

You were called to freedom. . . .
Serve one another

GALATIANS 5:13

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Thoughts as we gather

Christ's Messengers Proclaim His Kingdom

When the prophet Elijah became discouraged and despaired of his life, "*the word of the Lord came to him*" (1 Kings 19:9b) and stood him "*on the mount before the Lord*" (1 Kings 19:11). The Lord made Himself known to the prophet — not in the impressive power of gale force winds, or in an earthquake, or in the fire, but in "*the sound of a low whisper*" (1 Kings 19:12). Today God reveals Himself to us through the frail preaching of the Gospel. The Son of Man sends "*messengers ahead of Him ... to make preparations for Him*" (Luke 9:52). Putting their hand to that plow of preaching, they "*go and proclaim the kingdom of God,*" and they do not look back (Luke 9:60, 62). What they preach is not the power of the Law with its "*yoke of slavery,*" but the power of God unto salvation through the Gospel of forgiveness, by which "*Christ has set us free*" (Gal. 5:1).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, And in our hearts
2 Give to Your Word im - pres - sive pow'r, That in our hearts
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word,



Your work be - gin, Your dwell - ing place now make us,
from this good hour As fire it may be glow - ing,
in doubt and strife, In us be strong - ly burn - ing

Sun of the soul, O Light di-vine, A-round and in
That in true Chris-tian u-ni-ty We faith-ful wit-
That we be faith-ful un-to death And live in love

us bright-ly shine, To joy and glad-ness wake us
ness-es may be, Your glo-ry ev-er show-ing.
and ho-ly faith, From You true wis-dom learn-ing.

That we may be Tru-ly liv-ing. To You giv-ing
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach-ing; Let our preach-ing
Your grace and peace On us show-er; By Your pow-er

Prayer un-ceas-ing And in love be still in-creas-ing.
And our la-bor Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh-bor.
Christ con-fess-ing, Let us see our Sav-ior's bless-ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer, 1606-73, adapt.; (sts. 1, 3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.; (st. 2): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, 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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

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

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

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

Kneel/Stand

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7

Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us Your salvation.
**Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let
them not turn back to folly.**
Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
**Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.**
Righteousness will go before Him
and make His footsteps a way.
**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.**
Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us Your salvation.

KYRIE

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



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



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



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



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

Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things,
 graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all
 goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus
 Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹¹And He said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 11

¹Preserve me, O God,
for in You I take refuge.

²**I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from You.”**

³As for the saints in the land,
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

**⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.**

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
You hold my lot.

**⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

**⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

**¹⁰For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let Your holy one see corruption.**

¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in Your presence there is fullness of joy;
at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . .

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51–62

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And He sent messengers ahead of Him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for Him. ⁵³But the people did not receive Him, because His face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when His disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do You want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But He turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, “I will follow You wherever You go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” ⁵⁹To another He said, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But

as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”⁶¹ Yet another said, “I will follow You, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.”⁶² Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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

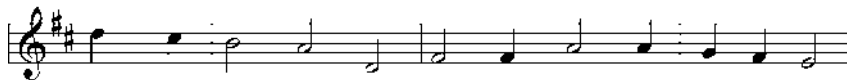
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven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

688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake



1 “Come, fol - low Me,” the Sav - ior spake, “All in My
2 “I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 “My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 “I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



c'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal.”
bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: tr. Charles W. Schaeffer, 1813–96; (sts. 1–3, 5): Johann Scheffler, 1624–77; (st. 4): Geistliche Lieder und Lob-
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SERMON

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For boldness in prayer, that the Church would have the zeal of Jesus Christ who set His face to go to Jerusalem and would not be deterred from the way of the cross, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** For all pastors and church workers, that their labor of proclaiming God's steadfast love, announcing freedom from the yoke of slavery to sin, and pointing all toward the cross of Christ may never be in vain, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, that these fruits of the Spirit may spring forth in all Christians as He releases them from bondage to the works of the flesh, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the nations and those who lead them, especially our president; the Congress of the United States; our governor; the legislature; and all who make, administer and judge our laws, that the Lord's voice may be heard by all as we are led to every virtue in character and holiness of life, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For / _____ *and*/ all who have requested prayer, that God would be to them a refuge in times of trial, granting healing, strength and comfort, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all who commune this day, that God would thereby graft into our hearts the love of His name and the fruit of the Spirit to express love for God by bearing fruit for our neighbor's good, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For safety and strength in all our travels and most especially for the journey of this mortal life, that we may one day rest in the Lord's fullness and presence, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.**
- P** O Lord, keep us in repentance and faith, that we may not depart from Christ, the way, the truth and the life. Bring to repentance all enemies of Your Church and those who do not yet know You, that by faith they may with us confess Jesus Christ as Lord and amend their lives by the power of Your gracious Spirit. Give us courage for the path set before us, that we may not faint or grow weary but endure to the day of Christ's coming and receive the blessed "Well done!" of Your favor; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

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

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Statement

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

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

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

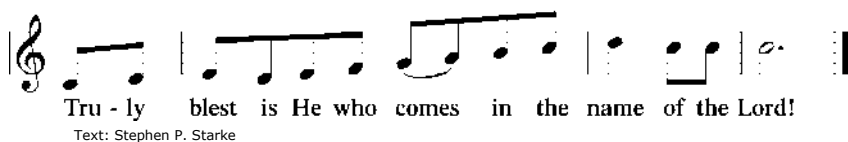
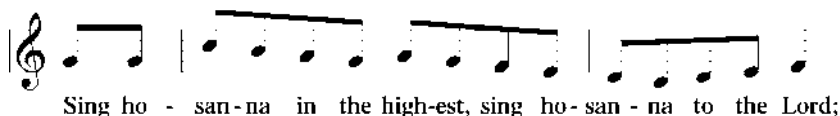
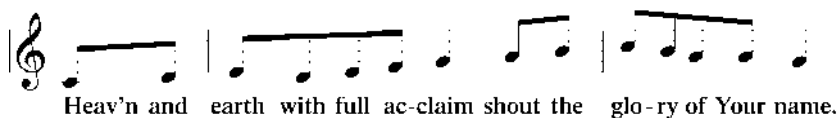
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

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

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

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.


THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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


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

PAX DOMINI


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




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



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



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

DISTRIBUTION

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dom your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er more will leave You.
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.


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618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my
 5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's




wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -
 may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt
 soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -
 bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:
 faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.
 ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:
 ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
 heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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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.

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

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 Amen.

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P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

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1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,
2 Since He is ours, _____ We fear no pow - ers, Not of

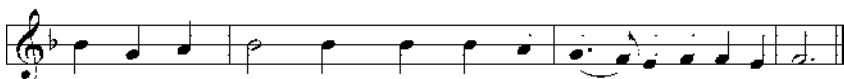
sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -

heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the

wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voice - es; All heav'n re -

cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for

pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER

Rick Ferrell

HEAD USHER

Bruce Benson

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, July 6, 2025 are:

Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms 66:1-7 (antiphon: vv. 8-9)

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18

Luke 10:1-20

June 29 – Proper 8

1 Kings 19:18 – “Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Elijah was so sure that he was right, that he was the only one left who had not gone after Baal. But he was too pessimistic; his faith in God was off-center. We can't go by our own wisdom. We must trust the Lord and what He has revealed to us in His Word. Think about how this applies to our support of God's work in the church with our offerings. Look in the Table of Duties in Luther's Small Catechism to see what the Bible has to say about our giving

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (06/29)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study
Mon. (06/30)	10:00 a.m.	Adult Confirmation
Wed. (07/02)	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Sun. (07/06)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Service Bible Study Fourth of July BBQ

ATTENDANCE:

06/22/2025	9:00 a.m.	65
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,197.00	Needed YTD	\$ 104,925.00
Rec'vd. 06/22/2025	<u>\$ 2,401.73</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 107,220.12</u>
Short Weekly	\$ (1,795.27)	Over YTD	\$ 2,295.12

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 30 at 10:00 a.m.

FOURTH OF JULY BARBECUE

We are celebrating the 4th on Sunday, July 6, 2025 with a barbecue after Church at 1:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Yes, there are no desserts listed because we are having ice cream sundaes and/or banana splits. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Valvo at 760-887-7125, text or call.

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	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	Bob Albert
Gabe Amaro	Leeta Amaro	Brendan Anderson
Andrea	Angie & Family	Dr. Joe Ardolino & Family
Mark Baker	Red & MaryAnn Beck	Marilyn Belka
Ilona Berecki	Billie & Eric	Vivian Bingham
Bill & Jan Blanton	Grayson Blomberg	Sue Boers
Tiffany Brown	Vanessa Brown	Karrie Burke
Kyle Burton	Gabrielle Butcher	Marcia Byron
Mari Caroland	Yezzi Carillo	Renee Cates
Lane Ceballos	Carolyne Chaney	David Chavez
Pearl Coole	Robert Coole	Della Cowie
Larry Cramins	William Creek	Crystal's 3-year-old Daughter
John Davis	Kathy Davis	Julie DeRose
Samuel & Sean Detwiler	Rusty DeWitt	Mary Diaz
Christine Dunne	Kelley Dunne	John & Ann Duran
Danielle, Emma, & Tim Eggers	Janice Estrick	Heidi Evans
Sam Fagan	Lynn Fairgrief	George & Vonnice Filkins
Shaunah Forrest	Christian Frash	Don Garcia
Chrissie Gates	Faigie Gawn	Grace Glass
Government	Raquel Gudino	Marty Hall
Roger Hall	David Hanson	Jerry & Emilie Harding
Pastor Harris	Jace Haynes	Jeanne Hecksel
Justin Hedden	Harry Heike	Karlee Henson
Jason Holling	Mike Holtgreffe	Bill Huff
Dawn Husel	Avery Jamison	Norma Jenkins
Eric Jones	Jacob Jones	John & Connie Kays
Chris Kelly	Emma Kraus	Dorothy Krentz
Steve Kuhn	Anthony Kwesie	Addison Lange
Debbie Lange	Jeannette Lawler	Melody LeGray
Erin Liedtky	Leota Lewis	Anthony Lopez
Pete Maaske	David McDonald	Linda Merkle
Dave Meyer	Mayra Micciche	Daniel Midgely
Military	Jay Miner	Grace Miskimen
Debbie Moore	Renee Moore	Cesar Morales
Justin Morales	Herbert & Elaine Moran	Amanda Netzell
Lauren Newmann	Michelle Nichol	Lori O'Neil
Sandy Park	David Parker	Glenn & Nancy Pastella
Seunghie Pastella	Tim & Marguerite Pastella	Esperanza Perez
Jose Perez	Heidi Perry	Kelley Pulone
Sue Purbough	Marilyn Quade	Michele Rawlins
Christian Rhoades	Dave Riffel	Bill Robertson
Crystal Roblero	Linda Roque	Carla Rosen
Beth Rubio	Ernie Schmidt	Josh Seau
Chris Segard	Margi Segnari	Noreen Selle
Loretta Severson	Ray Shaffer	Bea Shelby
Diane Short	Ed Scott Smith	Shirley Smith
Manuel Sousa	Barbara Souza	Richard Souza
Vanessa Sowders	June Spradlin & Family	Janet Surber
Carol Thomas	Sarah Thomas	Matthew & Tina Thorn
Diana Thornbury	Stan Thorne	Randy Tilson
Fran Truslow	United States	Stan Vacek
Blaise & Lisa Vasey	Brandon Vess	Tammy Wall
Rosa & Paul Wallace	Wendy Walsh	Melanie Waters
Sharon Waters	Nancy Williams	Beverly Wilson
Stacy Wilson	Wilma Wilson	Judy Winkler
Cynthia Yancha	Ray Zayas	



About the Cover: We are free to serve one another. We do not need to treat our neighbors as a means to an end for attaining righteousness before God. We know that, because we are forgiven in Christ, we are not held captive or forced to make ourselves worthy before God by what we do. In Christ, we are already free. So, we are free to love one another through our vocations at home, at work, and in our community.