

Truly,
I say to you,
whoever
does not
receive
the kingdom
of God
as a
little child,
will not
enter
into it.
Mark
10:15

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Welcome!

We are glad that you have joined us for worship.

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September 12, 2021



We are pleased you could join us. May your worship with us draw you closer to God and equip you for a life of even more dynamic Christian discipleship. If you need assistance during the service, please speak to one of the ushers.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

(P:=Pastor, C:=Congregation)

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WORSHIP THEME:

Christ's love leads us to strive for the lowest place

OPENING HYMN: # 491 *O Master of the Loving Heart*

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: **Mark 9:30-37**

SUNG RESPONSE: *Make Me a Servant*

SECOND LESSON: **James 3:13-18**

APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON HYMN: # 492 *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

SERMON TEXT: **Numbers 12:1-15**

THEME: **Are you sick of striving for second place?**

- 1.) Don't be deceived by status
- 2.) Embrace your calling in Christ

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS & VOLUNTEERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: # 492 *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* (vs. 1, 2,3)



CONNECTION CARD ON OUR APP

Please take a moment and fill out the info on the connection card, located under the Worship Today button on our app or on our website. Please fill out any information that needs to be updated and submit.



THE OFFERING

Dear guests, please don't feel obligated to take part in our offering. We're glad you're here to listen to the message about Jesus.

If members or guests would like to give an offering electronically, they can do so by going to ascensionplymouth.com and click on the GIVE tab on your right hand side or use our App. Collection plates are located by the sanctuary doors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY: Join us for *The Sheep & the Goats* (Matthew 25:31-46).

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: Our midweek (online) Bible study meets on **Thursdays at 6:30 pm**. We are alternating between studying *The Smalcald Articles* (written by Dr. Martin Luther) & *Contemporary Catholicism*. This week we'll consider what the Catholic Catechism says about fellowship in the Catholic Church.

GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER: **Next Sunday, we are going to celebrate as a church family and praise God, as we re-gather after time apart.** We'll have worship at 9:30, followed by a pot luck brunch with (outdoor) seating and music and a bouncy house for the kids. *Signups for this event are available on the Group Life board or on the App.*

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT(S): If you're wondering what your particular gift(s) might be there is a spiritual gifts survey created by WELS that could help you find out. Complete the online survey on our app under "volunteer". Once your responses are tallied send your TOP 5 gifts to office@ascensionplymouth.com. We'll use that information to include you in on service and ministry opportunities tailored to better fit your talents and interests.

NEW CHRISTIAN WORSHIP: HYMNAL COMING SOON! This fall, the new *Christian Worship: Hymnal* will be available to congregations and WELS members. The new hymnals are \$24 each. If our congregation orders more than 50 in one shipment, we will have no delivery fee. If you would like to purchase hymnal(s) for yourself or donate to church, there is a signup sheet in the fellowship hall and a signup on our app. We will gather funds at a later date.

MISSION OFFERING: This year we've selected Thai Village, which is a non-profit ministry located in Thailand that provides vocational training for at-risk, low-income individuals, so they can support themselves and their families. At the same time artisans are also taught financial and life skills as well as the Word of God. You can learn more about this ministry, order hand-made crafts, or give financial support at <https://thavillage.org/>. You can also designate "Mission Offering" on your envelope or online giving or use the offering box in the entryway.

2021 MOHW CONFERENCE: The 6th annual Men of His Word Conference will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in Downtown Rochester MN on **Saturday, October 23rd**. Please go online at www.menofhisword.org to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc.

THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVED:

- † Pastor: Pastor Roloff
- † Pianist: Susan Decker
- † AV: Ashley Arnold, Stu Gilbert, Christy Roloff, & Blake Zeitler