

I will not
leave you
as orphans;

I will
come to you

JOHN 14:18

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Thoughts as we gather

The Lord Jesus Comforts Us with the Preaching of His Resurrection

“The God who ... gives to all mankind life and breath and everything” (Acts 17:24–25) wants all people to seek Him that they might “feel their way toward Him and find Him” (Acts 17:27). But in our sinful ignorance, we humans turn instead to idols “formed by the art and imagination of man” (Acts 17:29). Therefore, God appointed the Man of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, and “has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead” (Acts 17:31). Because He lives, we also live (John 14:19) in His forgiveness, and thus we love Him and keep His commandments (John 14:15). While the risen Lord prepares us for His ascension, He will not leave us “as orphans” (John 14:18), but He gives “another Helper,” the Holy Spirit, to be with us forever (John 14:16) through the preaching of “Jesus and the resurrection” (Acts 17:18). Because He “suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous” (1 Peter 3:18), we “honor Christ the Lord as holy” and are always “prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks” for the reason for our hope (1 Peter 3:15). Our Baptism “now saves” us “as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 3:21).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION


490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en, I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er, Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

Text: Christian Fürchtegott Gellert, 1715–69; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, 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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

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

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 119:89–93; antiphon: v. 105

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

**Forever, O LORD, Your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.**

Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

**By Your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are Your servants.**

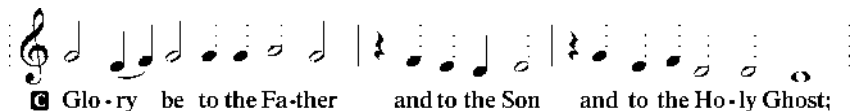
If Your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.

**I will never forget Your precepts,
for by them You have given me life.**

**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.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.





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

KYRIE

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



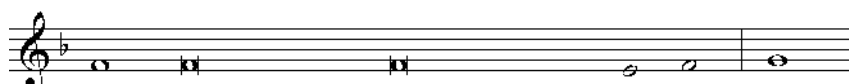
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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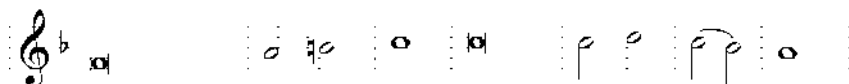
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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



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



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



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



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

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

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

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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.

FIRST READING

Acts 17:16–31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babblers wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?” ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward Him and find Him. Yet He is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“‘In Him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed His offspring.’

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

⁸Bless our God, O peoples;
 let the sound of His praise be heard,
⁹**who has kept our soul among the living
 and has not let our feet slip.**
¹⁰For You, O God, have tested us;
 You have tried us as silver is tried.
¹¹**You brought us into the net;
 You laid a crushing burden on our backs;**
¹²You let men ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and through water;
 yet You have brought us out to a place of abundance.

¹³**I will come into Your house with burnt offerings;
 I will perform my vows to You,**
¹⁴that which my lips uttered
 and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
¹⁵**I will offer to You burnt offerings of fattened animals,
 with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
 I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**
¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God,
 and I will tell what He has done for my soul.
¹⁷**I cried to Him with my mouth,
 and high praise was on my tongue.**
¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
 the Lord would not have listened.
¹⁹**But truly God has listened;
 He has attended to the voice of my prayer.**
²⁰Blessèd be God,
 because He has not rejected my prayer
 or removed His steadfast love from me!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?
¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed.
 Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the
 Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you
 for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect,
 having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile
 your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for
 doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous,
 that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in

the spirit, ¹⁹in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

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

Stand

ALLELUIA

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.”

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

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 † everlasting. Amen.

Sit

556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly
3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring-ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
moth-er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic-t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
life be - came a liv - ing hell. So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
did not choose the cas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

- 5 God said to His beloved Son:
 "It's time to have compassion.
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
 And bring to all salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free;
Slay bitter death for them that they
 May live with You forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,
 Was born of virgin mother;
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 He came to be my brother.
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;
A servant's form, like mine, He wore
 To lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me He said: "Stay close to Me,
 I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I Myself will be;
 For you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, and you are Mine,
And where I am you may remain;
 The foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed My precious blood,
 Me of My life bereaving,
All this I suffer for your good;
 Be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
My innocence shall bear your sin,
 And you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to My Father I depart,
 From earth to heav'n ascending,
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
 The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you
And teach you always to be true
 And into truth shall guide you.

10 “What I on earth have done and taught
 Guide all your life and teaching;
 So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought
 And honored in your preaching.
 But watch lest foes with base alloy
 The heav’nly treasure should destroy;
 This final word I leave you.”

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SERMON

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

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, You give us life in Christ. Grant that, having been strengthened by Your gifts, we may gladly tell others of the hope that we have in You. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Lord God, let Your Spirit be at work through Matthew, our Synod president; Mike, our district president; Ken, our circuit visitor; and our pastor, that as they proclaim Your Word, He may teach us all things and bring to remembrance all Your Son has said to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Lord of heaven and earth, You have given the Spirit of truth to dwell in us through Holy Baptism. Grant Your Spirit's steadfast guidance, that the feet of this congregation and its catechumens may not slip into sin and unbelief, but live always in praise of You before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Heavenly Father, Your Son in His incarnation took on our human flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. He submitted to His mother, honoring and obeying her, so fulfilling the commandment where we have not. On this Mother's Day, graciously accept our thanksgiving for our mothers, whom You have given to us. Teach us to honor them aright — loving, obeying and giving thanks for them, as is fitting in Your sight. Strengthen all women with child, and give them safe delivery. Comfort all women who long to have children but cannot, that they may find their consolation in You and Your unfailing love. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Almighty God, You made from one man all the nations of the earth, and still You sustain us. Grant good leaders in every land who will seek peace and serve justice. Frustrate the causes of evil, violence and oppression. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

P Listening Lord, You always wait upon the prayers of Your people and attend to their cries. [*We pray especially for _____.*] Inspire us to pray in all seasons of life and through all trials, giving us faith in Your promise to answer us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, we give You thanks for the salvation and life You give us through Christ Jesus. You do not leave Your people as orphans but strengthen the penitent with the body and blood of Your Son. Help us to receive what You offer here for our good, that this Holy Communion may strengthen our faith and equip us for Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We entrust all these petitions to Your care, loving Father, confident in Your great mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together 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

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P The Lord be with you.



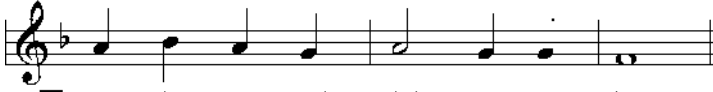
C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

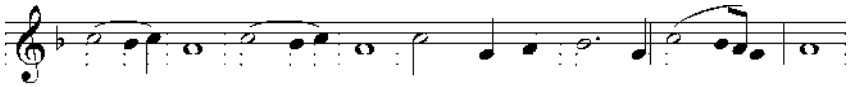


C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

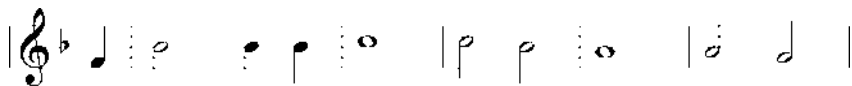


Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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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

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Musical notation for Pax Domini, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of four quarter notes (A, B-flat, C, D) followed by a half note (E) and a whole note (F), all under a single slur. The lyrics "A - men." are positioned below the notes.

A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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Musical notation for Agnus Dei, featuring a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written across five staves. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men." The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final whole note.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.
and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

- 5 Though reason cannot understand,
Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is even now
At once in many places.
I leave to You how this can be;
Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unailing.

- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins,
May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for Your grace
And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

Text: Samuel Kinner, 1603-68; tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841-1931, alt.
Tune: Peter Sohren, c. 1630-c. 1692, alt.
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631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 This is the heav'n - ly ta - ble spread for me;
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is c - nough, my Lord, c - nough in - deed;



And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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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.

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

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



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P Let us pray.

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



C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

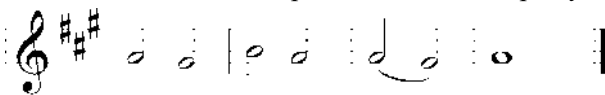
BENEDICTION

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

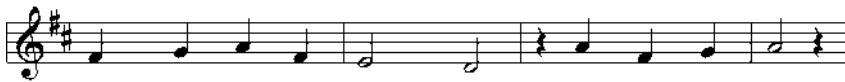


C A-men, a-men, a - men.

557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way



1 Seek where you may To find a way That
 2 Seek whom you may To be your stay, None
 3 Seek Him a - lone Who did a - tone, Who
 4 My heart's de - light, My crown most bright, O



leads to your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled,
 can re - deem his broth - er. All help - ers failed;
 did your souls de - liv - er. O seek Him first,
 Christ, my joy for - ev - er. Not wealth nor pride



On Christ I build, He is the one foun - da - tion.
 This man pre - vailed, The God - man and none oth - er,
 All you who thirst For grace that fails you nev - er.
 Nor for - tune's tide Our bonds of love shall sev - er.



His Word is sure, His works en - dure; He o - ver - throws
 Our Ser - vant - King Of whom we sing. We're jus - ti - fied
 In ev - 'ry need Seek Him in - deed; To ev - 'ry heart
 You are my Lord; Your pre - cious Word Shall guide my way



All e - vil foes; Through Him I more than con - quer.
 Be - cause He died, The guilt - y be - ing guilt - less.
 He will im - part His bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
 And help me stay For - ev - er in Your pres - ence.

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

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SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, May 17, 2026, are:

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 (antiphon: v. 5)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 14:15 – “**If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.**” Jesus is clear: our obedience to His Word comes from our love for Him. But where does that love come from? Jesus tells us that as well: “Her sins, which are many, are forgiven — for she loved much” (Luke 7:47). Christ shows us His love and gives us the forgiveness of our sins, which causes love to well up in us and thereby keep the commandments of Jesus. For after all, the summary of the Law is “love.”

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (05/10)	9:00 a.m.	Service
<i>Mother's Day</i>	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Mon. (05/11)	4:00 p.m.	Youth Confirmation
Thurs. (05/14)	6:00 p.m.	NAMI Family to Family & Peer Connections
Sat. (05/16)	8:30 a.m.	Men's Club
Sun. (05/17)	9:00 a.m.	Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	1:00 p.m.	Council Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

05/03/2026	9:00 a.m.	63
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,501.00	Needed YTD	\$ 81,018.00
Rec'vd. 05/03/2026	<u>\$ 4,02.916</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 87,123.79</u>
Over Weekly	\$ 1,265.50	Over YTD	\$ 6,105.79

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

YOUTH—Confirmation Class will be held on Monday, May 11, at 4:00 p.m.

ADULT— **NO** Adult Confirmation Class this week.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

There will be **NO** Bible Study this Wednesday as Pastor will be out of town.

HOUSEKEEPER

There is a young lady in the Spanish congregation who is looking for work as a housekeeper. Her name is Rose Meza and her phone number is 442-462-9995 if anyone is interested in hiring her.

COUNCIL MEETING

The second quarter council meeting will be May 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. The meeting will be available on Zoom as well.

VBS

There will be **NO** VBS this year. You can save or toss your VBS offering envelopes.

UPCOMING Events

Saturday, June 13th – Men’s Gathering “Bicycling Along” 11:00 a.m.—
1:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 5th – Annual Summer BBQ at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 5th - Parish Nurse event “Fall into Cleanliness”

Saturday, September 26th—LWML Zone Celebration at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 18th – Oktoberfest Potluck at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

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

Sunday, December 13th – 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. Otherwise, names will be removed after **TWO** months.

ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED:

Angela Alder
Tricia Blake
Durfee Family
Gaylon Pastella
Gwen Strasburg
Bob Albert
Red & MaryAnn Beck
Bill Blanton
Marcia Bowren
Kyle Burton
Mari Caroland
Maddie Cervantes
Cathy Connors
Scott Crawley
Kathy Davis
Mary Diaz
John & Ann Duran
Heidi Evans
Christian Frash
Faigie Gawn
Government
Pastor Harris
Jeanne Hecksel
Beverly Johnson
Randy Lam
Melody LeGray
Kelly Marscheider
David McDonald
Dave Meyer
Katelyn Nelson
David Parker
Seung-Hee Pastella
Mel & Mary Quecke
Bill Robertson
Bea Shelby
Richard Sosa
Larry & Robin Thompson
Richard Torres
Donna Wagers
Curtis Wise
Grief & Strength:
Family of Sharon Hill
Family of Herbert Moran

Mary Beuerle
Devin Coole
Jennifer Millgate
Mildred Sears
Rory Tighe
Brendan Anderson
Marilyn Belka
Grayson Blomberg
Crista Brenden
Gabrielle Butcher
Dan Catherwood
Carolyne Chaney
Patrick Coole
William Creek
Nick & Julie DeRose
Christine Dunne
Egger Family
Lynn Fairgrief
Jillian Garcia
Zoey Gilman
Raquel Gudino
Kelly Havens
Harry Heike
Billy K
Addison Lange
Frank Liedtky & Family
Epris Martin
Brian McMahan
Military
Adam Nieto
Glenn & Nancy Pastella
Tim & Marguerite Pastella
Michele Rawlins
Jeff & Pam Scott
Short Family
Stacy & Tracy
Cyndy Todd
Sheryl Truslow
Joni Wangeman
John Worstell

Charles Blake
Judy Cutler
Beverly Moglich
Kevin Smith
Mike Adams
Dave Anderson
Vivian Bingnam
Sue Boers
Karrie Burke
Marcia Byron
Lane Ceballos
David Chavez
Robert Coole
John Davis
Matt DeWitt
Kelley Dunne
Don Eliason
Charity Frash
Chrissie Gates
Grace Glass
Roger Hall
Jace Haynes
Kareem Jacobs
Emma Kraus
Debbie Lange
Anthony Lopez
Tom & Joan Mason
Linda Merkle
Grace Miskimen
Park Family
Richard & Alice Pastella
People suffering grief & depression
Dave Riffel
Noreen Selle
Ashley Skiffington
Caleb Svede-Holling
Joshua Todd
Brandon Vess
Joe Waters
Cynthia Yancho