

That day will not come,
unless the rebellion comes first

2 Thessalonians 2:3

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Thoughts as we gather

The Triune God Curbs Evil and Overcomes Death with Resurrection

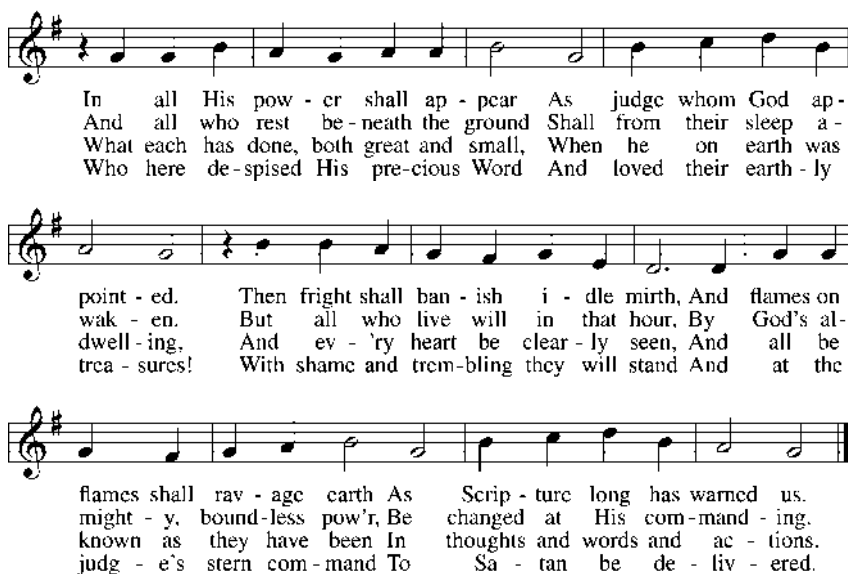
Christians live as “*sons of God, being sons of the resurrection*” (Luke 20:36), for the Lord our God “*is not God of the dead, but of the living*” (Luke 20:38). “*Those who deny that there is a resurrection*” (Luke 20:27) neither know the Scriptures nor the power of God, but the baptized faithful know “*that the dead are raised*” (Luke 20:37). For the Lord, who was and is and is to come, knows Israel’s sufferings and has “*come down to deliver them*” (Ex. 3:8). Moses reveals the name of Yahweh to God’s chosen people, by which He is “*remembered throughout all generations*” (Ex. 3:15). In contrast to that sacred remembrance of His name, St. Paul warns against the antichrist, who “*takes his seat in the temple of God*” (2 Thess. 2:4). That lawless man preaches and practices the activity of Satan. Christians, however, are comforted by the coming of the Lord Jesus, who slays the antichrist and refutes his false doctrine “*with the breath of His mouth*” (2 Thess. 2:8). By His preaching, “*stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught*” (2 Thess. 2:15). Hear, receive and believe God’s promise of love, comfort and good hope.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly

point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the

flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
 And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
 And through His blood and merit
 Read from His book that we are free
 With all who life inherit.
 Then we shall see Him face to face,
 With all His saints in that blest place
 Which He has purchased for us.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea:
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.

C Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 115:2–4, 8, 17–18; antiphon: v. 11

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

Why should the nations say,

“Where is their God?”

Our God is in the heavens;

He does all that He pleases.

**Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.**

Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.

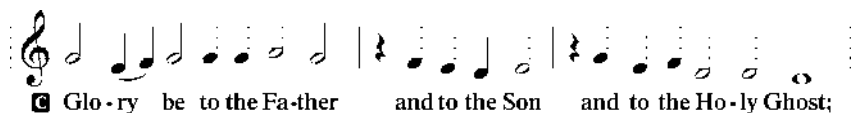
**The dead do not praise the LORD,
nor do any who go down into silence.**

But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

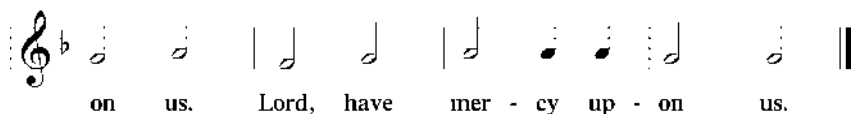
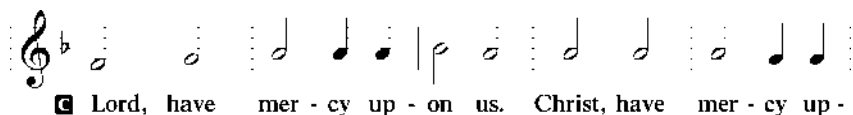
**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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He is their help and their shield.



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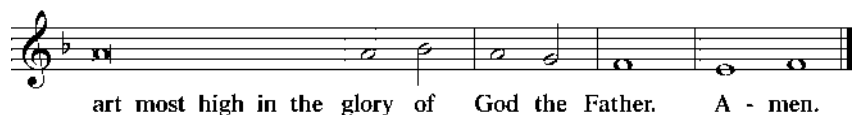
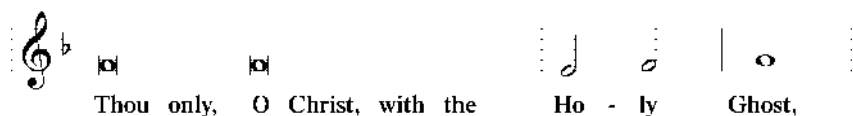
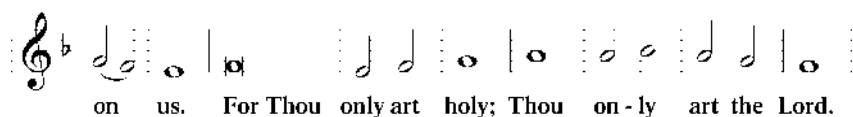
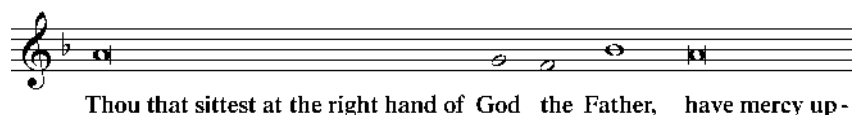
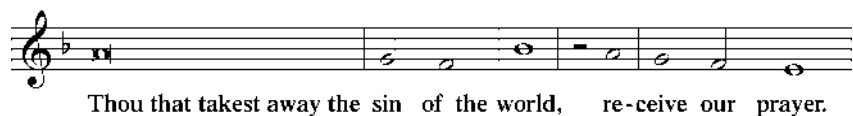
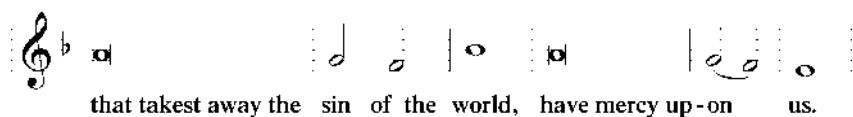
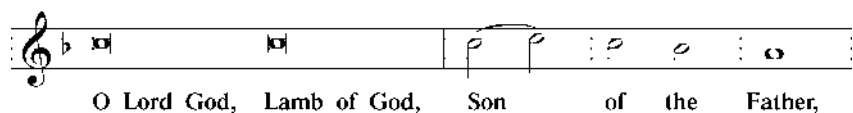
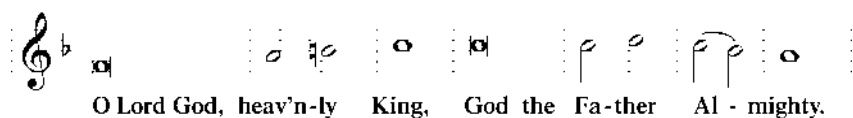
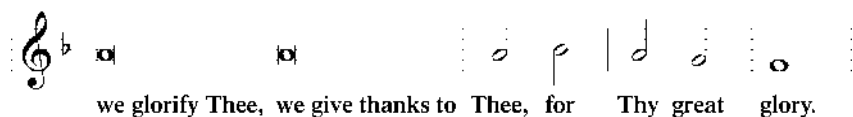
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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



G And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 3:1-15

¹Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵Then He said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶And He said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amo-

rites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them.¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”¹² He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is My name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 148; antiphon: v. 13

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise Him in the heights!

²**Praise Him, all His angels;**

praise Him, all His hosts!

³Praise Him, sun and moon,

praise Him, all you shining stars!

⁴**Praise Him, you highest heavens,**

and you waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!

For He commanded and they were created.

⁶**And He established them forever and ever;**

He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,

you great sea creatures and all deeps,

⁸**fire and hail, snow and mist,**

stormy wind fulfilling His word!

⁹Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰**Beasts and all livestock,**

creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
¹²**Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for His name alone is exalted;
His majesty is above earth and heaven.
¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for His people,
praise for all His saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the LORD!**

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EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 2:1–8, 13–17

¹Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to Him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of His mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of His coming. . . .

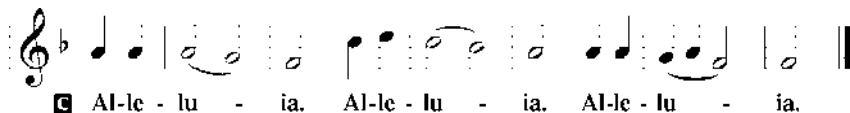
¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this He called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

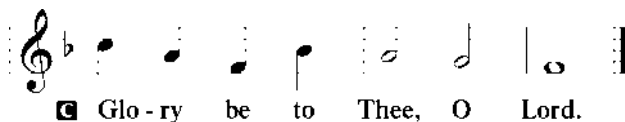
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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-40

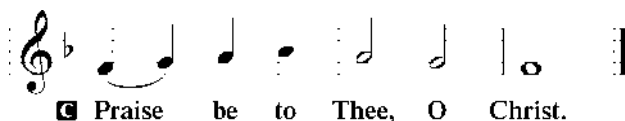
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.



²⁷There came to [Jesus] some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸and they asked Him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰And the second ³¹and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³²Afterward the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.”

³⁴And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him.” ³⁹Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, You have spoken well.” ⁴⁰For they no longer dared to ask Him any question.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sit

584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

1 Faith and truth and life be - stow - ing, O - pen now the
 2 May the Spir - it's pow'r un - ceas - ing Bring to life the

Scrip - tures, Lord, Seed to life e - ter - nal sow - ing,
 hid - den grain, Dai - ly in our hearts in - creas - ing,

Scat - tered on the wind a - broad, Let not hearts, Your
 Bear - ing fruit that shall re - main, So in Scrip - ture,

Word re - ceiv - ing, Like a bar - ren field be found, Choked with
 song, and sto - ry, Sav - ior, may Your voice be heard, Till our

thorns and un - be - liev - ing, Shal - low earth or ston - y ground,
 eyes be - hold Your glo - ry Give us ears to hear Your Word.

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SERMON

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Almighty God and Father, You sent Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, to overcome the world for us through His cross and resurrection. Grant us grace and peace in Him, that whatever troubles, tribulations and temptations afflict us in this world of sin and sorrow, we may never forget You or forsake You. Rather, strengthen us by Your grace, that we may bear our crosses in patience and trust and remain faithful in Christ Jesus, until He comes again in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, You have built Your Church and called her to hold fast to the Word of life in the midst of a crooked and twisted world. Preserve her from all grumbling, rivalry and conceit, and sustain her in humble and devout faith until the day of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant to us, heavenly Father, those good works that flow from faith in Your precious Son. Grant that everything Your children do in thought, speech and action would bring glory and honor to the name of Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, we ought always to be thankful for Your rich and abundant blessings to us and to our country. Bless Donald, our president; the Congress of these United States; Gavin, our governor; our legislators; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Deliver us from threats of violence, and teach us the way of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty Father, the physical and mental ills with which Your people struggle are not beyond Your power or grace. Bless the sick with healing according to Your will, bless the suffering with relief, bless the grieving with comfort and bless the dying with peace. [Especially do we name before You _____.] We trust in Your good and gracious will to grant us all things needful for this body and life and to keep us amid all these afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You have set us apart as Your own people and given us a place at the table of Your Son. Grant to us the faith to discern Christ's body and the repentance to receive this Holy Communion worthily. Bless our fellowship at the table of the Lord, that we may be sustained in unity of doctrine and life together. Bring us to that day when divisions shall no longer prevent us from receiving the Sacrament as one Church. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 195

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,

ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,

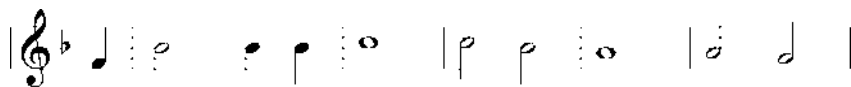
bleſſ-ed is He, bleſſ - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

620 Jesus Comes Today with Healing



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, Knock - ing at my
 2 Christ Him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, Yet in bread and
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, Gives Him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, Of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
 wine a - bid - ing In this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
 Sav - ior ho - ly, Blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
 me this hour In this or - di - nar - y sign.



He Him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, And I hear His
 Gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, And the cup, the
 Ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, Who to bit - ter
 On my tongue His pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept His



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
 pre - cious to - ken Of His sa - cred cov - e - nant.
 death was giv - en, Hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
 grace, be - liev - ing That I taste His love di - vine.

5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
 Whose own feast of love I savor,
 Bidden by His gracious call.
 Wedding garments He provides me,
 With a robe of white He hides me,
 Fits me for the royal hall.

6 Now have I found consolation,
 Comfort in my tribulation,
 Balm to heal the troubled soul.
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
 Cleanses me from sin and error,
 Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood,
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS

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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo - ple Is ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS

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A Bless we the Lord.



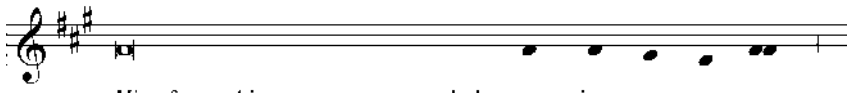
G Thanks be to God.

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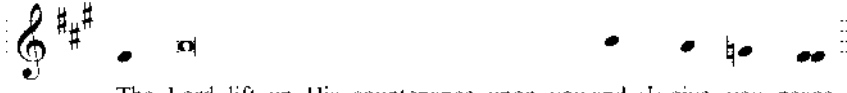
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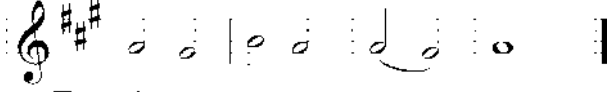
E The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and **I** give you peace.



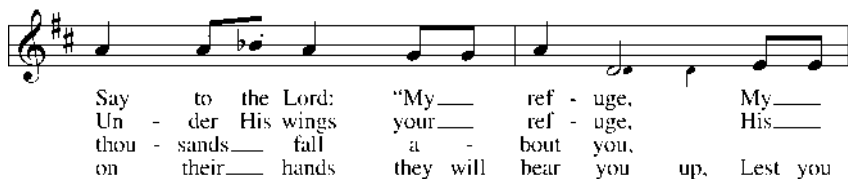
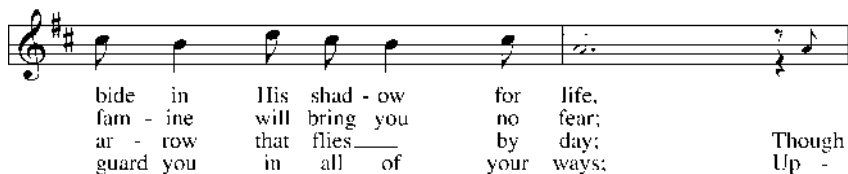
G A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

727 On Eagles' Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap-ture you, And
3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, Nor the
4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



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November 9 – Proper 27

Mark 12:44 – “For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the Church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That’s the shape of true Christian generosity.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (11/09)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Service Bible Study Voter's Assembly
Mon. (11/10)	4:00 p.m.	Youth Confirmation Class
Tues. (11/11)	Office Closed	Veteran's Day
Wed. (11/12)	11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bible Study Adult Confirmation Class
Thurs. (11/13)	6:00 p.m.	NAMI Family to Family & Peer Connections
Sat. (11/15)	10:00 a.m.	Men's Club
Sun. (11/16)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Service Bible Study Congregational Potluck

ATTENDANCE:

11/02/2025	9:00 a.m.	57
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,197.00	Needed YTD	\$ 184,668.00
Rec'vd. 11/02/2025	<u>\$ 6,081.21</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 180,121.52</u>
Over Weekly	\$ 1,884.21	Short YTD	\$ (4,546.48)

SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER	Ken Porter
HEAD USHER	Bruce Benson
READER	Wendy Walsh

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, November 16, 2025 are:

Malachi 4:1-6
Psalm 98 (antiphon: v. 9b)
2 Thessalonians 3:(1-5) 6-13
Luke 21:5-28 (29-36)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you and invite you to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall after service. Be sure to check in with Debbie in the Narthex before service. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the Narthex, please include your address and home church. If this is your first time attending Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair is going on through December 28 every Sunday after Church in Room 7 in the Office. Our donations this time will be going to Tunnel 2 Towers to support our Veterans and First Responders. If you have anything you would like to add, please let either Kathy Valvo or Kathy Benzow know. We are glad to accept any crafts that you have. Thank you. If you have any questions, feel free to either text or call me (Kathy Valvo) at 760-887-7125.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

YOUTH—Confirmation Class will be held on Monday, November 10 at 4:00 p.m.

ADULT—Confirmation Class will be held on Wednesday, November 12 at 6:00 p.m.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY

The annual Voter's Assembly will be today at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting will not be available on Zoom. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Benzow.

POTLUCK

On Sunday, November 16th at 12:00 p.m. we are having a Potluck. There is no sign up sheet, just bring what you want. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Valvo via phone or text at 760-887-7125. Hope to see you all there.

OUTREACH

Thank you everyone that participated in our Thanksgiving food drive! Our next project is the **Spark of Love Toy Drive** which starts next Sunday, November 16th and goes through November 30th. We are collecting new unwrapped toys for all age children. The toys will go to children in Apple Valley. Please place your donation under the Christmas tree in the Narthex. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for all the beautiful cards and kind words we received for our 63rd wedding anniversary. We have a great church family! ~Denny & Jean Coburn

Upcoming **EVENTS**

Craft Fair – Now through December 28th (Sundays before and after church service) – Room 7 in the office building

Thanksgiving Food Collection for aCORE Solutions – Going on now through November 9th

Voter's Assembly – Sunday, November 9th at 1:00pm

Congregational Fall Potluck - Sunday, November 16th at 12:00pm

Christmas Toy Drive for the Fire Department's 'Spark of Love Event' – November 16th – 30th

Advent by Candlelight – “The King Shall Come” - Saturday, November 29th at 1:00pm

Congregational Christmas Party – Sunday, December 14th at 12:00pm

SPARK OF LOVE

TOY DRIVE



This year we will again be collecting toys for the local fire department. These toys will be distributed to local children. If you would like to participate, please bring a new unwrapped toy and place it under the tree in the fellowship hall.

Collection dates: November 16th – November 30th

Advent by Candlelight: The King Shall Come event takes place on November 29th. This is a great time to donate a toy.

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring this event. We will have a \$250 Thrivent Action Team card to use to buy extra toys.



Prayer and Praises” is your personal invitation to join with the Prayer Ministry of our church in daily prayer. If you would like someone to stay on the prayer list, please call the church office at 760-247-7392, put your request on the prayer cards in the church, or go on-line at www.ascensionav.org. Otherwise, names will be removed after two months.

ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED:

Angela Alder
 Tricia Blake
 Durfee Family
 Gaylon Pastella
 Gwen Strasburg
 Leeta Amaro
 Mark Baker
 Marilyn Belka
 Grayson Blomberg
 Tiffany Brown
 Kyle Burton
 Mari Caroland
 Carolyne Chaney
 Pearl Coole
 Larry Cramins
 Kathy Davis
 Matt DeWitt
 John & Ann Duran
 Don Eliason
 Sam Fagan
 Rosie Fernandez
 Christian Frash
 Faigie Gawn
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 David Hanson
 Jeanne Hecksel
 Karlee Henson
 Dawn Husel
 Avery Jamison
 Jacob Jones
 Natalie Kelley
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 Addison Lange
 Melody LeGray
 Anthony Lopez
 David McDonald
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 Debbie Moore
 Justin Morales
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 Michelle Nichol
 David Parker
 Seunghee Pastella
 Jose Perez
 Sue Purbaugh
 Michele Rawlins
 Dave Riffel
 Kathy Rodere
 Jeffery Rout
 Chris Segard
 Ray Shaffer
 Diane Short & Short Family
 Manuel Sousa
 Vanessa Sowders
 Sarah Thomas
 Stan Thorne
 Joshua Todd
 Sue Twarowski
 Blaise & Lisa Vasey
 Rosa & Paul Wallace
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 Stacy Wilson
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 Sue Boers
 Vanessa Brown
 Gabrielle Butcher
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 Julie DeRose
 Mary Diaz
 Marge Edwards
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 Grace Glass
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 Paula Varner
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 Sharon Waters
 Beverly Wilson
 Judy Winkler

SAFE TRAVELS:
 Ernie Schmidt



About the Cover: We are not to be deceived. While the day when our Lord will return is not known, all will know it when it comes. The rebellion before that day is nothing to fear because it is merely a sign that the end is coming. For in this rebellion, the evil of this world will be fully revealed for what it is—defeated. Indeed, Christ has already won the decisive battle over sin, death, and the devil through His sacrifice on the cross and His resurrection.