

# ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD  
LITTLETON, COLORADO

*June 10 and 11, 2023*

4:00 p.m. Saturday; 9:00 a.m. Sunday



**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – HOLY, HOLY HOLY**

**AS WE GATHER: THE FIRST PETITION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Hallowed be thy Name.

*What does this mean?*

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

*How is God's name kept holy?*

God's name is kept holy when the word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**Prelude** "Prelude and Fugue in F Major" J.S. Bach

**Pastoral Greeting**

**Opening Hymn** "God Himself is Present" *LSB 907*

**Invocation**

**Exhortation**

**Pastor:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive our selves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Confession of Sins**

**Pastor:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**Absolution**

**Spoken Kyrie (Divine Service, Setting One)**

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

**People:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Pastor:** For 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.**





Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.



1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,  
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My



Still You're there right be - side me. And  
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.



noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And



Please be near me to the end. \_\_\_\_\_  
I will love You to the end. \_\_\_\_\_

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### ✂ WORD ✂

#### Old Testament Reading: *Hosea 5:15 – 6:6*

*(The Lord desires that His people show mercy.)*

**I will return again to my place,  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,  
and in their distress earnestly seek me.**

**“Come, let us return to the Lord;  
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.**

**After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.**

**Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord;  
his going out is sure as the dawn;**

he will come to us as the showers,  
as the spring rains that water the earth.”  
What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes early away.  
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.  
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Epistle: *Romans 4:13-25***

*(An account of the faith of Abraham)*

For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Please rise for the Verse and the Holy Gospel.*

**VERSE**     *John 6:68*



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.

**Pastor:**     The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

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

**Holy Gospel: *Matthew 9:9-13***

*(Jesus calls Matthew as a disciple.)*

**As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.**

**And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”**

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

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

**Children’s Message (9:00)**

**Jenna Lawrenz**

**Hymn of the Day**

“O Word of God Incarnate”

*LSB 523*

**Sermon**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Pastor John Larson

Text: Matthew 6:9

**Nicene Creed**

*(found in the back of the hymnal)*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Pastor:**     Lord, in your mercy ...

**People:**     **Hear our prayer.**

**Sharing of the Peace**

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

**People:**     **And also with you.**

*You may now greet one another in the name of the Lord using...Peace be with you!*



**Offering (4:00 pm - collected in the back; 9:00 am – collected in the pews)**

**Offering Music (9:00)**

“Thy Word”

arr. Mark Hayes

## ✠ 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 (Divine Service, Setting One)**

*LSB 160*

### **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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus (Divine Service, Setting One)**

*LSB 161*

### **Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**                    *Matthew 6:9-13*

**People:**    **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Agnus Dei (Divine Service, Setting One)**

*LSB 163*

### **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

**Special Organ Music**                    "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"                    Theodore Beck

**Hymn**                                            "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"                    *LSB 623*

**General Communion Blessing**

**Benediction** (Divine Service, Setting One)

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.

People: **Amen**

**Closing Hymn** "Holy, Holy, Holy"

LSB 507

**Congregational Concerns**

**Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** "Phantasy on the Hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'" Piet Post



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Pastor John Larson  
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Diana Gaide  
4 p.m. Jim Wert; 9 a.m. John Klepetka  
Jacob Williams  
4 p.m. Curt Engle; 9 a.m. Dennis Lord  
4:00 p.m. Curt Engle  
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