

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

August 22 , 2021
9:15 A.M.



Gathering Hymn.....God of Grace and God of Glory (705)
Hymn of the Day....Lord Whose Love in Humble Service (712)
Communion.....You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (484)
Sending Hymn.....Soli Deo Gloria, vs. 1-4 (878)

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Prelude

**Scott Crump & Scott Christiansen
God of Grace and God of Glory**

Arr. Paul Manz, c .2015 Birnamwood Publications

Announcements

+ Confession

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the creator of wind and rain,
field and ocean, the power at work within us and this world.*

Amen.

*Before God and in the company of our sisters and brothers, let us
confess our sin.*

(Silence for reflection.)

God and Father of all,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We
have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we
could take back, and looked the other way when action was
needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal
us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

Forgiveness

Gathering Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory (705)

Greeting

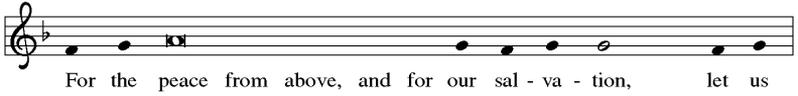
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

And also with you.

Kyrie



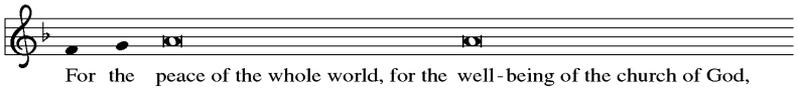
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



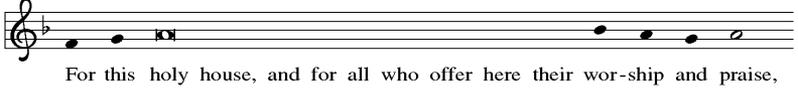
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



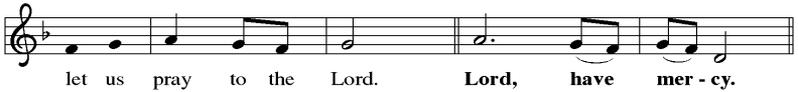
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

O God,

your son was anointed to bring good news and proclaim liberty. We have been anointed to share your love in word and deed. Call us to this task again and again. Give us faith and wisdom to see our calling as rooted in Jesus' calling, that we might know we matter. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Special Music

"O God, Beyond All Praising"

Scott Crump, trombone

arr. Charles Callahan ©2016 Birnamwood Publications

Reading

Ephesians 4:11-16

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

+ Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The notes are simple, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:16-24

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring

good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Smith

Hymn of the Day Lord Whose Love in Humble Service (712)

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984; Music: The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844;

arr. Selected Hymns

1985 Text c. Oxford University Press, Arr. c. 1985 Augsburg Fortress

Blessing of the Quilts

+Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

Prayers

Trusting the Spirit's power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

(a brief silence)

After each petition:

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Those remembered in prayer this week: Beth Ayen, Brad Buhler, Sonny Campbell, Andrea Gallant, Elaine Glover, Bev Godec, Steve Hast, Ginger Johnson, Stewart Hellem, Jean Hinck, Joshua Kaiser, Pam Landry, Michael Noble Jr, Kim Parker, John Plump, Carlos Quiles, Rick Rogers, Jeff Sebben, Cassie Shaffer, Cathy Stanley, Carol Thompson, Wanda Wade, Dee Yocum, all our men and women serving overseas, especially Anthony Calderon, and all others we lift up to you at this time.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

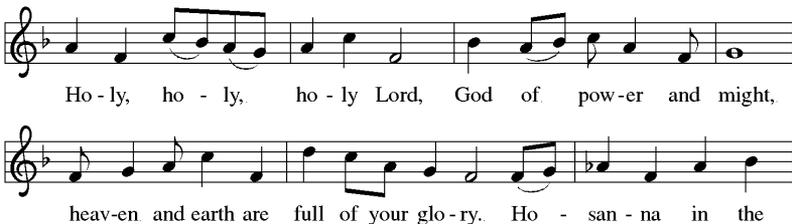
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Preface to the Sanctus

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

We praise you and glorify your holy name.

*You formed the earth from chaos;
 you encircled the globe with air;
 you created fire for warmth and light;
 you nourish the lands with water.*

*With mercy higher than the mountains, you blessed and cherished
 your people Israel.*

*With grace deeper than the seas, you came among us in Jesus.
 With love stronger than stone, you died and rose that we might
 have life.*

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

We praise you and glorify your holy name. Amen.

In the night in which he was betrayed ...

*Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until
 he comes:*

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and our pleading, as
 Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing
 until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in
 the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours,
 now and forever.*

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

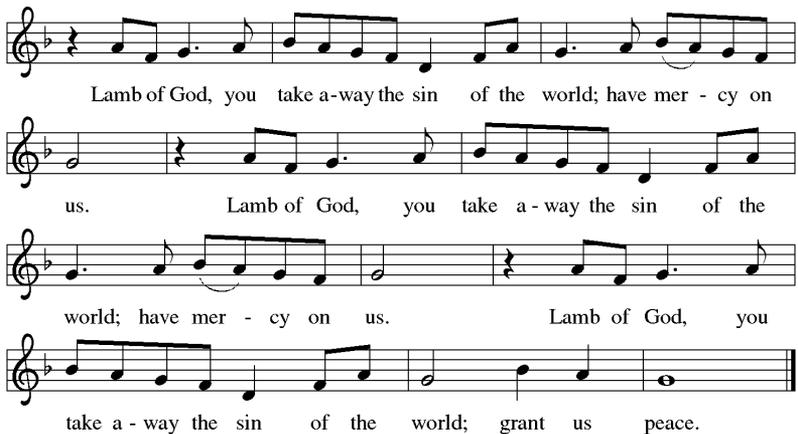
Invitation to Communion

For those worshiping in the sanctuary, come forward to receive the bread and wine, maintaining 6 feet between households. Take a piece of bread and cup of wine/grape juice from the table, hearing the promise from the pastor. Gluten free bread and white grape juice are available.

God's love and this meal are for all, including children. If your child is not ready to receive, they may receive a simple blessing such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you."

For those worshiping at home, when invited by the pastor we encourage you to eat and drink trusting that this is God's free gift of grace for you.

Lamb of God



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 peace.

Communion Hymn

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (484)

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997; Music: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922-1996

Text and music c. 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia

The Communion Blessing
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, almighty God,

that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Soli Deo Gloria, vs. 1-4 (878)

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; Music: Marty Haugen

Text and Music, c. 1999 GIA Publications, Inc.

Benediction

Amen.

Sending

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

“Prelude and Fugue in C” by J.S. Bach

Thank you to Ernie and Jeanie Hinck the altar flowers this week in celebration of their 53rd anniversary.

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- Prayer Request Form: <https://forms.gle/iOEWie3LkVtz3cmLA>

THOSE SERVING ASCENSION'S WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Deacon: Tom Johnson **Cantor:** Megan Miller
Reader: Kirsten Johnson **Communion Assistant:** Russ Johnson

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Dan Holt Pastor Daniel Smith Deacon Mary Stoneback
Office Administrator.....Ruth Albrent-Runnells
Director of Children's Learning Center.....Teresa Adams

MUSIC MINISTRY

Director of MusicMegan Miller
Organist and Accompanist.....Scott Christiansen
Bell Choir Director.....Dolores McClaren

Calendar- August 22-29

<u>SUNDAY 8/22</u>	9:15 AM	In Person & Online Worship
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	10:00 AM	Karen Moore Funeral
	7:00 PM	Confirmation Orientation
<u>SUNDAY 8/29</u>	9:15 AM	In Person & Online Worship
	10:15 AM	LIRS Presentation

Office hours are Monday-Friday 9:00am-1:00pm. Any other questions call 719-634-1694

New Mask Guidelines With the local rise of the delta variant of Covid-19, Ascension is still asking anyone who isn't fully vaccinated to wear a mask when in the building. In addition, because El Paso county has high transmission of the delta variant of the virus, we are strongly recommending that even those vaccinated wear a mask for your health and those around you.

Online Worship on Sundays continues. Join us for worship on Sunday at 9:15 online! www.ascensioncos.org/worship/worship-online Tune in at 9:10 am for announcements and videos to prepare for worship.

Not able to join on Sunday? Watch the service later on our YouTube channel or call (719)413-5167 on Tuesday of each week to listen to Sunday's worship service.

Thank you to Ernie & Jeanie Hinck for the altar flowers this week in celebration of their 53rd anniversary.

Thank you Ascension! On Monday August 16, I returned back to my office after a three month Sabbatical. The time away was blessed with discoveries; some known, others new. I will share a little about my rest and renewal on Sunday September 19 in between services. All are welcome! Sincerely, Deacon Mary

Learn About Refugees! In the last year Ascension made a donation to Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services (LIRS) to support the resumption a medical program. Two representatives will be with us from LIRS on August 29th to talk to us about what they do and the refugee process. Given the crisis in Afghanistan and our support for LIRS with the Faster Pastors, this is very timely. Join us after worship at 10:15 on August 29th.

ELCA support for our neighbors in Haiti

A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti last week. Nearly 2,000 people were killed, and many more were injured. Homes were destroyed and roads were blocked but they're still searching for people and uncovering damage. On top of the devastation is their political turmoil after the president was killed. Haiti is also in the path of hurricanes during this hurricane season and was hit by Tropical Storm Grace.

The ELCA has provided support to Haiti for many years. The Lutheran Disaster Response is collecting donations to help in these current crises. If you'd like to donate to the ELCA for this cause, please use the link below.

[Your gifts will support earthquake survivors in Haiti. Gifts to "Haiti Crisis" will be used in full \(100%\) to assist those affected by the earthquake.](#)

COSILoveYou/God's Work Our Hands

Mark Saturday, October 2nd in your calendars now. Ascension will be part of the City Serve Day organized with COS I Love You in conjunction with many area churches providing volunteers to about 40 organizations! This will be our God's Work Our Hands fall service event. Starting Mon., 8/23, you may go to their website and register to work at one of the several organizations that have requested volunteers. We recommend Mercy's Gate, Family Promise or Audobon Elementary across the street from our church. We also have 4 slots held for volunteers that would like to volunteer at KPC (there are more spaces but we thought we'd share this wonderful place with new volunteers too). There is a place requesting volunteers to make bunk beds too! Sounds like fun to some of you, I'm sure (Humblewood workshop).

1. If you'd like to volunteer at KPC, please notify Karen Askinas at kaskinas@gmail.com I will add you to one of the spots we have reserved.
 2. If you want to sign up on your own at one of our recommended locations or another on the list, *starting Aug 23rd*, go to <https://cosiloveyou.com/cityserve-day/>
 - a. register to volunteer directly from their list of organizations.
 - b. You will click on the organization name to register with that organization.
 3. Be sure to *select Ascension Lutheran in the "affiliation" list* when you register. It's a drop down menu and we are listed.
 4. The list shows when volunteers are needed. Most are from 9am-noon but some have afternoon openings too.
 5. For those that do not want to go on their website and register to volunteer on their own, we will have someone to help with sign ups after church. Look for us at the desk by the main door.
 6. Wear your God's Work Our Hands t-shirt!
- blessings,
Social Outreach committee

Confirmation for Ascension middle school youth is back! We will meet Wednesday August 25, 7-8pm at Ascension for a short orientation meeting. Confirmation will meet the first three Wednesdays of each month, beginning September 1st. We're

grateful to continue to collaborate with Christ the King Lutheran Church and their youth and families. For more information, contact Deacon Mary at m.stoneback@ascensioncos.org.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits are back! We are looking for donations from the congregation to help fill 60 LWR school kits. You can visit their website <https://lwr.org/kits/school-kits/instructions> or reference the list of supplies below. A box will be available at church for drop offs starting August 1st.

- 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose leaf paper
- 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- Pencil sharpener
- Pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 2 ½" eraser
- Sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag, approximately 14" x 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks)

If you have any questions you can contact Sylvia Holt at sylvia.holt6@gmail.com.

The Faster Pastors are at it again! For the 10th year, the faster pastors are running. This year we are raising funds for Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services. LIRS provides critical support to refugees and immigrants and has been doing so for a lot longer than we've been running. On September 10-11, the 10 Faster Pastors will be running a relay for about 30 hours and 165 miles from Idaho Springs to Buena Vista. And they aren't all pastors! This year our own Karin Rose will join the team. Pastor Daniel is also running for the 8th time. You can support the cause

by making a check to Ascension with "faster pastor" in the memo or by giving online and selecting the "Faster Pastors" fund. www.ascensioncos.org/give

Voices From the Classroom: A Celebration of Teachers

Please join us between services on Sunday September 26 as we honor the incredible teachers at Ascension. The event will include snacks, a picture display in the fellowship hall, and a panel discussion with members of Ascension who are educators. If you are an educator, or a retired educator, please email us your name and where you teach or taught including dates. We would also love to include pictures to post in the Fellowship Hall so that we can acknowledge you at the celebration. Digital pictures are welcomed, and photos will be returned. You can email your information or any questions you may have to: elisat92@gmail.com; drop off pictures in my box or at the front office; or you can call/text Elisa at 719.641.5184.

This Celebration is made possible by the Faith Formation for Maturing Adults team, the Board of Lay Ministry, and the Endowment Board.

Ushers Needed. We are resuming our Usher program at Ascension after the Labor Day weekend. If you are interested in becoming an usher for the early or late services, please contact John Hayes at blazehayes@aol.com or at (719) 572-1052. Training will be provided.

Women's Retreat, Registration is now open for Rainbow Trail's Women's Retreat, 8 - 10 October. The theme of the weekend is "What are YOU waiting for." If you want to join me for a weekend of spiritual freedom, fellowship and fun, register at the link below.

<https://www.rainbowtrail.org/retreats/womens-retreats/>

I'd love to see a group of women from Ascension participate.

-Gail Tucker gtucker60@live.com (907) 854-4424

Calling all worship servers. With in-person worship resuming, it is time to begin filling various server roles! If you have an interest in serving as a Lector, Cantor, Acolyte, Greeter, or

helping with communion preparation before/after worship, please send an email to Ingrid Daniel at ildaniel@yahoo.com. Even if you have served in particular roles in the past, please still send Ingrid an email in order for us to have a complete roster of servers.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UsvcSIh2vjYOpR7I-EIOqC_Ww_i6ooKIaYCG8uOi3-I/edit?usp=sharing

Connection Card The weekly connection card is back! When you join us for weekly worship, we encourage you to fill out the weekly connection card on our worship page. This helps us know who's here and keep ... connected!

www.ascensioncos.org/worship/worship-online/

Ascension is still collecting gift cards for IHN families. Over \$3,600 in gift cards has already been collected for these families. Thank you. For more information our IHN coordinator is Scott Ewen at sdewenx2@att.net

Food Pantry Suggestions - We are specifically looking for nonperishable foods; however, items that are rarely picked up from our Food Pantry located outside the church building are packages of pasta and canned vegetables. Any donations of those items will go directly to Mercy's Gate. No sugared cereals or sugared drinks, please! While the children will happily eat them, they lack much nutritive value. Finally, **please do not donate expired food of any kind**. Thank you so much for your generous donations!