

I was there

Proverbs 8:27



ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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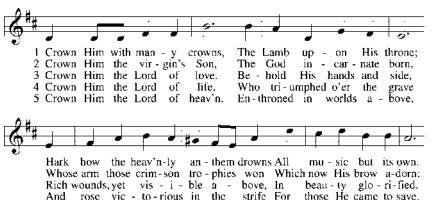
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Thoughts as we gather The Triune God Reveals Himself in Christ Jesus

The divine Word of the Father also is the holy wisdom who "was beside Him, like a master workman," who "was daily His delight, rejoicing before Him always" (Prov. 8:30). This Word became flesh and suffered death in order to bestow life by the preaching of His Gospel "to the children of man" (Prov. 8:4). He honors the Father, and the Father glorifies Him by raising Him from the dead, so that all who keep His Word "will never see death" (John 8:51). Long ago, "father Abraham rejoiced" in the day of Christ, for "he saw it and was glad" (John 8:56). Though Christ was "crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men," "God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death" (Acts 2:23, 24). As He "received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:33), so it is by and through the Son that God the Father pours out the Holy Spirit upon His Church.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

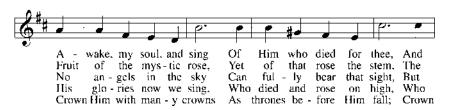


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won-drous name of Love.

rose vic - to - rious in the strife For

Crown Him the king to whom is





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 died e - ter - nal life to bring And mys - ter - ies so bright. lives that death may die. ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king

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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,
- \mathbf{C} who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

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

- O almighty God, merciful Father,
- \mathbf{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.

- 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 \(\frac{1}{2}\) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- \mathbf{C} Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

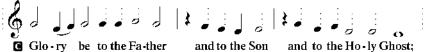
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning.

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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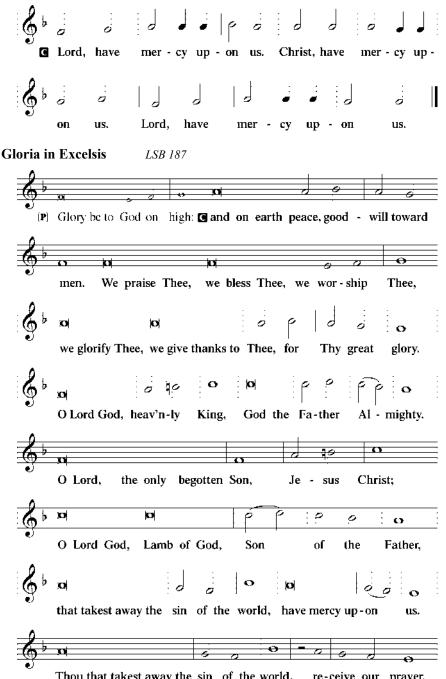
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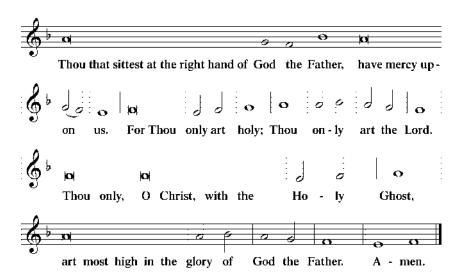


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.



¹Does not wisdom call?
Does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud:

⁴"To you, O men, I call,
and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

²²"The LORD possessed me at the beginning of His work, the first of His acts of old.

²³Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶before He had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷When He established the heavens, I was there; when He drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when He made firm the skies above, when He established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when He assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress His command,

when He marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside Him, like a master workman, and I was daily His delight,

rejoicing before Him always,

³¹rejoicing in His inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 8; antiphon: v. 9

 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
 You have set Your glory above the heavens.
 Out of the mouth of babes and infants,
 You have established strength because of Your foes,

ou have established strength because of Your foes to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,
what is man that You are mindful of him, and the Son of man that you care for Him?

⁵Yet you have made Him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned Him with glory and honor.

⁶You have given Him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under His feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

8the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

⁹O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

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SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them,

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning Him.

"I saw the Lord always before me,
for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

26therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

27For You will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let Your Holy One see corruption.

28You have made known to me the paths of life;
You will make me full of gladness with Your presence."

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that He would set one of his descendants on His throne, ³¹He foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this

that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand,

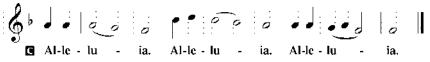
35until I make Your enemies Your footstool."

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

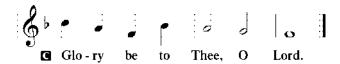




HOLY GOSPEL

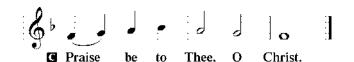
John 8:48-59

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.



⁴⁸The Jews answered [Jesus], "Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death." ⁵²The Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴Jesus answered, "If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷So the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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 \mathbf{C} I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man:

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified.

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

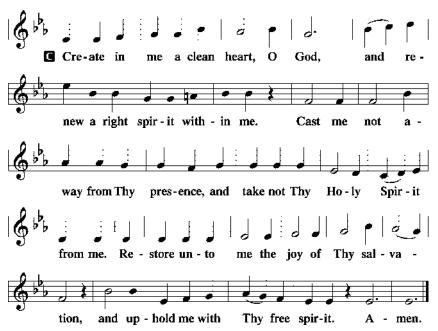


SERMON

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

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- In thanksgiving for our redemption in Jesus Christ, for the work of the Holy Spirit in bringing us to faith, and for adoption as God's children through Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may know the Word of the Lord and keep it in faith through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage until we are joined with faithful Abraham, with patriarch, prophet, apostle and evangelist, in the presence of the Lord forevermore, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.

- P For parents and children, that they would be given the courage to love as God has loved us and be united in their common life by the Holy Spirit to know Jesus and serve Him; and that the Lord would bless the single with chastity, protect the orphan and defend the helpless, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- That we may render due honor to our rulers, while faithfully serving Christ, by whom all kings reign, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the ailing, the dying, all those in any need [especially _____] and those we name in our hearts [brief silence], that God would grant them healing and patience in the midst of their afflictions, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For faithful use of the Lord's gifts, that we may be drawn frequently to the Lord's table in true repentance to taste and see that the Lord is good, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For reform and renewal by the Word and Spirit, that where we lack love we may be built up in Christ and where we are distracted we would be given a single focus on our Lord Jesus, so that at last we may be found faithful and be reunited with those who have gone before us to the Lord's nearer presence, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord, and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to Your eternal household; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Statement

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

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

PREFACE LSB 194



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, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



■ Ho - Iy, ho - Iy, ho - Iy 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 cometh in the name of the Lord.



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

LORD'S PRAYER

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;

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and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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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."

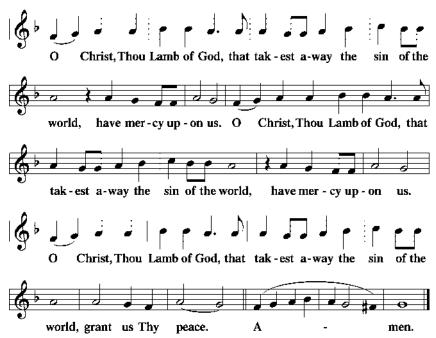
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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

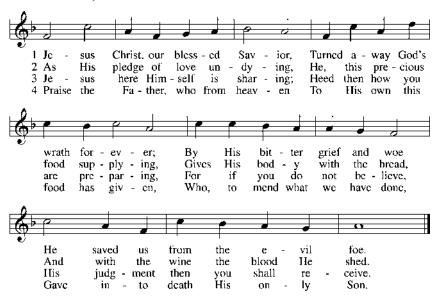


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627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the sick who are distressed,
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- Agony and bitter labor
 Were the cost of God's high favor;
 Do not come if you suppose
 You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor, And receive My grace and favor: Those who feel no pain or ill Need no physician's help or skill.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying If not for your justifying?
 And what use this precious food If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes
 And your mouth your sin confesses,
 You will be your Savior's guest,
 Be at His banquet truly blest.

10 Let this food your faith so nourish That its fruit of love may flourish And your neighbor learn from you How much God's wondrous love can do.

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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.



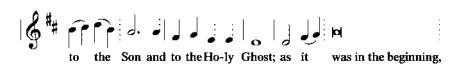


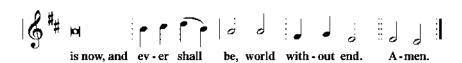




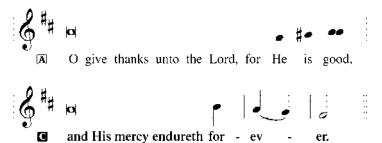






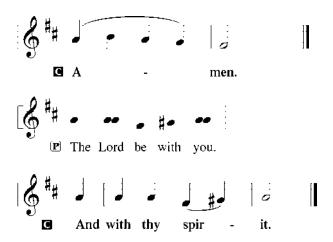


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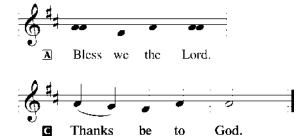


P Let us pray.

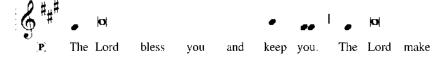
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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



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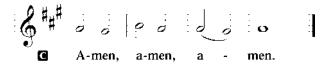




His face shine upon you and be gra-cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and $\cdot I \cdot$ give you peace.



Sit

578 Thy Strong Word



Give us lips to sing Thy glory, 5 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim, Throats that shout the hope that fills us. Mouths to speak Thy holy name. Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

 \wedge 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be. To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally. Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee. Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

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SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, June 22, 2025 are:

Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 3 (antiphon: v. 8) Galatians 3:23-4:7 Luke 8:26-39

June 15 – Holy Trinity

From the LSB Service of the Sacrament – "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored." Three times the angels cry out: "Holy, holy!" It is an indication of the three-ness in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name into which we are baptized. We have been made a part of God's family and are now called to live lives that are in harmony with this new family. We are to be godly and live in God's image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so also are we called to be.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (06/15) Holy Trinity Father's Day	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study	
Mon. (06/16)	10:00 a.m.	Adult Confirmation	
Wed. (06/18)	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study	
Sat. (06/21)	8:00 a.m.	VBS	
Sun. (06/22)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study	
ATTENDANCE:			
06/08/2025	9:00 a.m.	64	

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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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult Confirmation class will be held Monday, June 16 at 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, June 18 at 11:30 a.m.

<u>VBS</u> VBS will be held on Saturday, June 21 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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.

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