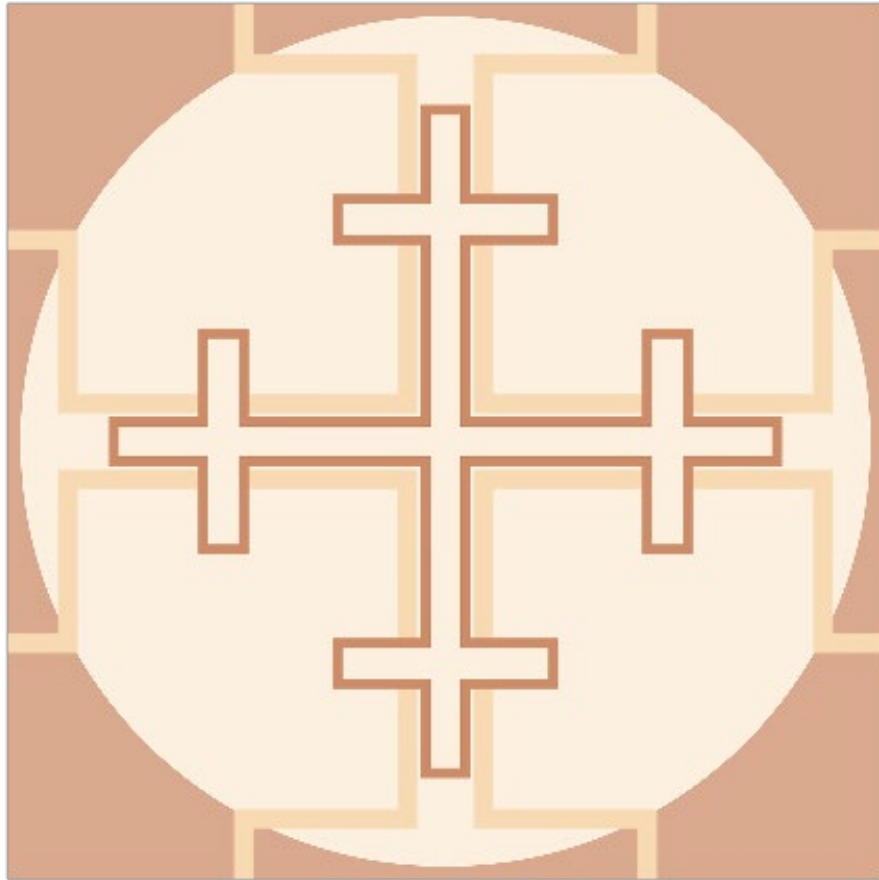


ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD
LITTLETON, COLORADO

August 15-16, 2026

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



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JESUS OPENS THE DOOR OF MERCY TO ALL PEOPLES

AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel, our Lord Jesus moved beyond His ministry initially among the Jews now to the Gentile woman of Canaan. The miracle greater than the healing of her daughter was her great faith in Jesus addressing Him, saying, "Lord, help me" (Matthew 15:25). Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord said He would bring "foreigners" to His "house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:6–7). Here He gives "many blessings even though we are undeserving" (Prayer of the Day). The early church learned how the Gentiles are grafted into Israel, making the Christian Church the fulfillment of the true Israel, God's people! The outreach of the Gospel of Christ continues through His church, calling all people "that He may have mercy on all" (Romans 11:32). Because of God's effective call, you can have steadfast confidence in His loving kindness and mercy.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Pre-Service Music “A Multitude Comes from the East and West” Kenneth Kosche
 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun” David Cherwien

Pastoral Greeting

Opening Hymn “A Multitude Comes from the East and West” *LSB 510*

Invocation

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 15:22*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: **to God my exceeding joy.**

Pastor: My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

People: **Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Today, though we are undeserving, we come to the Lord saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.” Let us seek the Lord here while He may be found to grant us healing, help, and forgiveness.

People: **Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of God, we are severely oppressed by sin in all our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned against You by our own fault. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O Lord, and grant us forgiveness, help, and salvation. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of all who believe in the name of His only begotten Son, is the God of mercy and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. In that mercy He gives power to become the children of God and promises His Holy Spirit. All who believe and are baptized shall be saved.

People: **Amen.**

KYRIE

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.

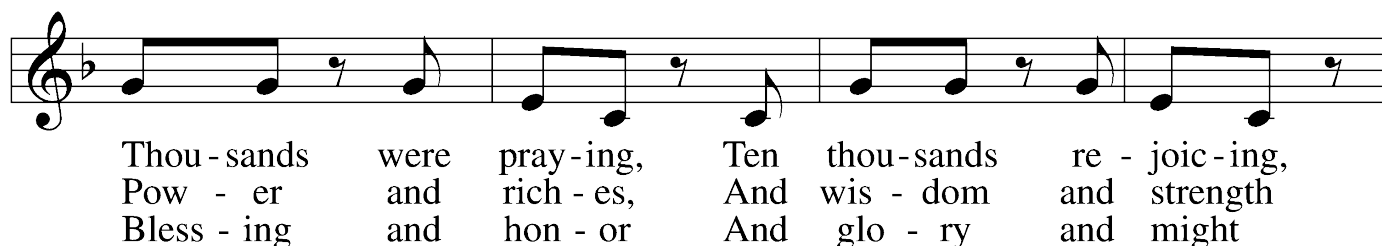
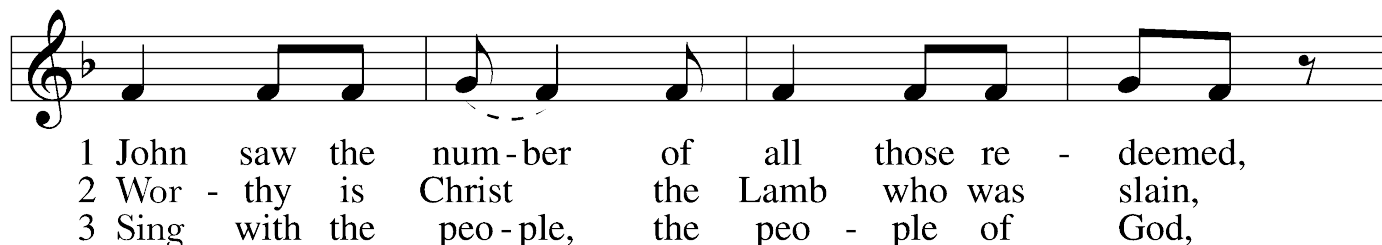
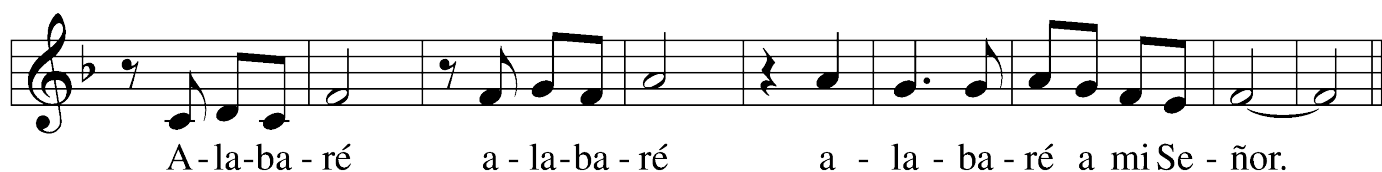
Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (4:00 only)

“Alabaré - I”

LSB 799



SONGS OF PRAISE (9:00 – Praise Team and Congregation)

Song (9:00 only)

WHO YOU SAY I AM

Hillsongs

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

**CHORUS: Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am**

Free at last, He has ransomed me His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me **CHORUS**

In my Father's house There's a place for me
I'm a child of God Yes I am

I am chosen Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me Not against me
I am who You say I am

I am chosen Not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me Not against me
I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am **CHORUS**

In my Father's house There's a place for me
I'm a child of God Yes I am

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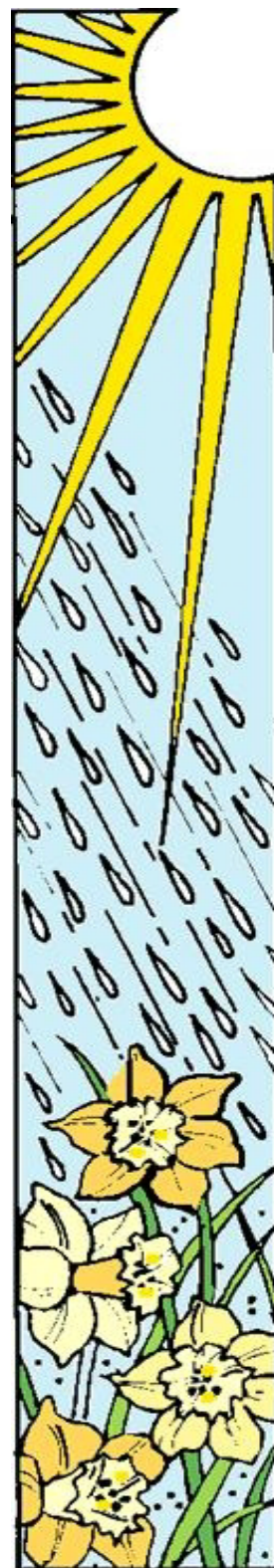
Song (9:00)

GOD I'M JUST GRATEFUL

Elevation Worship

There was no way until You made one
Grace upon grace hallelujah
Even though I don't deserve it
You did it
Even though I couldn't earn it
You give it

Who am I that You keep me on Your mind
God I'm just grateful for You
God I'm just grateful for You
All my life You've been right here by my side



God I'm just grateful for You
God I'm just grateful for You

Holy holy there's only one
I give You glory for all that You've done
Even though I don't deserve it
You did it
Even though I couldn't earn it
You give it

Who am I that You keep me on Your mind
God I'm just grateful for You
God I'm just grateful for You
All my life You've been right here by my side
God I'm just grateful for You
God I'm just grateful for You *(repeat section)*

I'm lifting both of my hands
You gave me chance after chance after chance
I'm giving all that I am
You gave me chance after chance after chance
(repeat section)

Who am I that You keep me on Your mind
God I'm just grateful for You
God I'm just grateful for You
All my life You've been right here by my side
God I'm just grateful for You
God I'm just grateful for You *(repeat section)*

I survived and I'm here to testify
God I'm just grateful for You
God I'm just grateful for You
I'm alright if they say I'm outta my mind
God I'm just grateful for You
God I'm just grateful for You



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✂ WORD ✂

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
(Salvation for foreigners)

Thus says the Lord:

**“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my righteousness be revealed.**

**“And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of
prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of
prayer
for all peoples.”
the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”**

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

(Mercy for all)

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please rise for the Verse and the Holy Gospel.



VERSE**Alleluia — II**

LSB 952



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

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

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28**

(A foreigner's daughter healed)

And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 "Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ"

LSB 769

Sermon "Consider Job's Friends"

Pastor John Larson

Text: Job 2:11-13

Apostles' Creed*(found at the back of the hymnal)***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy...

People: **Amen.**

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 back; 9:00 am – collected in the pews)

Offering Music (9:00 – Praise Team and Congregation)

Song **HOLY FOREVER** **Chris Tomlin and Phil Wickham**

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

PRE-CHORUS

**Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all**

CHORUS 1

**And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever**

If you've been forgiven
and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

CHORUS 1

**And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever**

CHORUS 2

**Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy**



You will always be Holy
Holy forever

PRE-CHORUS (Sung Twice)

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

CHORUS 1

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

CHORUS 2

Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

You will always be Holy
Holy forever



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✠ 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)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

Special Organ Music (4:00)	"Now the Silence"	Jonathan Kohrs
Hymn (4:00)	"Now the Silence"	LSB 910
Praise Songs (9:00 – Praise Team and Congregation)		
Hymn (9:00)	"Now the Silence"	LSB 910
Song (9:00 – Praise Team and Congregation)	Way Maker	Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

You are Way Maker Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God
that is who You are
You are Way Maker Miracle Worker
Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God
that is who You are

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You, yeah -- I worship You.



You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are
That is who You are

Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are
You are Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working (Sung THREE times)

That is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are.

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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 "Jesus Shall Reign"

LSB 832

Congregational Concerns

Dismissal

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude "Jesus Shall Reign"

Michael Burkhardt



“Even the dogs under
the table eat the
children’s crumbs.”

Mark 7:28

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Rev. Michael Zehnder

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Agape and Youth Praise Teams

4:00 Jeff Dunker; 9:00 Arvin Michel

9:00 Ellise Friend

4:00 Dave Olsson; 9:00 Larry Nisbet

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