

*Set free from sin,  
present your members as slaves to righteousness*

Romans 6:18, 19



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### Thoughts as we gather

#### *Delivered from Sin and Death, You Now Live before God in the Righteousness of Christ*

The outcome of sin is death, “*but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Rom. 6:23). He has set you free from the slavery of sin and has brought you “*from death to life*” (Rom. 6:13). No longer are you under the condemnation of the Law, but you live “*under grace*” (Rom. 6:14). Such is your courage in the face of “*those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul*” (Matt. 10:28). For though “*you will be hated by all*” and maligned by the world for the name of Christ (Matt. 10:22, 25), you abide in the care of your Father in heaven, who numbers “*even the hairs of your head*” and values you more “*than many sparrows*” (Matt. 10:30–31). By the Word of Christ, you have become like Him, your Teacher and Master in whom you endure to the end, and “*will be saved*” (Matt. 10:22, 25). For He is with you “*as a dread warrior,*” who has overcome your enemies (Jer. 20:11). By the righteousness of faith, He delivers your heart, mind, body and life “*from the hand of evildoers,*” and He brings you into the land of the living (Jer. 20:12–13).

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus!	Hail, Thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed,	All our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry.	There for - ev - er
4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing	Thou art wor - thy

le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst  
 Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed. Thou hast  
 to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee. Seat - ed  
 to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it

free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,  
 full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en  
 at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;  
 is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,

Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it  
 Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the  
 There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us  
 All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our

we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.  
 gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.  
 in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.  
 Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

Text (sts. 1, 3-4): Hymns Addressed to the Holy, Holy, Holy, Triune God, 1757, London, alt.; (sts. 2-4): A Collection of Psalms and Hymns, 1760, London, alt.  
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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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand*

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 56:3–4, 10–11; antiphon: v. 13*

For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

that I may walk before God in the light of life.

**When I am afraid,**

**I put my trust in You.**

In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can flesh do to me?

**In God, whose word I praise,**

**in the LORD, whose word I praise,**

in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

**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.**

For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

that I may walk before God in the light of life.

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

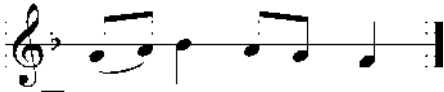
*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

# SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Jeremiah 20:7-13*

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, You have deceived me,  
and I was deceived;  
You are stronger than I,  
and You have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all the day;  
everyone mocks me.  
<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I cry out,  
I shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.  
<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention Him,  
or speak any more in His name,"  
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire  
shut up in my bones,  
and I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.  
<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering.  
Terror is on every side!  
"Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
say all my close friends,  
watching for my fall.  
"Perhaps he will be deceived;

then we can overcome him  
and take our revenge on him.”

<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble;  
they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous,  
who sees the heart and the mind,  
let me see Your vengeance upon them,  
for to You have I committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!

For He has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hand of evildoers.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 91:1–10; antiphon: v. 1*

<sup>1</sup>He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.”**

<sup>3</sup>For He will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.

<sup>4</sup>**He will cover you with His pinions,  
and under His wings you will find refuge;  
His faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>6</sup>**nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup>**You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—

**<sup>10</sup>no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.**

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*Romans 6:12–23*

<sup>12</sup>Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <sup>18</sup>and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 10:5a, 21–33*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

<sup>21</sup>“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death,<sup>22</sup>and you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.<sup>23</sup>When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

<sup>24</sup>“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.<sup>25</sup>It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

<sup>26</sup>“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.<sup>27</sup>What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.<sup>28</sup>And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.<sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.<sup>30</sup>But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.<sup>31</sup>Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.<sup>32</sup>So everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before My Father who is in heaven,<sup>33</sup>but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father who is in heaven.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy  
 2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my  
 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a  
 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,



blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to  
 soul of one dark blot To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each  
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -  
 heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to



Thee. O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
 Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
 Because Thy promise I believe,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown  
 Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
 Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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SERMON

Stand

## 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*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

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**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



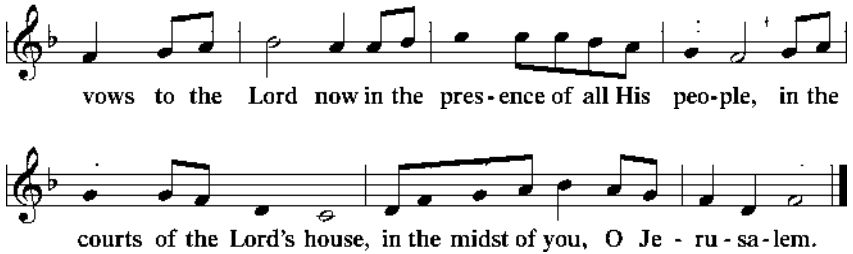
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all believers, that receiving the free gift of eternal life, our lives would be conformed to His holy teaching and bear much fruit in good works, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That God would bless and sustain His pastors and people to sing His praises, endure suffering for the name of Jesus, and continue by His grace to the end, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For earthly fathers, that our Father from whom all fatherhood is named would give them confidence in their station and zeal for their tasks; that He would make them examples to their children of godly life and love of His Word; that He would bless their work to bring up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord; and that He would give them the comfort of His absolution over all their shortcomings, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For pious and faithful leaders of our nation, that they may provide good government; for industrious citizens, who will work for the good of their neighbors; and for enemies, that they may live together in peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those with afflictions of body and soul, that God would look with favor upon all who are sick, weary, grieving or lonely, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] and assure them of His care and provision, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who partake of the Holy Communion this day, that they would present themselves in repentance as those brought out of death into life and receive the forgiveness of their sins, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the saints who have gone before us, let us give thanks to the Lord; and that God would preserve our feet from falling and our souls from death to walk always in the light of life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**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.

*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).*

*Sit*

## 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

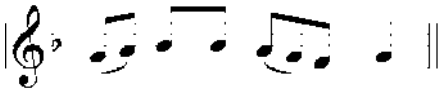
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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

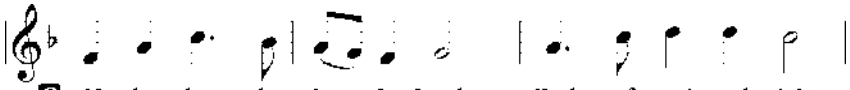


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

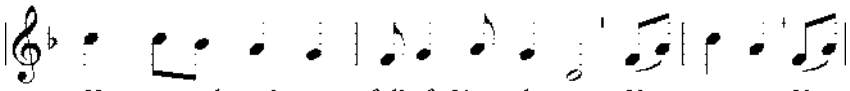
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and arch-angels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

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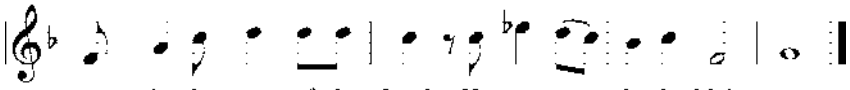
**C** Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-



san-na. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

- 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{†}$  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 always.



## AGNUS DEI

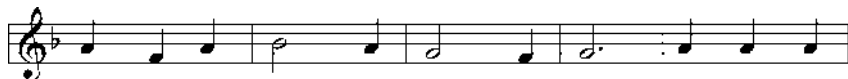
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A musical score for 'Agnus Dei' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half). A common time signature 'C' is placed below the first note. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have". The second staff continues the melody: D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (half). The lyrics are: "mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the". The third staff continues: D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (quarter), C2 (half). The lyrics are: "world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the". The fourth staff concludes: D2 (quarter), C2 (quarter), B1 (quarter), A1 (quarter), G1 (quarter), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (quarter), C1 (half). The lyrics are: "sin of the world; grant us peace." A double bar line is at the end.

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

## 634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - c -  
 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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## 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.

Text: Heinrich Puchta, 1808-58; tr. David W. Rogner, 1960  
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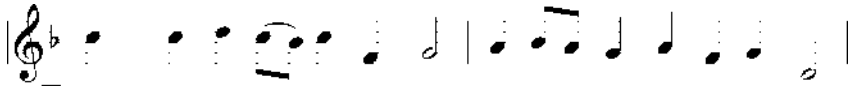
*Stand*

*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.

**THANK THE LORD**

*LSB 164*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



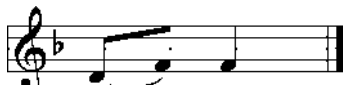
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- 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.

**BENEDICTION**

*LSB 166*

**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.

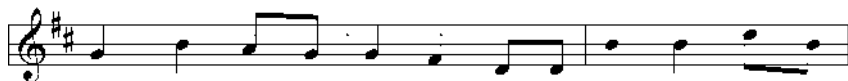


*Sit*

## 725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

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## SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

<b>ELDER</b>	Ken Porter
<b>HEAD USHER</b>	Bruce Benson
<b>READER</b>	Joshua Harris

## SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, June 28, 2026, are:

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Psalm 119:153-160 (11-16) (antiphon: v. 154)

Romans 7:1-13

Matthew 10:34—42

### **June 21 – Third Sunday after Trinity**

**Luke 15:10 – “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”** Jesus eats with sinners, not so that they will remain stuck in their sins, but so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn, that is, to turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt or any number of other sins, the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.



## **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.*

### **BIBLE STUDY**

There will be NO Bible Study after service today as it is Father's Day.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Adult Confirmation Class will be held on Wednesday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m.

### **OUTREACH and ELDERS PROJECT**

For the month of June, we will be collecting baby items for the **Rose of Sharon Pregnancy Resource Center**. They need diapers, wipes, baby clothes, etc. There is a tub in the Narthex for your donations. Thank you!

### **SUMMER BBQ POTLUCK**

Sunday, July 5th we will be having our summer BBQ potluck at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Meat will be provided but we will need side dishes, salads, fruit, chips, desserts, etc. We will be having our first pie eating contest—please see Lynn Fairgrief to donate a pie. We will also have a fun game to play where you can win a \$25 gift card. Come join the fun!

### **RALPHS/FOOD4LESS**

We received word that Ascension Lutheran will be getting a check from Ralphs/Food4Less for \$157.38 as a result of our congregation shopping there! Keep shopping!!!

# **UPCOMING** *Events*

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Summer BBQ at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** - Parish Nurse event “Fall into Cleanliness”

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**—LWML Zone Celebration at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** – Oktoberfest Potluck at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** – Advent by Candlelight - immediately after service at approximately 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Congregational Christmas Party- at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

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](http://www.ascensionav.org). Otherwise, names will be removed after **TWO** months.

**ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED:**

Angela Alder	Mary Beuerle	Charles Blake
Tricia Blake	Devin Coole	Judy Cutler
Durfee Family	Jennifer Millgate	Beverly Moglich
Gaylon Pastella	Mildred Sears	Kevin Smith
Gwen Strasburg	Rory Tighe	Mike Adams
Bob Albert	Brendan Anderson	Dave Anderson
Red & MaryAnn Beck	Marilyn Belka	Vivian Bingham
Bill Blanton	Grayson Blomberg	Sue Boers
Marcia Bowren	Crista Brenden	Karrie Burke
Kyle Burton	Gabrielle Butcher	Marcia Byron
Mari Caroland	Dan Catherwood	Lane Ceballos
Maddie Cervantes	Carolyne Chaney	David Chavez
Cathy Connors	Patrick Coole	Robert Coole
Scott Crawley	William Creek	John Davis
Kathy Davis	Nick & Julie DeRose	Matt DeWitt
Mary Diaz	Christine Dunne	Kelley Dunne
John & Ann Duran	Egger Family	Don Eliason
Heidi Evans	Lynn Fairgrief	Eleanor Fetterman
Charity Frash	Christian Frash	Jillian Garcia
Chrissie Gates	Faigie Gawn	Zoey Gilman
Grace Glass	Government	Raquel Gudino
Roger Hall	Pastor Harris	Kelly Havens
Jace Haynes	Jeanne Hecksel	Justin Hedden & Family
Harry Heike	Stephen Hodges	Kareem Jacobs
BeverlyN Johnson	Billy K	Steve Kuhn
Emma Kraus	Randy Lam	Addison Lange
Debbie Lange	Melody LeGray	Frank Liedtky & Family
Anthony Lopez	Kelly Marscheider	Epris Martin
Debbie Martinez	Tom & Joan Mason	David McDonald
Brian McMahan	Linda Merkle	Dave Meyer
Military	Grace Miskimen	Beverly Moglich
Adam Nieto	Park Family	David Parker
Glenn & Nancy Pastella	Richard & Alice Pastella	Seung-Hee Pastella
Tim & Marguerite Pastella	People next to chemical leak	Mel & Mary Quecke
Michele Rawlins	Dave Riffel	Riley Family
Bill Robertson	Jeff & Pam Scott	Noreen Selle
Bea Shelby	Short Family	Ashley Skiffington
Stacy & Tracy	Caleb Svede-Holling	Larry & Robin Thompson
Cyndy Todd	Joshua Todd	Richard Torres
Sheryl Truslow	Brandon Vess	Donna Wagers
Joni Wageman	Joe Waters	Curtis Wise
John Worstell	Cynthia Yancho	

**Grief & Strength:**  
Family of Audra



**About the Cover:** In Christ, we bask in the glory of God’s freedom. He has broken the shackles of sin on the cross, where He died once and for all time. This grace of God that gives us freedom from sin is not freedom to sin. As people baptized into Christ, our members are now His for Him to use as slaves of righteousness. But He is not a taskmaster. “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:13–14).