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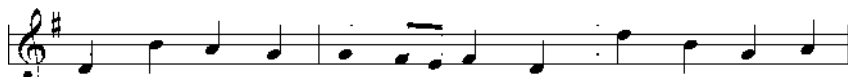
Thoughts as we gather:

Faith Returns Thanks to God and Worships Him in the Person of Christ Jesus

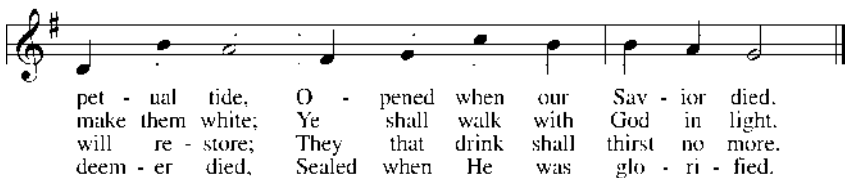
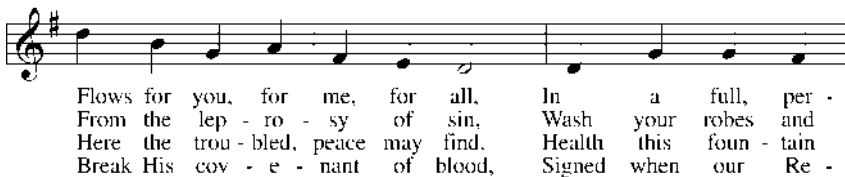
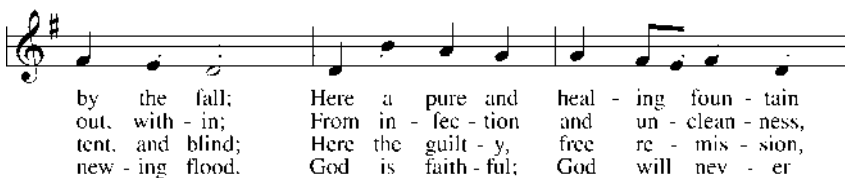
Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. *“Go and show yourselves to the priests,”* for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord’s temple. It is *“at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks”* (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you *“find rest, each of you in the house of her husband”* (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has *“visited His people and given them food”* (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. *“Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead”* (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely *“the word of God is not bound”* (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted *“to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also”* (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you *“may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus”* (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

435 Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



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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 34:2–4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together!

**I sought the LORD, and He answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

**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.**

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



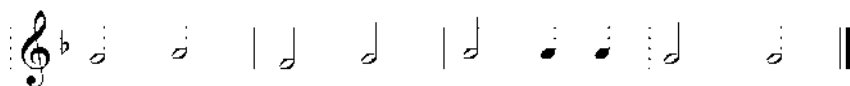
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



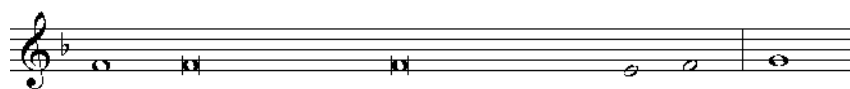
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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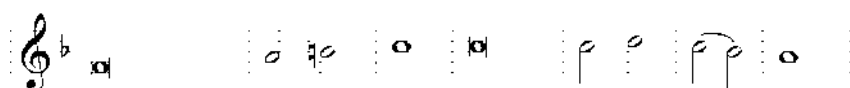
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



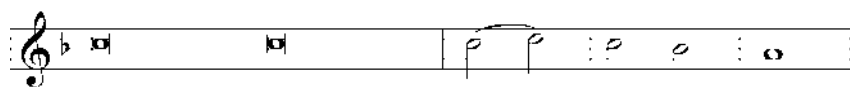
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



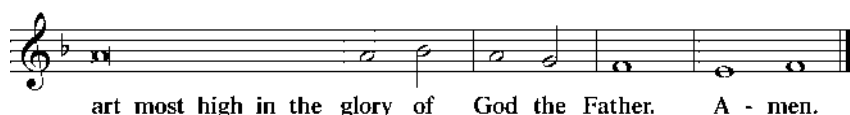
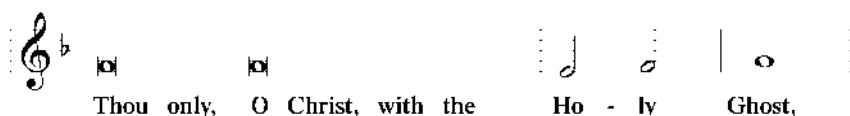
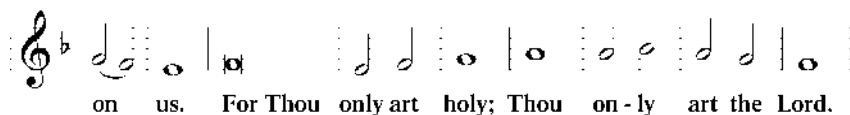
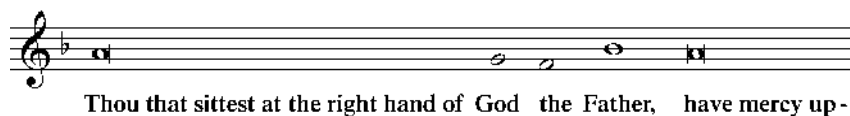
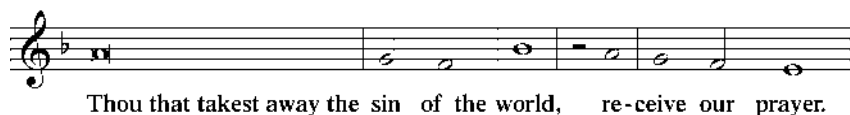
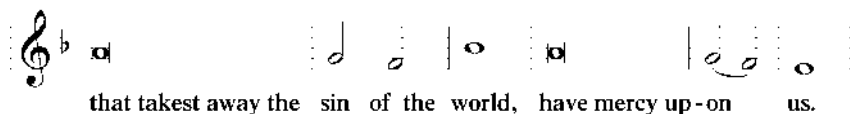
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



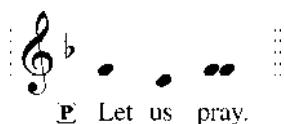
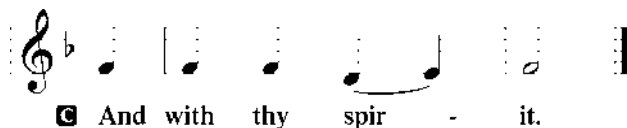
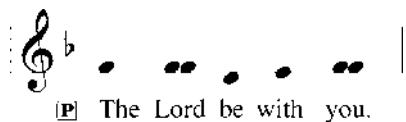
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



- P** Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 1:1–19a

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited His people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me.” ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me

and more also if anything but death parts me from you.”¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 111; antiphon: v. 10

¹Praise the LORD!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

**²Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.**

³Full of splendor and majesty is His work,
and His righteousness endures forever.

**⁴He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

⁵He provides food for those who fear Him;
He remembers His covenant forever.

**⁶He has shown His people the power of His works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.**

⁷The works of His hands are faithful and just;
all His precepts are trustworthy;

**⁸they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹He sent redemption to His people;
He has commanded His covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is His name!

**¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!**

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 2:1–13

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,
²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a crimi-

nal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him;
¹²if we endure, we will also reign with Him;
 if we deny Him, He also will deny us;
¹³if we are faithless, He remains faithful—

for He cannot deny Himself.

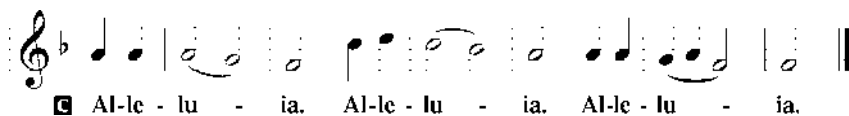
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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ALLELUIA

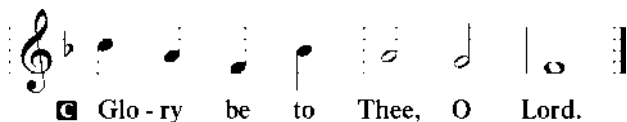
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HOLY GOSPEL

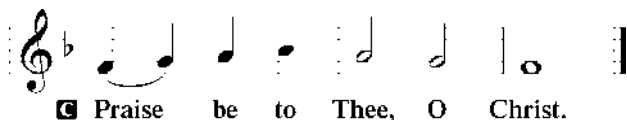
Luke 17:11–19

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



¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And He said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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.

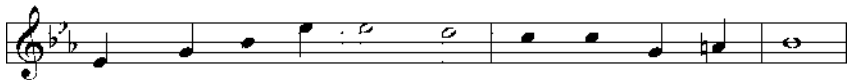
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Sit

662 Onward, Christian Soldiers



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore,
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!
 One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
 We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
 This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

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SERMON

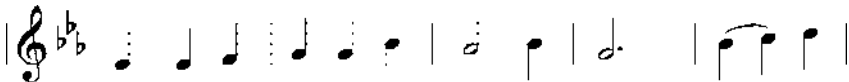
P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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 -



CONFIRMATION

The pastor addresses the catechumens.

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

R *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

R *Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

R *Yes, 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.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumen kneels to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of the catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P Kathleen, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

R *Amen.*

The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After the catechumen has received the blessing, one or both of the following collects are prayed.

Stand

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling her both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, she may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; 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 Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your child in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing her by His blood. Renew in her the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that she may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to her Savior. Deliver her from the power of Satan and preserve her from false and dangerous doctrines, that she may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen her to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable her to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and her neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of her body to life immortal; 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 Peace † be with you.

C *Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, have mercy.*

P For a thankful heart, that we may not forget the Lord's kindness nor presume His mercy; for a giving spirit, that we may be preserved from selfishness and jealousy; and for a new and contrite heart, that we may love God above all and love our neighbors as ourselves, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the pastors who speak to us in God's name and administer His Sacraments to us; for those preparing for this ministry; for those who are considering church-work vocations; and for the seminaries, colleges, universities and schools where our church workers learn and are being formed for service to us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For adult children who care for their parents, that God would sustain them in wisdom and compassion; and for their parents, that they might accept needed assistance with a humble spirit, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who are single and desire marriage, that God would be their companion in their solitude and provide them a godly spouse and family according to His will, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those in authority, that God, who provides all that we need for this body and life, would maintain order through their efforts and give them wisdom, justice and compassion, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those in need of help, [*especially* _____,] that the Lord would hear their prayers and deliver them from all their troubles and fears, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Holy Spirit and faith, that we may worthily receive the blessed food of Christ's flesh and blood in this Sacrament; and for true unity of faith, that all may be one in doctrine and life and that this unity would be manifest at the table of the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever.

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.

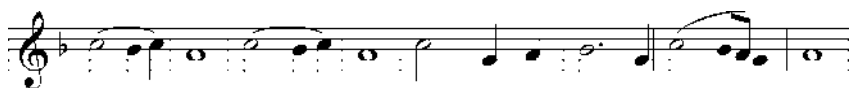


C It is meet and right so to do.

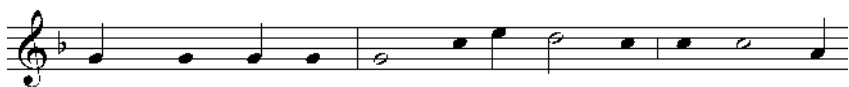
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

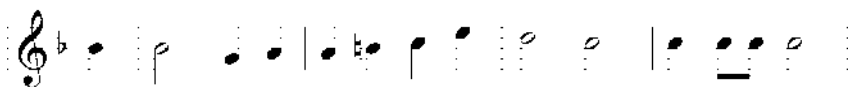
LSB 195



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.

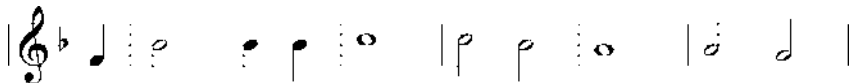


Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD’S PRAYER

LSB 196

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

LSB 197



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



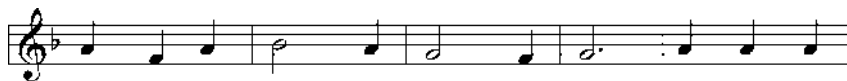
C A - men.

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

634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
 2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
 3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
 4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this



brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
 that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
 sol - emn guar - an - tee; In this His ho - ly
 Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,



in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
 tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
 Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
 as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

5 We dare not ask how this can be,
 But simply hold the mystery
 And trust this word where life begins:
 "Given and shed for all your sins."

6 They who this word do not believe
 This food unworthily receive,
 Salvation here will never find—
 May we this warning keep in mind!

7 But blest is each believing guest
 Who in these promises finds rest;
 For Jesus shall in love remain
 With all who here His grace obtain.

8 Help us sincerely to believe
 That we may worthily receive
 Your Supper and in You find rest.
 Amen! They who believe are blest.

Text (sts. 1–4, 6–8): Haquin Spegel, 1645–1714; (sts. 1–4, 6–8): tr. Olof Olsson, 1841–1900, alt.; (st. 5): composite
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628 Your Table I Approach



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
 That earth and hell combined
 May not about this sacrament
 Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
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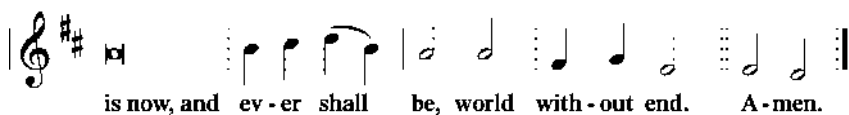
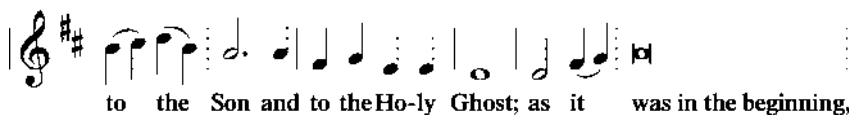
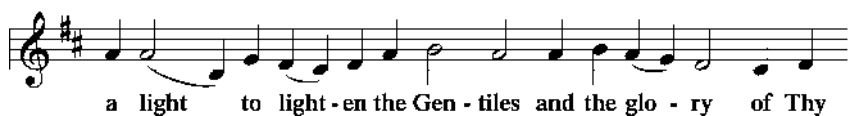
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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

LSB 199





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



G 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

LSB 202

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION


LSB 202

The first staff of music is written on a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note A4-B4, and ends with a quarter note G4.

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.


C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Sit

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER	Joe Yancho
HEAD USHER	Bruce Benson
READER	Wendy Walsh

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, October 19, 2025 are:

Genesis 32:22-30

Psalm 121 (antiphon: vv. 1-2)

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

October 12 – Proper 23

Luke 17:19 – “And He said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’” Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God’s work in the church is likewise our faith in action.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (10/12)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Service Bible Study Council Meeting
Mon. (10/13)	Office Closed	Columbus Day
Wed. (10/15)	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Sat. (10/18)	8:30 a.m.	Men's Club
Sun. (10/19) <i>LWML Sunday</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Service Bible Study Oktoberfest

ATTENDANCE:

10/05/2025	9:00 a.m.	52
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,197.00	Needed YTD	\$ 167,880.00
Rec'vd. 10/05/2025	<u>\$ 5,695.00</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 163,958.58</u>
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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 November 30 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

There will be NO confirmation classes tomorrow due to the office being closed for Columbus Day.

OKTOBERFEST

Please mark your calendars for our Oktoberfest celebration on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, feel free to either text me or call me at 760-887-7125. ~ Kathy Valvo. Hope to see you there!

COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Ascension Lutheran's Council will be held today at 1:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom.

ALL WOMEN

Any women who haven't turned in their name for prayer warriors for 2026, please do so by November 1st. If you need a new slip for your name, please let Lynn or Gaylon know.

GRIEF TALK

There will be a talk on Grief/Loss on Saturday, November 8 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by Lynn Fairgrief in the Fellowship Hall.

OUTREACH

Starting today you can pick up cards with food items needed for aCORE Solution's Thanksgiving food basket giveaway or sign-up to purchase a store gift card. Check out the table in the narthex if you wish to participate. Take one or more cards and then bring those items back to church no later than November 9th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

ERNIE SCHMIDT

If anyone is interested, Ernie has available a picnic table and a park bench. You would have to make arrangements to pick them up.

LWML SUNDAY

Next Sunday, October 19, is LWML Sunday. Don't forget to bring your PURPLE FIVES for the mite challenge.

MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. All men are welcome.

Upcoming **EVENTS**

- Craft Fair – October – November (Sundays after church service) – check bulletin for actual dates
- Oktoberfest – Sunday, October 19th at 1:00pm
- Voter's Assembly – Sunday, November 9th at 1:00pm
- Congregational Fall Potluck - Sunday, November 16th at 12:00pm
- Advent by Candlelight – “The King Shall Come” - Saturday, November 29 at 1:00pm
- Thanksgiving Food Collection for aCORE Solution – dates and more details coming soon
- Congregational Christmas Party – Sunday, December 14th at 12:00pm
- Christmas Toy Drive for the Fire Department's 'Spark of Love Program' – dates and more info coming soon

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
Government
Roger Hall
Jace Haynes
Harry Heike
Bill Huff
Avery Jamison
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Dorothy Krentz
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Anthony Lopez
Linda Merkle
Military
Renee Moore
Violet Morales
Amanda Netzell
Lori O'Neil
Glenn & Nancy Pastella
Tim & Marguerite Pastella
Heidi Perry
Marilyn Quade
Christian Rhoades
Crystal Roblero
Jeffery Rout
Josh Seau
Noreen Selle
Bea Shelby
Shirley Smith
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Carol Thomas
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Sue Twarowski
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Sharon Waters
Beverly Wilson
Judy Winkler

Mary Beuerle
Devin Coole
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Mildred Sears
Rory Tighe
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Sistie Beauchamp
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