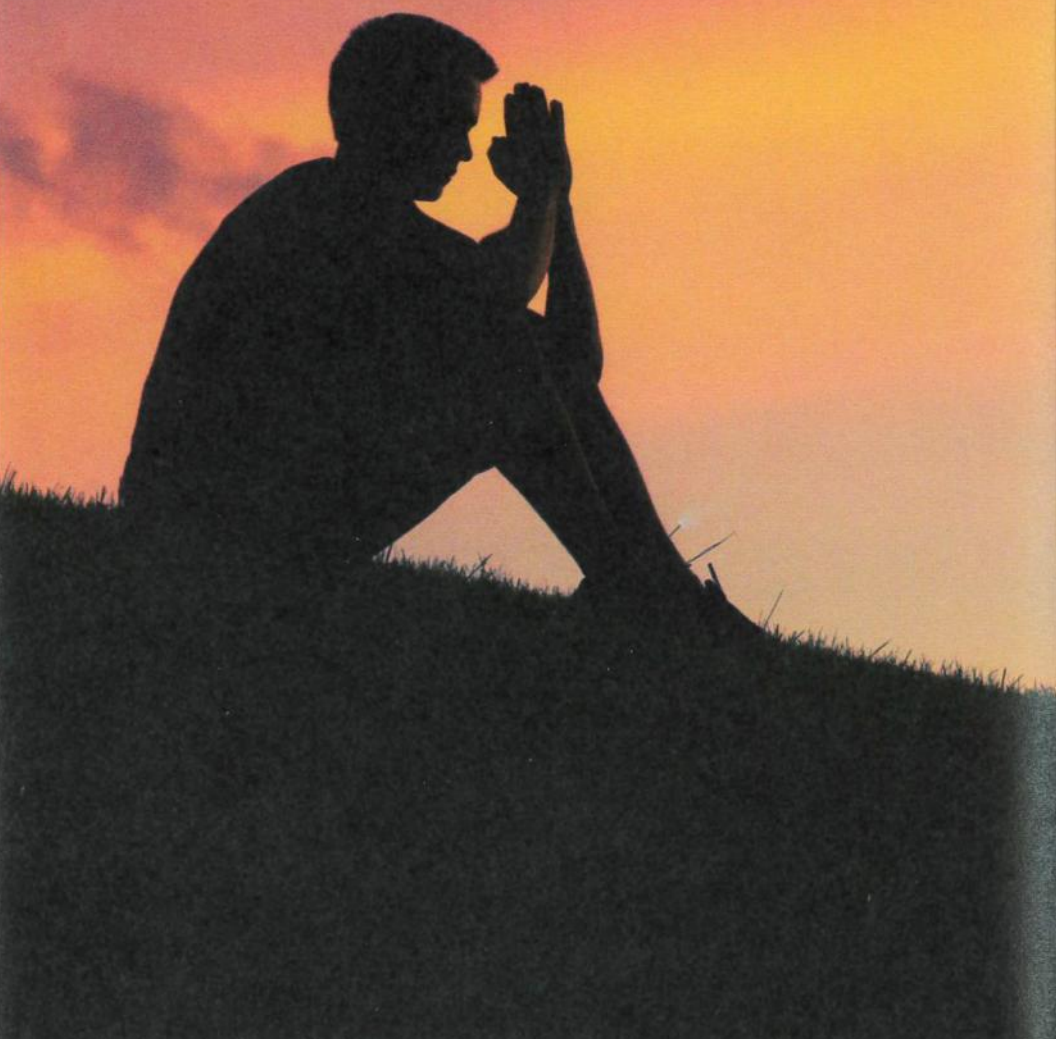


*The Spirit
Himself
intercedes for us*

ROMANS 8:26



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Thoughts as we gather

The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith

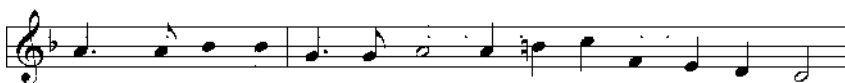
The good Seed, which is “*the Son of Man*,” Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in “*the sons of the kingdom*” (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets “*both grow together until the harvest*” (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is “*the King of Israel and his Redeemer*” (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, “*fear not, nor be afraid*” (Is. 44:8). For “*the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God*” (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, “*the Spirit helps us in our weakness*” (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, “*the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us*” (Rom. 8:18).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to His praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy ti-nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

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

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

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

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

**Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth;
unite my heart to fear Your name.**

I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify Your name forever.

**For great is Your steadfast love toward me;
You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.**

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless
men seek my life,

and they do not set You before them.

**But You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

**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.**

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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

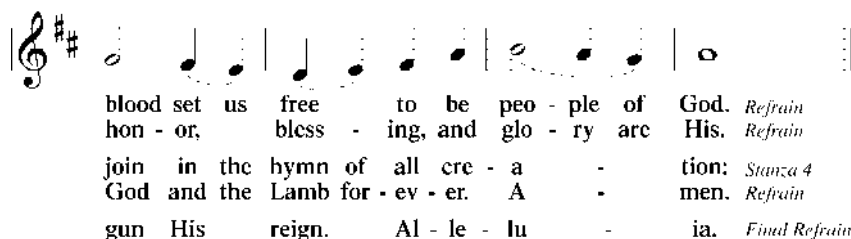
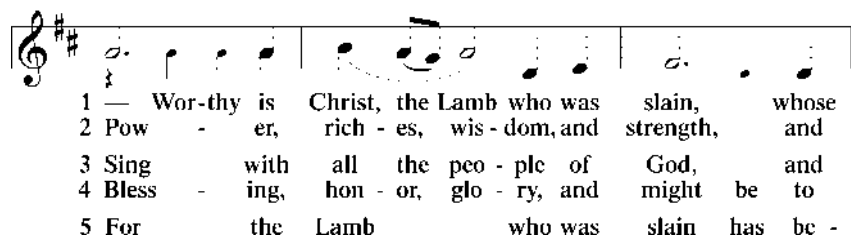
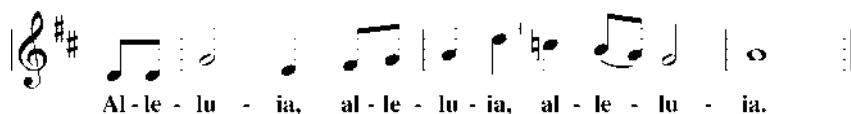


C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

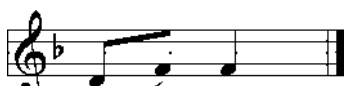
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 44:6–8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and His Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;
besides Me there is no god.

⁷Who is like Me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before Me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are My witnesses!

Is there a God besides Me?
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HETH

- ⁵⁷The LORD is my portion;
I promise to keep Your words.
⁵⁸**I entreat Your favor with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to Your promise.**
⁵⁹When I think on my ways,
I turn my feet to Your testimonies;
⁶⁰**I hasten and do not delay
to keep Your commandments.**
⁶¹Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget Your law.
⁶²**At midnight I rise to praise You,
because of Your just and righteous decrees.**
⁶³I am a companion of all who fear You,
of those who keep Your precepts.
⁶⁴**The earth, O LORD, is full of Your steadfast love;
teach me Your statutes!**

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 8:18–27

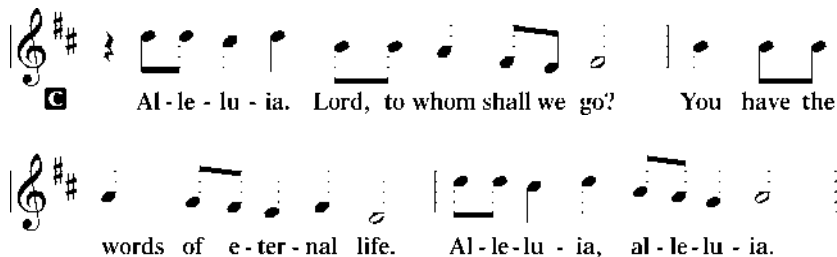
¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

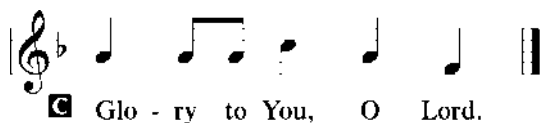
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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

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



²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply;
 My sov - reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign,
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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SERMON

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



CONFIRMATION

The pastor addresses the catechumens.

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

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

R *Yes, I do.*

P Do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
- R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
- R** *Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*
- P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- R** *Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

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

P Jason: the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting. ***“Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity” (1 Timothy 4:12)***

R Amen.

P Jamie: the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting. ***“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are!” (1 John 3:1)***

R Amen.

P Joe: the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting. ***“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)***

R Amen.

P Jonathan: the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting. ***“And I am confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)***

R Amen.

P Gaylon: the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting. ***“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.” (Matthew 7:7)***

R Amen.

P Sue: the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting. ***“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1)***

R Amen.

P Ken: the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting. ***“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in the weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.” (2 Corinthians 12:9)***

R Amen.

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

Stand

P Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ’s Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord’s Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to

life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Peace ☩ be with you.

C Amen.

You may return to your seats

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faithful stewardship of all creation, that we may care for it until the Lord sets it free from its bondage to decay and gives it to us anew in His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, that she may remain good soil that brings forth an abundant harvest, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For pastors, that they may sow Your Word faithfully in the fields entrusted to them, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the delegates who are assembled in convention this week, that God would give them wisdom to work for the welfare of our Synod; that He would guard the lips of those who speak and the ears of those who hear; that He would give us courage to do with integrity what we promise; and that, according to His will, He would bless and prosper the plans and actions undertaken in His name, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all Christian homes, that they may be places where faith is nurtured and where we may learn to live our new lives in holiness and righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick, aged, infirm, mourning or dying, [*especially* _____], that they would be given healing in accord with God's will and grace to sustain them in their need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For certainty that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us, let us pray to the Lord:

- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** To Him we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.**

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.

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- C** And al - so with you.

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- C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

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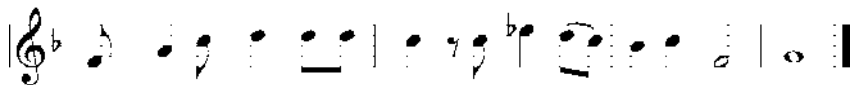
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



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



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



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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ 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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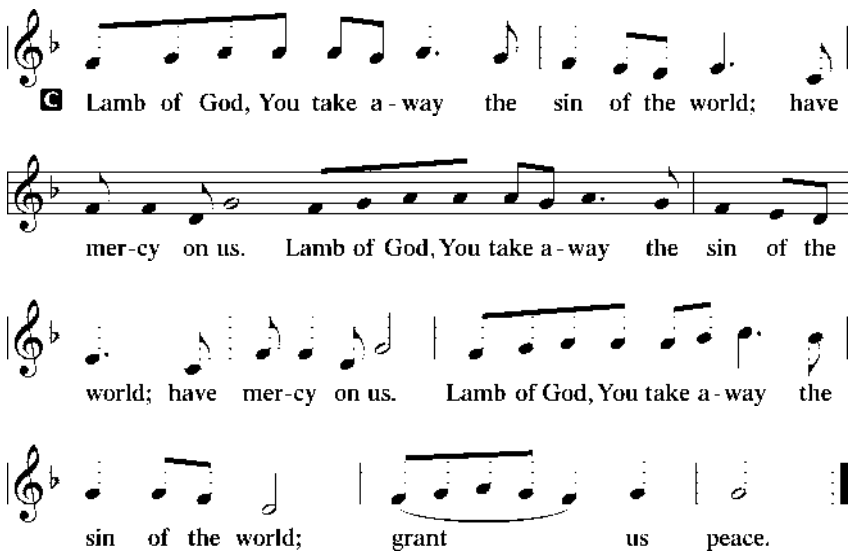
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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

Sit

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 unfailing.

- 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.

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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,

The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.

The Sup-per is end-ed, O now be ex-tend-ed
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,

The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.

The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;

Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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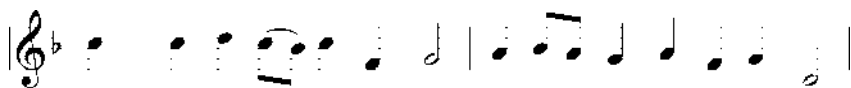
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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

THANK THE LORD

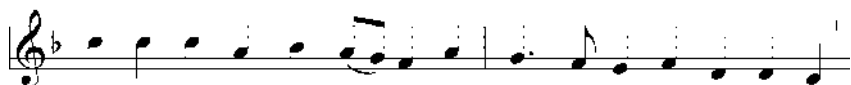
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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



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



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

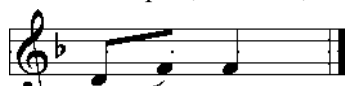


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

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



C A - men.

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.



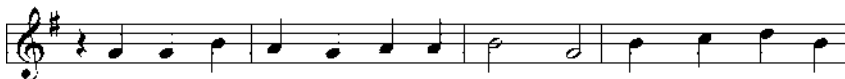
C A - - men.

Sit

508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
 2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
 3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
 4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
 And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
 What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
 Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
 wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -
 dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
 trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warn - ed us.
 might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.
 known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
 judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
 And for my sin was smitten;
 Within the Book of Life I know
 My name has now been written.
 I will not doubt, for I am free,
 And Satan cannot threaten me;
 There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
 And through His blood and merit
 Read from His book that we are free
 With all who life inherit.
 Then we shall see Him face to face,
 With all His saints in that blest place
 Which He has purchased for us.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
 But hasten our salvation;
 We often tremble on our way
 In fear and tribulation.
 O hear and grant our fervent plea:
 Come, mighty judge, and set us free
 From death and ev'ry evil.

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

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SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, July 26, 2026, are:

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Psalm 125 (antiphon: v. 2)

Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 13:44-52

July 19 – Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Romans 6:19 – “For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.”

To be sanctified means to be set aside for God’s purposes in all that we do, whether in the home, church or society at large. St. Paul encourages us to see ourselves, our bodies, our souls and all that we are as set aside for God’s work.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (07/19)	9:00 a.m.	Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	1:00 p.m.	Council Meeting
Wed. (07/22)	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thurs. (07/23)	6:00 p.m.	NAMI Peer Connections
Sun. (07/26)	9:00 a.m.	Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study

ATTENDANCE:

07/12/2026	9:00 a.m.	57
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,501.00	Needed YTD	\$ 126,028.00
Rec'vd. 07/12/2026	<u>\$ 5,337.00</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 129,664.76</u>
Over Weekly	\$ 836.00	Over YTD	\$ 3,636.76

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.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ascension Lutheran Church's Council meeting will be held today at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees are purchasing two new boilers to replace the existing 20-year-old units for heating the Church. Normal expected life is 15 years. The cost is approximately \$8,000. We are asking the congregation for help in defraying the cost of these new units. The trustees will do the installation (saving \$2,000). Special envelopes are available for your donation. Thank you for your support.

LWML MITES

On Sunday, July 12, we had 17 LWML ladies from Ascension Lutheran Church gathered around to raise \$100 for the 80th anniversary of the LWML. Great job ladies and continue to contribute your MITES monthly for the district to be able to dispense all monies for grants. Thanks again for a great job and God's Blessings.

CRAFT FAIR

We will be having a craft fair on September 26 during the LWML event. Any donations of handmade items would be greatly appreciated.

OUTREACH & ELDERS PROJECT

We need suggestions from the congregation for a deserving group for the fourth quarter donations for the Outreach and Elders' project. Please see Kathy Benzow or Ken Porter

PANTRY

Our pantry is in need of the following items: breakfast cereal; canned carrots; canned pasta (spaghetti & meatballs); canned corn, canned green beans; canned beans; canned soup; crackers; dried beans; chili; spaghetti sauce; tuna or chicken salad mix. Thank you!

UPCOMING *Events*

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 1:00 pm 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 1:00pm 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	Mary Beuerle	Charles Blake
Tricia Blake	Devin Coole	Judy Cutler
Durfee Family	Jennifer Millgate	Beverly Moglich
Gaylon Pastella	Mildred Sears	Kevin Smith
Gwen Strasburg	Rory Tighe	Mike Adams
Adriana	Bob Albert	Brendan Anderson
Dave Anderson	Greg Arida	Red & MaryAnn Beck
Marilyn Belka	Vivian Bingham	Bill Blanton
Grayson Blomberg	Sue Boers	Marcia Bowren
Crista Brenden	Karrie Burke	Kyle Burton
Gabrielle Butcher	Marcia Byron	Mari Caroland
Dan Catherwood	Lane Ceballos	Maddie Cervantes
Carolyne Chaney	David Chavez	Christy
Cathy Connors	Patrick Coole	Robert Coole
Scott Crawley	William Creek	John Davis
Kathy Davis	Nick & Julie DeRose	Matt DeWitt
Mary Diaz	Christine Dunne	Kelley Dunne
John & Ann Duran	Egger Family	Don Eliason
Heidi Evans	Lynn Fairgrief	Alicia Ferrell
Eleanor Fetterman	Charity Frash	Christian Frash
Jillian Garcia	Chrissie Gates	Faigie Gawn
Chris Gibson	Zoey Gilman	Grace Glass
Government	Raquel Gudino	Roger Hall
Pastor Harris	Kelly Havens	Jace Haynes
Jeanne Hecksel	Justin Hedden & Family	Harry Heike
Stephen Hodges	Kareem Jacobs	Beverly Johnson
Bud Justice	Billy K	Emma Kraus
Steve Kuhn	Randy Lam	Addison Lange
Debbie Lange	LaPria & Family	Melody LeGray
Frank Liedtky & Family	Anthony Lopez	Kelly Marscheider
Epris Martin	Debbie Martinez	Tom & Joan Mason
David McDonald	Brian McMahan	Mr. McMahan
Linda Merkle	Dave Meyer	Military
Grace Miskimen	Belita & Richard Nash	Adam Nieto
Park Family	David Parker	Glenn & Nancy Pastella
Richard & Alice Pastella	Seung-Hee Pastella	Tim & Marguerite Pastella
Mel & Mary Quecke	Michele Rawlins	Dave Riffel
Riley Family	Bill Robertson	Noreen Selle
Bea Shelby	Short Family	Ashley Skiffington
Barbara Sosa	Georgina Soto	Larry & Robin Thompson
Cyndy Todd	Joshua Todd	Richard Torres
Sheryl Truslow	Denise Turner	Brandon Vess
Phyllis Walton	Joni Wangeman	Donna Wagers
Joe Waters	Phyllis Wheaton	Curtis Wise
John Worstell	Cynthia Yanchou	

GRIEF & STRENGTH:

Family of Senator Lindsay Graham



About the Cover: Sometimes the heartache of this world and our weakness can leave us speechless in our prayers. So we lean on the Word that God continues to speak into our lives, trusting that the “Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.” Jesus has already won for us redemption and eternal life through His cross and resurrection. We wait in eager expectation for His return and the restoration of all creation.