saved.

**People:**     **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 13:1–13**

(The one who stands firm to the end will be saved.)

**Pastor:**     The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

**People:**     **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"**

**"Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."**

**As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"**

**Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.**

**"You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.**

**"Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved."**

**Pastor:**     This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**     **Praise to You, O Christ.**



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**SERMON** “Firm To The End”

Pastor John Larson  
Text: Mark 13:1-13

**CATECHISM** *The Second Article*

**Pastor:** In his “What does this mean?” reflecting on the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed, Martin Luther reminds us that our final and eternal calling is to live under our Lord in His kingdom and serve Him as we share in the glory of heaven. Let us joyfully confess the article that tells of our redemption.

**People:** **And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**Pastor:** What does this mean?

**People:** **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the Church, the gathering of God’s forgiven people, that we be of support and encouragement to one another as we await the day of the Lord’s return, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** For our nation, our state, our local community, and our neighborhoods, that justice prevail in our courts and in all centers of government as we await the day of the final judgment, that we lead lives that are peaceful and secure, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** For those with special need for our petitions in these times as the day of Christ's return draws ever closer, including the sick and hospitalized, the shut-ins, those facing challenges in employment or in other parts of their lives, [*including . . .*], that their needs be met according to God's gracious plan, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** . . . *other intercessions may be included here.* . . . let us pray to the Lord.

**People:** Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.

**Pastor:** As we join in prayer, we thank You, Lord, for the faithful witness left to us by Your saints, those we have known personally in our lives and those from times past whose witness continues to inspire and inform us. Grant that Your Holy Spirit lead us in ways of peace as we await the resurrection of the body and the glory of the life everlasting.

**People:** Lord, have mercy, and hear our prayer.

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

**People:** Amen.

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** And also with you.

*We share the Lord's peace with one another, saying, "Peace be with you."*

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** "In the Calm"

Scott

Krippayne and Tony Wood

Duet: Jenna Lawrenz and Christa Kirschner



## HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION

*The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with "Amen!", a word of affirmation and belief.*

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*  
People: **And also with you.**  
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*  
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*  
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And now we thank You that You have called us to prepare for and to await with joy the Last Day and the return of our Savior Jesus Christ to earth in glory when He shall judge the living and the dead and shall bring in the fullness of Your eternal kingdom. With all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glory by joining in the eternal anthem and singing:

### SANCTUS

“Sanctus”

LSB 961

#### 961 Sanctus

The musical score for Sanctus 961 is written on four staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed, bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✕ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✕ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

***Lord’s Prayer (Sung Responsively)***

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| Our Father,<br>Who art in heav’n<br>Hallowed be Thy name.<br>Thy kingdom come,<br>Thy will be done<br>on earth<br>as it is in heaven.<br>Please give us<br>our daily bread.<br>And forgive us<br>all our sin,<br>as we forgive.<br>Those who sin against us.<br>And lead us not<br>in temptation,<br>But deliver us<br>from the evil one.<br>For the kingdom,<br>pow’r, and glory are Yours,<br>both now<br>and forevermore.<br>Amen.<br>Alleluia!<br>Amen.<br>Alleluia! | <b>Our Father,<br/>Who art in heav’n<br/>Hallowed be Thy name.<br/>Thy kingdom come,<br/>Thy will be done<br/>on earth<br/>as it is in heaven.<br/>Please give us<br/>our daily bread.<br/>And forgive us<br/>all our sin,<br/>as we forgive.<br/>Those who sin against us.<br/>And lead us not<br/>in temptation,<br/>But deliver us<br/>from the evil one.<br/>For the kingdom,<br/>pow’r, and glory are Yours,<br/>both now<br/>and forevermore.<br/>Amen.<br/>Alleluia!<br/>Amen.<br/>Alleluia!</b> |
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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 Your peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

- “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” LSB 563
- “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” (Organ) arr. Wayne Wold
- Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending” LSB 336
- “Jerusalem the Golden” LSB 672

**GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING**

**BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** 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. *Numbers 6:24–26*

**People:** **Amen.**

**HYMN** “Christ is Surely Coming” LSB 509

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS**

**POSTLUDE** “Toccata” David H. Hegarty

Then Jesus began to say to them,  
“Beware that no one  
leads you astray.”

Mark 13:5, NRSV



## Serving in Worship

OFFICIANT and CELEBRANT  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRIES  
YOUTH BAND

Pastor John Larson  
Michael Zehnder  
Ashley Boeding, Brooke Boeding, Larry Boeding, Lilly Brinkman, Brian Johnson, Christa Kirschner, Will Kopriva, Bob Shiflet

ELDER 8:00  
10:30

Arvin Michel  
Roger Gaide  
Lynne Hansen

LECTOR 8:00  
10:30

Mike Reimnitz  
Esther Langness

ACOLYTE 8:00  
10:30

Soraya Rivera

USHERS 8:00

Hank Peepgrass, Members of the Congregation

10:30

Jason Dierking, Members of the Congregation

SERVER 10:30

Jude Donovan

ALTAR GUILD

Sally Atchison, Gloria Gaudreault, Dawn Munson, Cathy Utecht

FLOWERS

Ellen Thompson in loving memory of her husband, Ralph, and her dad's birthday

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