

Then . . .

you shall see the distinction
between the righteous
and the wicked

Malachi 3:18



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Thoughts as we gather

Jesus Christ Reigns, Enduring the Cross — Its Scorn and Shame

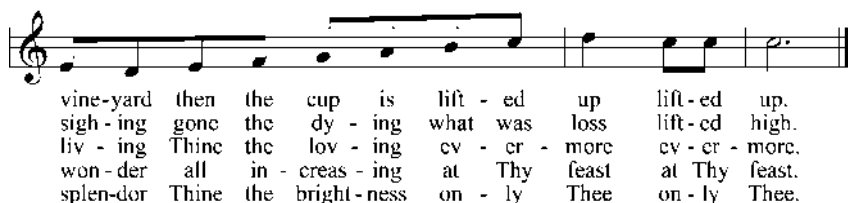
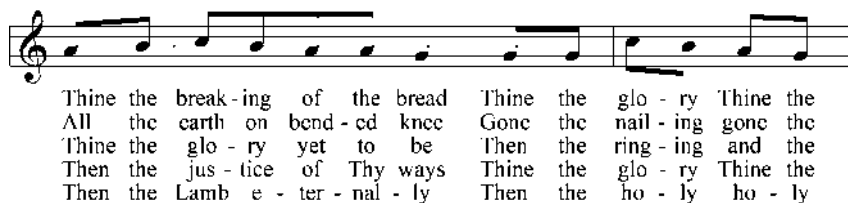
The Lord Jesus reigns in love among those who are baptized in His name. *“They shall be Mine,”* He says, *“and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him”* (Mal. 3:17). Jesus’ service through crucifixion for sinful men anchors us in new life. In the proclamation of His Son, God makes His justice clear, defining *“the distinction between the righteous and the wicked”* (Mal. 3:18). He truly is *“the King of the Jews”* (Luke 23:38), who governs His Church with all authority in heaven and on earth. He has come into His kingdom by His cross, and He graciously remembers us in paradise. Therefore, do not weep for Him, but with repentant faith *“weep for yourselves and for your children”* (Luke 23:28). Then the mountains and hills of Jerusalem, His holy Church, shall cover you with His righteousness and peace. For He *“is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation”* (Col. 1:15). *“All things were created through Him and for Him”* (Col. 1:16), and *“all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell”* bodily in Him, reconciling all things to Himself *“by the blood of His cross”* (Col. 1:19–20).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise



1	Thine	the	a -	men	Thine	the	praise	Al -	le -
2	Thine	the	life	e -	ter -	nal	- ly	Thine	the
3	Thine	the	tru -	ly	Thine	the	yes	Thine	the
4	Thine	the	king -	dom	Thine	the	prize	Thine	the
5	Thine	the	glo -	ry	in	the	night	No	more



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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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8

Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!
**Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!**
Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the LORD!
**May the LORD bless you from Zion,
He who made heaven and earth!**
**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.**
Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

KYRIE

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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

¹³“Your words have been hard against Me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against You?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping His charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed His name. ¹⁷“They shall be Mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up My treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 46; antiphon: v. 7

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

³though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.

⁶**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
He utters His voice, the earth melts.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

⁸**Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how He has brought desolations on the earth.**

⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the chariots with fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preminent. ¹⁹For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." ⁴³And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

G **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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Sit

420 Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe; Through Thy suf - f' rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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- 5 Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
 That from pain I might be free;
 Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
 Thence I gain security;
 Comfortless Thy soul did languish
 Me to comfort in my anguish.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 6 Thou hast suffered great affliction
 And hast borne it patiently,
 Even death by crucifixion,
 Fully to atone for me;
 Thou didst choose to be tormented
 That my doom should be prevented.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 7 Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
 For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
 For Thine anguish in the Garden,
 I will thank Thee evermore,
 Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
 For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
 For that last triumphant cry,
 And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

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SERMON

OFFERING

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.

O Lord, grant that we may rejoice in Christ, who displays His kingly reign first from the cross and on whom we wait for the revelation of all that is to come, that we may enter into our eternal rest by the merits of Christ alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, bless this congregation and Your whole Church with faithful pastors and church workers who speak without embarrassment or apology the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen. Grant that we, as hearers of this Gospel, may respond with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, by Christ's atoning death we are spared as sons and estimated as treasured possessions of the Father. Bless all Christian homes, that as the children of Your kingdom we would grow in the fear of the Lord and the esteem of Your name, serve You faithfully, and walk in Your charge undismayed by the prosperity of the wicked, until all is revealed at the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, let the earth fear You and all the world's inhabitants stand in awe of Your Christ, for You alone with the Holy Spirit are King of kings and Lord of lords. Preserve those who fear and serve You in this fallen world. Maintain good government among us. Even so, come quickly Lord Jesus, for Your kingdom is not of this world and our citizenship is with You in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, grant healing and peace to all those afflicted in body and mind. Relieve the suffering, give peace to the dying and comfort those who grieve, [*especially* _____,] that in their need You may be their strength and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, bring us in repentance and faith to receive rightly Your Son's body and blood. Manifest in us the unity of faith and a strong witness before the world. By this communion, let our lives bear the good fruits of Your Spirit in holy words and works. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, preserve Your people from all temptation and amid all trial, lest they give into the power of evil or despair. Grant that Your people be bold and faithful witnesses to those around them. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Christ, our King, in Your blood the saints of all ages wash their robes and find entrance to paradise with You. Bring us also with them out of death and the grave and into resurrection and eternal life at the Last Day, when we will see You crowned with glory; for You are the Lamb who was slain and now lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

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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 also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

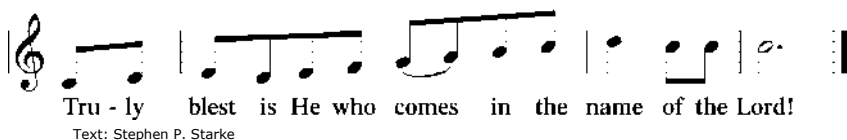
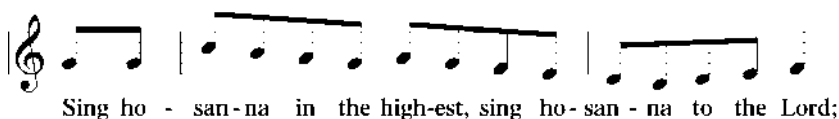
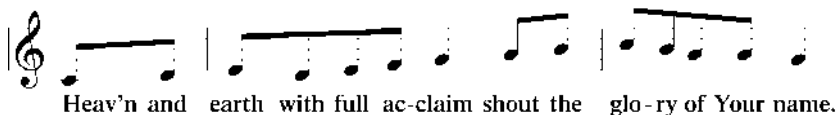
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and

lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD’S PRAYER

C 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con
3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who
ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the
forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive
The bread of immortality.

6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
His quenching blood that life restores.

7 With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And “Holy, holy, holy” sing
To Christ, God’s Lamb, our Priest and King.

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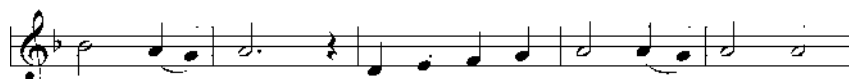
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621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet horn of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease - less voice they cry: “Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia. Lord Most High!”

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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.

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

C Amen.

Sit

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n. En - throned in worlds a - bove.



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem. The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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Wendy Walsh

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, November 30, 2025 are:

Jeremiah 23:5-8

Psalms 24 (antiphon: v. 7)

Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14

Matthew 21:1-9

November 23 – Proper 29

Colossians 1:18a – “And He is the head of the body, the church.” We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

Upcoming EVENTS

Craft Fair – Now through December 14th (Sundays before and after church service) – Room 7 in the office building

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

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (11/23)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study
Mon. (11/24)	4:00 p.m.	Youth Confirmation Class
Wed. (11/26)	11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Bible Study Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thurs. (11/27)	Office Closed	Thanksgiving Day
Sun. (11/23)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study

ATTENDANCE:

11/16/2025	9:00 a.m.	61
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,197.00	Needed YTD	\$ 193,062.00
Rec'vd. 11/16/2025	<u>\$ 2,331.00</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 187,028.45</u>
Short Weekly	\$ (1,866.00)	Short YTD	\$ (6,033.55)

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 14 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 24 at 4:00 p.m.

ADULT—There will be NO Adult Confirmation Class on Wednesday, November 26.

OUTREACH

The **Spark of Love Toy Drive** is going well. Thank you to all that have already donated. If you wish to participate, please place your new unwrapped toy under the Christmas tree in the Narthex. The deadline is next Sunday, November 30th.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Mark your calendars for the Advent by Candlelight service on Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Bring your favorite snacks. We will have fellowship and snacks prior to the service. Hope to see you all there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 760-887-7125. ~Kathy Valvo

ERNIE SCHMIDT

Ernie has moved to Michigan. His address is: 18776 S. Parc Circle, Unit 34, Macomb, MI 48044. His phone number is (586) 961-6297.

JAMES & LEOTA LEWIS

James and Leota have relocated to Oregon with their daughter and son-in-law due to health issues. They miss and love us dearly. Their new address is: 1141 Monroe Street, Lafayette, OR 97127. Their phone number is (909) 238-8834 (Leota's cell phone).

THANK YOU

Curtis and Cyndy Todd would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and calls while they were in the hospital. Curtis is currently in a rehab center. That address is Kennedy Care Center, 619 N. Fairfax Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90036

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

We're having Ladies Bible Study with a video series called Unshakeable by Donna Snow. I hope you can make it Saturday, December 6th at 9:00 a.m. All women are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE



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Ladies Christmas Tea
Saturday, December 13th at
11:00am

This will be potluck style (hot/cold/treats).

Location: Faith Lutheran Church

9600 7th St, Hesperia CA 92345

Please contact Lisa Hartman at 760-680-7797 with your church
count by Sunday, December 7th so we have enough table
settings.

Mark Your Calendars for This Very Special Event



Advent by Candlelight: The King Shall Come

When: Saturday, November 29th

Time: 1:00 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Please bring:

A favorite snack to share 🍿 🍪 🍰 and if you would still like to donate a toy to the Fire Department's Spark of Love Event, please bring a new unwrapped toy.



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
 Steve Dewiggins
 Kelley Dunne
 Egger Family
 Heidi Evans
 Jack Fales, Jr.
 Shaunah Forrest
 Chrissie Gates
 Brielle Gondola
 Roger Hall
 Jace Haynes
 Harry Heike
 Bill Huff
 Avery Jamison
 Jacob Jones
 Natalie Kelley
 Dorothy Krentz
 Addison Lange
 Melody LeGray
 Anthony Lopez
 David McDonald
 Daniel Midgely
 Debbie Moore
 Justin Morales
 Dennis & Lee Nelson
 Michelle Nichol
 David Parker
 Seunghee Pastella
 Esperanza Perez
 Kelley Pulone
 Mel & Mary Queeque
 Christian Rhoades
 Crystal Roblero
 Carla Rosen
 Josh Seau
 Noreen Selle
 Diane Short & Short Family
 Manuel Sousa
 Vanessa Sowders
 Sarah Thomas
 Stan Thorne
 Joshua Todd
 Denise Turner
 Paula Varner
 Tammy Wall
 Sharon Waters
 Beverly Wilson
 Judy Winkler

Mary Beuerle
 Devin Coole
 Jennifer Millgate
 Mildred Sears
 Rory Tighe
 Brendan Anderson
 Sistine Beauchamp
 Ilona Berecki
 Sue Boers
 Vanessa Brown
 Gabrielle Butcher
 Renee Cates
 David Chavez
 Robert Coole
 William Creek
 Julie DeRose
 Matt DeWitt
 John & Ann Duran
 Don Eliason
 Sam Fagan
 Rosie Fernandez
 Christian Frash
 Faigie Gawn
 Government
 David Hanson
 Jeanne Hecksel
 Karlee Henson
 Dawn Husel
 Norma Jenkins
 John & Connie Kays
 Chris Kelly
 Steve Kuhn
 Debbie Lange
 James & Leota Lewis
 Pete Maaske
 Linda Merkle
 Military
 Renee Moore
 Violet Morales
 Amanda Netzell
 Lori O'Neil
 Glenn & Nancy Pastella
 Tim & Marguerite Pastella
 Jose Perez
 Sue Purbough
 Michele Rawlins
 Dave Riffel
 Kathy Rodere
 Jeffery Rout
 Chris Segard
 Ray Shaffer
 Ed Scott Smith
 Barbara Souza
 Janet Surber
 Matthew & Tina Thorn
 Randy Tilson
 Richard Torres
 Sue Twarowski
 Blaise & Lisa Vasey
 Rosa & Paul Wallace
 Charlie West
 Stacy Wilson
 Cynthia Yanchio

Charles Blake
 Judy Cutler
 Beverly Moglich
 Kevin Smith
 Bob Albert
 Jeff Austin
 Red & MaryAnn Beck
 Vivian Bingham
 Sue Brooks
 Karrie Burke
 Marcia Byron
 Lane Ceballos
 Tracy Cole
 Elizabeth Collins
 John Davis
 Samuel & Sean Detwiler
 Mary Diaz
 Marge Edwards
 Janice Estrick
 Lynn Fairgrief
 Rick Ferrell
 Don Garcia
 Grace Glass
 Raquel Gudino
 Pastor Harris
 Hunter & Justin Hedden
 Mike Holtgreff
 Maggie Ivy
 Eric Jones
 Kathy Kays
 Emma Kraus
 Anthony Kwesie
 Jeannette Lawler
 Erin Liedtky
 Kelly Marscheider
 Dave Meyer
 Grace Miskimen
 Cesar Morales
 Herbert & Elaine Moran
 Lauren Neumann
 Donna Park
 Richard & Alice Pastella
 People with depression; anxiety
 Heidi Perry
 Marilyn Quade
 Penny Reese
 Bill Robertson
 Linda Roque
 Beth Rubio
 Margi Segnari
 Bea Shelby
 Shirley Smith
 Richard Souza
 Carol Thomas
 Diana Thornbury
 Curtis & Cyndy Todd
 Fran Truslow
 Stan Vacek
 Brandon Vess
 Melanie Waters
 Nancy Williams
 Wilma Wilson
 Ray Zayias

THANKSGIVING:
 Curtis & Cyndy Todd



About the Cover: On the day of judgment, the Lord will make no mistakes as He plucks up the righteous from among the wicked. Those who are in Christ need not fear. Our deeds are not the basis for our righteousness. Our righteousness depends only on Jesus, who gave us righteousness by dying on the cross to save our sins. Because our lives are in Him, we have been set apart as people gifted with His righteousness.