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Confession and Forgiveness

C: Amen

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

C: Gracious Father, we realize that we are gripped by sin and that we are unable to resolve this problem. We find that many of our thoughts are selfish, many of our words are hurtful, and many of our actions are self-serving. Our lives are not fully committed to following your will on a daily basis. We regularly do spiteful things to the people closest to us in life. We easily overlook the needs of many we encounter as we hurriedly go from one thing to another. We pray for forgiveness and a new start because of your love as we know it in Jesus.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day - Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Gospel Lesson: Mark 6:14-29

Give thanks to the
Lord,
for he is good.
His love endures
forever.
Psalm 136:1

Song of Praise

“Great Are You, Lord”

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 christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

P: Now may the peace of the Lord be with you all!

C: And also with you!

Prayers of the People of God

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

“Lord Listen” (to be sung before the prayers)

(Following each petition, the Pastor may use the following words:)

P: Lord, in your faithfulness,

C: Hear our prayer.

Victory Celebration

P: The Lord is with you!

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness. For you have glorified your name and your word above all things. When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me. (Psalm 138:1-3)

“Awesome God”

Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer - 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.

Invitation to Communion

Communion Distribution

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post-Communion Prayer - Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

P: 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. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

Sending Song

"This Is Amazing Grace"

Sending

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Joyfully, we invite and equip all people to share Christ's love.

Postlude

THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED, OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

COMMUNION FOR ALL BAPTIZED!!!

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Gluten free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request.

Offering Options:

Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary as you enter or exit. If you'd like to give digitally - scan this code:

Thank you!



<u>August 2, 2026</u>		<u>August 9, 2026</u>	
9:30 AM Worship Service		9:30 AM Worship Service	
Communion:	Linda Bubolz	Communion:	Pastor Marcia
Reader:	Darrel Klemp	Reader:	Chris Schley
Money Counter:	Ruthann Meiers	Money Counter:	Glen Peebles
Altar Care:	Jean Conradt	Altar Care:	Jean Conradt

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AUGUST 2 - 9, 2026 Announcements

TODAY, AUGUST 2

Birthday Sunday
8:30 am - Bible Study
9:30 am - Worship Service
Fellowship Meal - Birthday
Cake & Ice Cream

Welcome to all visitors!
Thank you for worshipping
with us today.
Please sign the guestbook
in the entryway.

AUGUST 9 (Sun.)

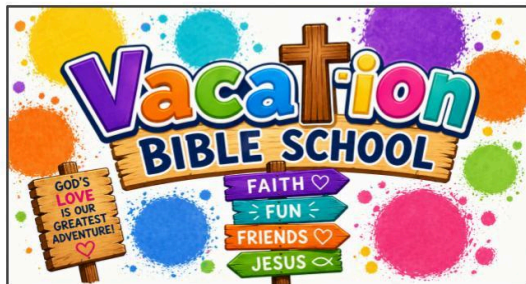
8:30 am - Bible Study
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Fellowship Meal - Pizza

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ❖ **Sunday - Thursday, August 9-12, 2026 -**
 - VBS 6:00 - 7:30 pm
 - The VBS Closing Program will be on Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30 pm
- ❖ **Sunday, August 30, 2026**
 - Bring Your Tractor to Church
- ❖ **Sunday, October 18, 2026**
 - Polka Service at 9:30 am
 - Chicken Dinner 11-2



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH



DATES: August 9-12, 2026

6:00 - 7:30 pm

CLOSING PROGRAM:

August 12 at 6:30 pm

**Ages Preschool & up
(Grades 5 & up can be helpers)**

All Are Welcome!!

To RSVP Call: (920) 572-0583

The Story Behind “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

“Let’s go have some fun and heckle those stuffy churchgoers!” With a fiendish chuckle, twenty-year-old Joachim Neander sauntered through the twisting streets of Bremen, Germany. Several rowdy and rebellious fellow students accompanied him, eager to provoke a preacher. He wholeheartedly joined others in riotous living.

That particular morning, Joachim had no idea how his life would change. Entering a church with the intent to disrupt the sermon, his attitude quickly changed from being disrespectful to being reverent as the Holy Spirit opened the young man’s eyes and heart to the Gospel message. Convicted, the rebellious young man repented and gave his life to Jesus Christ.

For several years afterward, Mr. Neander served as an assistant to the preacher who had led him to the Lord. Next, Mr. Neander began tutoring other young men while holding a position at a school in Dusseldorf. A vibrant believer, he encouraged prayer and preaching at the school.

At the age of thirty, Mr. Neander was diagnosed with tuberculosis. After only ten years of loving and serving his Savior, the young pastor and teacher passed from this life to Heaven. During his illness, he wrote the hymn “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.” *Reverence* is “awareness of how God is working through the people and events in my life to produce the character of Christ in me.” As we recognize God’s loving work in our lives, our hearts will be turned to exalt Him. No matter who or what God allows in our lives, whether pleasant or unpleasant, we can trust and praise Him. As we trust God and His goodness in all things, we will develop reverence for Him. We can joyfully worship God, Who is worthy of all our praise!

(<https://iblp.org/hymn-history-praise-to-the-lord-the-almighty/>)

Support our church this summer with Scrip!

Summer brings vacations, cookouts, road trips, and family fun - and Scrip can help with all of it! Use scrip gift cards for gas, groceries, restaurants, home improvement projects, and summer shopping while supporting our church at the same time.

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Thank you for continuing to support our ministries through your everyday purchases. Scrip is available after services on Sundays or through the church office.



Prayer List

Alice Mueller, Dave Richter, Pat Zuiches, Arnie Kloes,
Russell Kloes, Beck & Rosie Pues, Carl Schoettler, Dave Rohrer,
Linda Ogi, Scott Wollenberg, Jenifer Erb



Prayers for the Congregation

The Champions of Prayer are hoping that you will join us in praying for every member of our Ascension Family. Each Sunday we will list the names of those you should hold up in prayer for the week. The power of prayer is amazing and we know we will see and feel the love of others on the day we are prayed for. We invite you to join us in our prayer walk and daily conversations with God.

Sunday: Pray for focus, perseverance and encouragement for students, teachers and school staff.

Monday: Kay Fuerst, Miranda Hartlaben, George Peters, Dean Hillsberg, Henry Mitchler

Tuesday: Layla Houdek, Elizabeth Stouffer, Jacob Mitchler, Steve Schinke, Dawson Stedjee

Wednesday: Patty Lorenz, Susan Kauffman, Carrie Daoust, Brandon Wilkinson, Erin Schley

Thursday: Mitchell Sokolski, Jr., Jacob Mitchler, Denelle Daniels, Ioline Nitzske

Friday: Carmen Wetzels, Mark Christianson, Marlene Westgor, Wallace Duhm, Chris Schley

Saturday: Matt Johnson, Debbie Wilber, Phil Daoust, Mark Wilkinson, Dan Bubolz

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Our Mission Statement:

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Summer Office Hours:

Tuesday 9:00am - 1:00pm