WELCOME – to all who have gathered to hear the Good News of Jesus!

VISITORS – We are so glad you chose to join us today! We understand that visiting a church can be an intimidating experience. We pray that Jesus blesses and nourishes your faith through the gospel proclaimed this day. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask. God bless your worship!

RESTROOM – It is located in the back room.

SMALL CHILDREN – Small children are always welcome in our service, no matter how fussy they may get or how much noise they make. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about worship, observe their parents listening to God’s Word and, most importantly, hear about their Savior! If you should need to take your child out for any reason, you can go in the back room and still watch the service on closed-circuit TV. Thanks for bringing your kids to hear about Jesus.

CONNECT WITH US – Please fill out the connection card you received when you came in today with as much info as you are comfortable. This helps us better serve you whether you are a guest, visitor or member. Thank you for worshipping with us.

Today—By Scripture Alone
This series will take a closer look at the four foundational truths of our Christian faith. They are summed up in one Latin word, sola, which means alone. They are truths we do not just talk about but are the foundation, not only of the church, but of our faith.
ORDER OF SERVICE

SERVICE OF THE WORD
The “Service of the Word” can trace its roots to the historic Christian Church. The parts of the service marked M are spoken by the minister, and the parts marked C are spoken by everyone in the congregation.

OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints
Christian Worship 551 verses 1-4

PLEASE STAND

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS
In the confession we acknowledge our sins and ask God to forgive them. The absolution stresses the substitutionary death of Jesus Christ for our sins and the sins of the world. In the absolution we are assured that Christ has forgiven us of all our sins.

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
C: Amen.
PRAYER AND PRAISE

After hearing the announcement of forgiveness, there is every reason for relief, joy, and thanksgiving. With that in mind, we sing this song with words taken from Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen.

THE WORD

This section is the heart and high point of our service. What follows is not the uncertain word of untrustworthy human beings. It is the Word of God that has called us to faith and strengthens our faith in Jesus as our Savior.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON  Daniel 12:1-13

A day of deliverance is coming when Jesus returns.

“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. (NIV)
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Encourage each other with these words.

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. 14 We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage each other with these words. (NIV)
VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-27

Be ready for Jesus’ return by listening to His Word.

At that time if anyone says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or, ‘Look, there he is!’ do not believe it. 22 For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. 23 So be on your guard; I have told you everything ahead of time. 24 “But in those days, following that distress, ‘the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; 25 the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’ 26 “At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 27 And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!
SERMON HYMN

Speak, O Lord
Christian Worship Supplement 735

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To receive the food of your Holy Word.
2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, That will fashion us in your likeness That the radiance of your purity. Cause our echo down through eternity. And by light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic grace we'll stand on your promises, And by faith we'll love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill love and authority. Words of pow'r that can walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your
fill in us All your purposes for your
never fail, Let their truth prevail over
Church is built And you fill the earth with your

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Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” 6 But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: 9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” 12 For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, 13 for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” 14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” 16 But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” 17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ. (NIV)
APOSTLES’ CREED

The Creed is a summary and profession of the Christian faith. This is a confession of the whole Christian Church on earth concerning the teachings of Scripture and especially about the person of Jesus Christ.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come 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.

Our thank-offering to the Lord flows out of the thankful hearts that have received the forgiveness of sins though a crucified and risen Savior. Please take a moment and fill out the connection card and place it in the offering plate as it goes by.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
The Lord invites our prayers and promises to listen and respond according to his will.

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: We, too, join them to praise your majesty.

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our prayers and petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.
LORD’S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

HYMN

For All the Saints
Christian Worship 551 verses 5-8

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Having seen and heard all that the Lord has done, we are prepared to go from here in peace, to live in harmony with each other, and serve our God with gladness.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.
There Is a Higher Throne
Christian Worship Supplement 727

1 There is a higher throne than all this
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be-

world has known. Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
fore the throne. We'll honor him in perfect song

will one day come. Before the Son we'll stand,
where we belong. He'll wipe each tear-stained eye

made faultless through the Lamb; Believing
as thirst and hunger die. The Lamb be-

hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.
comes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him.

Refrain

Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous
anthem rings. Through emerald courts and sapphire skies
their prais-es rise. All glo-ry, wis-dom, pow’r,
strength, thanks, and hon-or are to God our King who
reigns on high for-ev-er-more.

The vivid imagery of our Lord’s revelation to Saint John is elegantly summarized in this Irish hymn.

Tune: THERE IS A HIGHER THRONE (12 12 12 12 and Refrain)

A FEW MOMENTS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND REFLECTION
Take a moment to reflect on today’s message, or a hymn during the service. Following the announcements, feel free to stick around and join us for a time of fellowship.
ASCENSION
NEWS & NOTES

Our Week with the Lord: November 19—November 26, 2017

Today:  Worship……………………………………………………………………………9:00 AM
         Presentation…………………………………………………………….10:20 AM
         Confirmation Class…………………………………………………11:30 AM

Tuesday: Mornings with Mommy………………………………………………………10:00 AM

Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social…………………………….6:00 PM

Sunday:    Worship………………………………………………………………………..9:00 AM
           Family Bible Hour…………………………………………………………….10:20 AM
           Confirmation Class………………………………………………………….11:30 AM

Sunday School

Today's Lesson:  The Twelve Spies

Next Week:  The Bronze Snake

Memory Treasure: Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understand-
ing. Proverbs 3:5
Thanksgiving Service & Pie Social

Join us as we gather together
to give thanks to God
and enjoy a pie social

Wednesday, November 22nd
Service at 1800    Pie Social to Follow

There are only a few sessions left before the Christmas break for Mornings with Mommy, but there are still many opportunities to help out. A volunteer is needed to clean the circle time rug to get it ready for another semester’s worth of use. We’re also in need of a volunteer to make fake snow for the upcoming Winter Days session in December. Whether it’s volunteering at the upcoming nighttime session or assisting behind the scenes - we would love to have your help!
SOLA
Scripture Alone

Next Week @ Ascension

In the midst of a busy month, a Christmas dinner is being offered for the women of Ascension on Monday, December 11th, at 6PM. Pat Werrell will be providing the food. Please join us for dinner, a seasonal bible study and fellowship with your friends. Please RSVP to Pat by December 6th.
Calling all high school youth for a kick off event. Sunday December, 3rd from 2-4 p.m. at church. Come for some ice cream, planning, fellowship, and fun! Hope to see you there.

On Saturday, December 9 at 10:00 am, Mission Counselor, Mark Birkholz, will be here, at Ascension. He will lead us in in a workshop-style discussion about growth and God pleasing ways to handle going from a small to a medium-sized church. Lunch will be provided. Plan on being there for this special event.

WE THANK THOSE WHO SERVE!

Music
This Sunday: Mary Kollmeyer

Ushers
This Sunday: Need Help
Next Sunday: Need Help

Sunday School Teachers
This Sunday: PreK—K—Jackie Duff
1st-4th—Pat Werrell
5th-8th—Craig Lokensgard

Next Sunday: PreK—K—Tami Beckes
1st-4th—Leanne Couillard
5th-8th—Craig Lokensgard

Last Week Attendance
Worship: 83 Bible Class: 33 Sunday School: 36
MISSION STATEMENT
As a family of believers in our Savior Jesus Christ, we proclaim the Gospel in Word and sacrament to gather souls, nurture believers, and encourage Christian living within our community and throughout the world.

Ascension is a congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We invite you to visit our congregation’s website (www.welsalc.com) or our synod’s website (www.wels.net) for more information about our locations, beliefs, and practices.

Our Regular Sunday Morning Schedule:
Sunday Morning Worship — 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School — 10:20 a.m.
Bible Class — 10:20 a.m.

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