



# CHRIST JESUS

came into the world  
to save sinners

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### HOLY CROSS DAY

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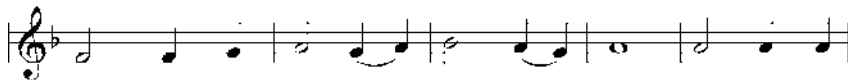
### New Common Element

#### *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

*“Sir, we wish to see Jesus”* (John 12:21). Then look to His holy cross. For just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, so Jesus, when He is *“lifted up from the earth, will draw all people”* to Himself (John 12:32). *“He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross”* to save us (Phil. 2:8). *“Everyone who is bitten”* by the ancient serpent’s venom of sin, *“when he sees”* Christ *“shall live”* (Num. 21:8). The true holy cross is lost to history, and we cannot return to Calvary to find our salvation. So, Christ brings the New Testament in His blood to us. *“We preach Christ crucified .... the power of God and the wisdom of God,”* though foolishness to the unbelieving world (1 Cor. 1:23–24). It pleases God, *“through the folly”* of the cross we preach, *“to save those who believe”* (1 Cor. 1:21). We find the fruit and benefit of this holy cross poured out in Holy Baptism, spoken in the preaching of Holy Absolution, and delivered in the body and blood given and shed there for us. Thus are we strengthened to take up our crosses, sanctified by His (John 12:25–26).

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1	When	I	sur	-	vey	the	won	-	drous	cross	On	which	the
2	For	-	bid	it,	Lord,	that	I	should	boast	Save	in	the	
3	See,	from	His	head,	His	hands,	His	feet	Sor	-	row	and	
4	Were	the	whole	realm	of	na	-	ture	mine.	That	were	a	



Prince of Glo - ry died. My rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most. I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.  
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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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 98:1, 4, 6; antiphon: v. 2*

The LORD has made known His salvation;

He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!**

**His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn**

**make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

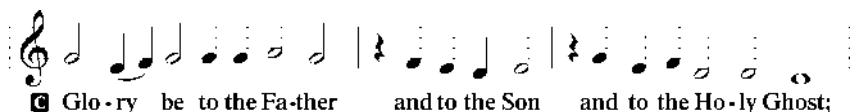
**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

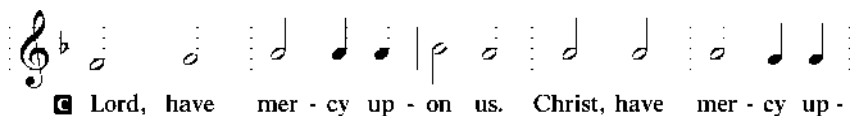
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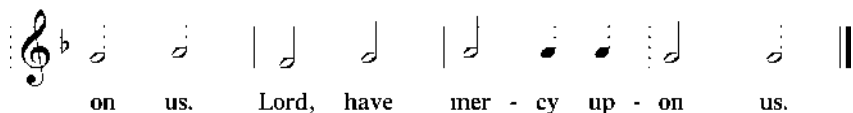
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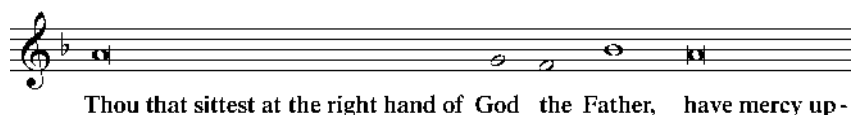
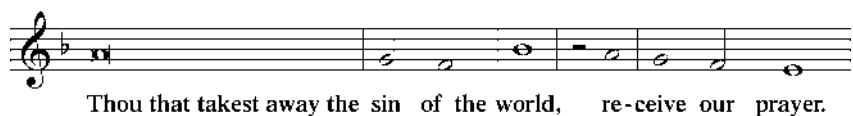
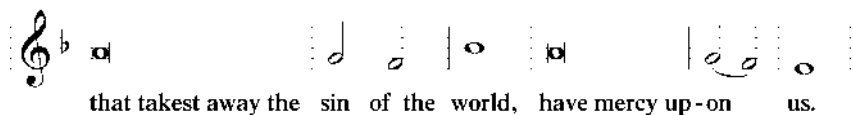
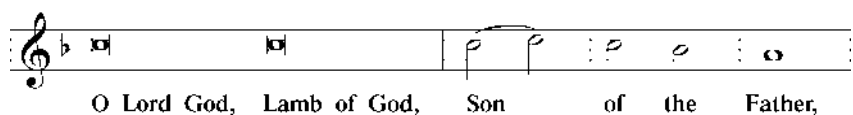
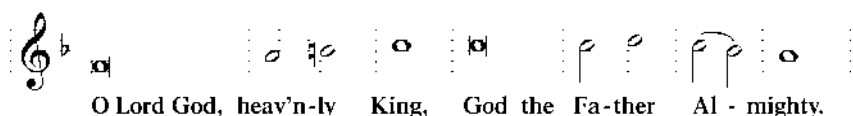
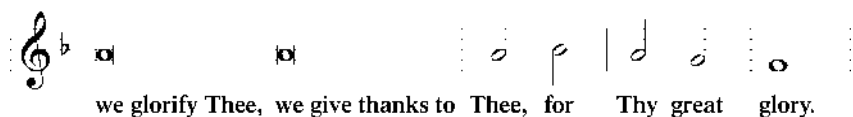
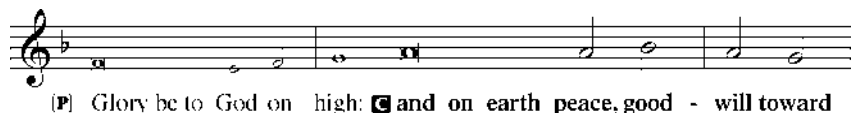
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## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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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.

**P** Merciful God, Your Son, Jesus Christ, was lifted high upon the cross that He might bear the sins of the world and draw all people to Himself. Grant that we who glory in His death for our redemption may faithfully heed His call to bear the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Numbers 21:4–9*

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that He take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 40:1–11; antiphon: v. 13*

<sup>1</sup>I waited patiently for the LORD;

He inclined to me and heard my cry.

<sup>2</sup>**He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog,**

and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.

<sup>3</sup>**He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.**

Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

<sup>4</sup>**Blessèd is the man who makes  
the LORD his trust,**

who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!

<sup>5</sup>**You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with You!**

I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.

<sup>6</sup>**Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,  
but You have given me an open ear.**

Burnt offering and sin offering  
You have not required.

<sup>7</sup>**Then I said, “Behold, I have come;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

<sup>8</sup>I desire to do Your will, O my God;  
Your law is within my heart.”

<sup>9</sup>**I have told the glad news of deliverance  
in the great congregation;**

behold, I have not restrained my lips,  
as You know, O LORD.

<sup>10</sup>**I have not hidden Your deliverance within my heart;  
I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;**

I have not concealed Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.

<sup>11</sup>**As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain  
Your mercy from me;**

Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will  
ever preserve me!

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

*1 Corinthians 1:18–25*

<sup>18</sup>The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

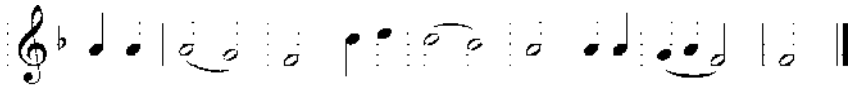
<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*





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

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 12:20–33*

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

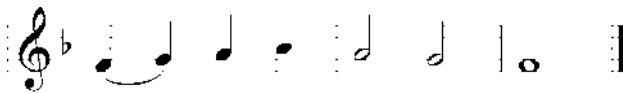


**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

<sup>27</sup>“Now is My soul troubled. And what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came from heaven: “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, “An angel has spoken to Him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not Mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to Myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to show by what kind of death He was going to die.

**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  $\text{✠}$  everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

### 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle



1 Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; Sing the end - ing  
2 Tell how, when at length the full - ness Of the ap - point - ed  
3 Thus, with thir - ty years ac - com - plished, He went forth from  
4 Faith - ful cross, true sign of tri - umph, Be for all the  
△ 5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry; To the Fa - ther



of the fray. Now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy,  
time was come, He, the Word, was born of wom - an,  
Naz - a - reth, Des - tined, ded - i - cat - ed, will - ing,  
no - blest tree; None in fo - liage, none in blos - som,  
and the Son, To the e - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or



Sound the loud tri - um - phant lay; Tell how Christ, the  
Left for us His Fa - ther's home, Blazed the path of  
Did His work, and met His death; Like a lamb He  
None in fruit thine e - qual be; Sym - bol of the  
Now and ev - er - more be done; Praise and glo - ry



world's re - deem - er, As a vic - tim won the day.  
true o - be - dience, Shone as light a - midst the gloom.  
hum - bly yield - ed On the cross His dy - ing breath.  
world's re - demp - tion, For the weight that hung on thee!  
in the high - est While the time - less a - ges run.

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*Sit*

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For grace to proclaim the triumph of the cross throughout the world, so all would rejoice in the victory of that love which hate could not destroy and that life which death could not overcome, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the continued proclamation of the cross's power, that from this life-giving tree we would receive the gifts that preserve faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all pastors and servants of the Church, that they may be enabled by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the wisdom of the cross before the world, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the households of this congregation, that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the nations, that war, hate and bloodshed would be overcome by peace, love and justice; and for all who serve in our armed forces, that God would protect those who labor to protect us, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who have requested our intercession, [especially \_\_\_\_\_] that our loving Father would be near to them and grant them a happy issue out of their troubles, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For worthy reception of the fruit of the cross this day, that through Christ's death we may walk the path to paradise and receive forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the whole Christian Church on earth, in thanksgiving for all the faithful who have gone before us, that God would bring us to share at last with them in the unending joy of His kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Him, with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### Communion Statement

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

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

### PREFACE

*LSB 194*



**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 un - to 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. 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

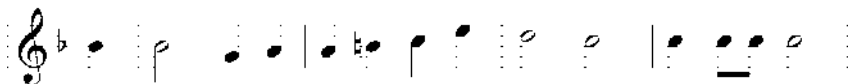
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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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.

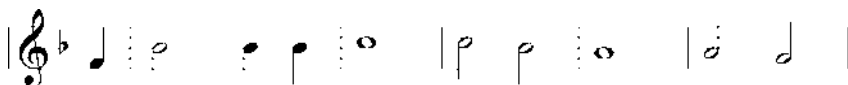


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## LORD'S PRAYER

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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

LSB 197

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

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

## PAX DOMINI

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



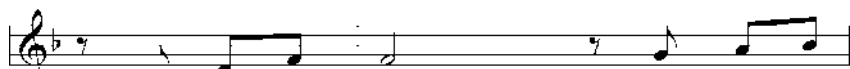
- C** A - men.

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.

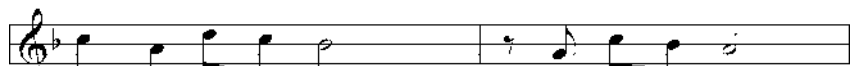
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629 What Is This Bread



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y  
2 What is this wine? The blood of  
3 So who am I, That I should  
4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By  
5 Is this for me? I am for -



ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,  
Je - sus shed for mine: The cup of grace  
live and He should die Un - der the rod?  
Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul  
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve



This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -  
Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I  
My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en  
He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this  
That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.  
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.  
me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.  
meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.  
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

*Refrain*



You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and  
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of  
4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal  
5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less



heed his voice; So when You call Your  
grat - i - tude That You should count us  
Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one  
tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -  
let us be, To serve each oth - er



*Refrain*

fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.  
wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell,  
in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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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 pre-serve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. 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.



**A** 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.



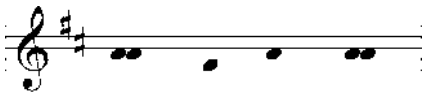
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

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**A** Bless we the Lord.



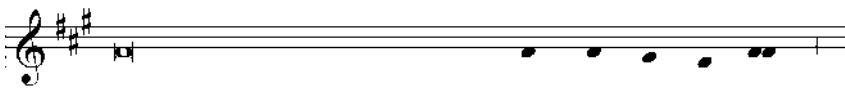
**C** Thanks be to God.

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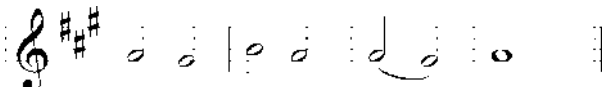
**F** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



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

*Sit*

## 430 My Song Is Love Unknown



1 My song is love un - known, My Sav - ior's love to  
 2 He came from His blest throne Sal - va - tion to be -  
 3 Some - times they strew His way And His sweet prais - es  
 4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and



me, Love to the love - less shown That they might love - ly  
 stow; But men made strange, and none The longed - for Christ would  
 sing; Re - sound - ing all the day Ho - san - nas to their  
 spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their



be. Oh, who am I That for my sake  
 know. But, oh, my friend, My friend in - deed,  
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" Is all their breath,  
 sight. Sweet in - ju - rics! Yet they at these



My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?  
 Who at my need His life did spend!  
 And for His death They thirst and cry.  
 Them - selves dis - please And 'gainst Him rise.

- 5 They rise and needs will have  
 My dear Lord made away;  
 A murderer they save,  
 The Prince of Life they slay.  
 Yet cheerful He  
 To suff'ring goes  
 That He His foes  
 From thence might free.

- 6 In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heav'n was His home  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein He lay.
- 7 Here might I stay and sing,  
No story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
Never was grief like Thine.  
This is my friend,  
In whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
Could gladly spend!

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**SERVING SERVICE TODAY:**

**ELDER**

Ken Porter

**HEAD USHER**

Bruce Benson

**SUNDAY READINGS**

The readings for Sunday, September 21, 2025 are:

Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113 (antiphon: v. 3)

1 Timothy 2:1-15

Luke 16:1-15

**September 14 – Proper 19**

**Luke 15:2 – “And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This Man receives sinners and eats with them.’”** Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can’t understand, we praise with all our being. We give thanks for the grace of God, and we live by that grace. The more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Knowing the Lord and trusting Him come first, and the desire to imitate Him can’t help but follow.



# Upcoming **EVENTS**

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- Craft Fair – October – November (Sundays after church service) – check bulletin for actual dates
- Oktoberfest – Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
- Voter's Assembly – Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
- Congregational Fall Potluck - Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm
- Advent by Candlelight – “The King Shall Come” - Saturday, November 29 at 1:00pm
- Thanksgiving Food Collection for aCORE Solution – dates and more details coming soon
- Congregational Christmas Party – Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm
- Christmas Toy Drive for the Fire Department's ‘Spark of Love Program’ – dates and more info coming soon

**THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION**

<b>Sun. (09/14)</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Service Bible Study Potluck
<b>Mon. (09/15)</b>	4:00 p.m.	Youth Confirmation Class
<b>Wed. (09/17)</b>	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
<b>Sat. (09/20)</b>	8:30 a.m.	Men’s Club
<b>Sun. (09/21)</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study

**ATTENDANCE:**

09/07/2025	9:00 a.m.	766
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**OFFERING:**

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,197.00	Needed YTD	\$ 151,092.00
Rec’vd. 09/07/2025	<u>\$ 8,126.66</u>	Rec’vd YTD	<u>\$ 150,549.19</u>
Over Weekly	\$ 3,929.66	Short YTD	\$ (542.81)

## **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**

There will be NO Adult Confirmation Class tomorrow.

### **YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Youth Confirmation Class will be meeting on Monday, September 15 at 4:00 p.m.

### **SEPTEMBER POTLUCK**

We are having a special potluck today after Church and Bible Study at 12:00 p.m.. Just bring your favorite dish you had sometime during your childhood. This should be lots of fun. Hope to see you all there

### **MEN'S CLUB**

The next meeting of the Men's Club is scheduled for Saturday, September 20 at 8:30 a.m. All men are welcome.

### **FROM THE TRUSTEES**

The Trustees need volunteers from the congregation to assist on different projects. Please prayerfully consider offering some of your time!

Also—Anyone that is willing and able, please help during our absence—weeding back field, removing pine needles or any other general clean up you happen to see. Bring your own tools. Can be done anytime the office is open.

Prayer and Praises” is your personal invitation to join with the Prayer Ministry of our church in daily prayer. If you would like someone to stay on the prayer list, please call the church office at 760-247-7392, put your request on the prayer cards in the church, or go on-line at [www.ascensionav.org](http://www.ascensionav.org). Otherwise, names will be removed after two months.

## ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED:

Angela Alder  
Tricia Blake  
Durfee Family  
Gaylon Pastella  
Gwen Strasburg  
All who have sorrows/problems  
Andrea  
Red & MaryAnn Beck  
Billie & Eric  
Grayson Blomberg  
Vanessa Brown  
Gabrielle Butcher  
Renee Cates  
David Chavez  
Pearl Coole  
Della Cowie  
John Davis  
Samuel & Sean Detwiler  
Christine & Christopher Dunne  
Marge Edwards  
Heidi Evans  
Rosie Fernandez  
Christian Frash  
Faigie Gawn  
Grace Glass  
Roger Hall  
Jace Haynes  
Harry Heike  
Bill Huff  
Avery Jamison  
Jacob Jones  
Chris Kelly  
Steve Kuhn  
Debbie Lange  
James & Leota Lewis  
Pete Maaske  
Dave Meyer  
Grace Miskimen  
Cesar Morales  
Herbert & Elaine Moran  
Lauren Newmann  
Donna Park  
Richard & Alice Pastella  
Esperanza Perez  
Protection of pregnant women  
Marilyn Quade  
Penny Reese  
Bill Robertson  
Carla Rosen  
Josh Seau  
Noreen Selle  
Bea Shelby  
Shirley Smith  
Richard Souza  
Carol Thomas  
Matthew & Tina Thorn  
Randy Tilson  
Fran Truslow  
Stan Vacek  
Tammy Wall  
Melanie Waters  
Nancy Williams  
Wilma Wilson  
Ray Zayas

Mary Beuerle  
Devin Coole  
Jennifer Millgate  
Mildred Sears  
Rory Tighe  
Leeta Amaro  
Avery  
Marilyn Belka  
Vivian Bingnam  
Sue Boers  
Karrie Burke  
Marcia Byron  
Lane Ceballos  
Tracy Coole  
Robert Coole  
Larry Cramins  
Kathy Davis  
Matt DeWitt  
Kelley Dunne  
Egger Family  
Sam Fagan  
George & Vonnie Filkins  
Don Garcia  
Brielle Gondola  
Raquel Gudino  
Jerry & Emilie Harding  
Jeanne Hecksel  
Kariee Henson  
Dawn Husel  
Norma Jenkins  
John & Connie Kays  
Emma Kraus  
Anthony Kwesie  
Jeannette Lawler  
Erin Liedtke  
David McDonald  
Daniel Midgely  
Debbie Moore  
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Michelle Nichol  
David Parker  
Seunghee Pastella  
Jose Perez  
Kelley Pulone  
Randi  
Christian Rhoades  
Crystal Roblero  
Beth Rubio  
Chris Segard  
Loretta Severson  
Diane Short & Short Family  
Manuel Sousa  
Vanessa Sowders  
Sarah Thomas  
Diana Thornbury  
Joshua Todd  
Sue Twarowski  
Blaise & Lisa Vasey  
Rosa & Paul Wallace  
Sharon Waters  
Beverly Wilson  
Judy Winkler

Charles Blake  
Judy Cutler  
Beverly Moglich  
Kevin Smith  
Bob Albert  
Brendan Anderson  
Mark Baker  
Ilona Berecki  
Bill & Jan Blanton  
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Mari Caroland  
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### Safe Travels:

Joe & Gail Yanchow



**About the Cover:** The crucifix can bring about many different reactions. On the one hand, it reminds us of the suffering and death that Jesus encountered upon that Roman form of execution, the horror of our sin, and God's wrath poured out upon it. On the other hand, the crucifix is, above all, a reminder of the lengths to which Jesus was willing to go to have us as His own forever. It is a symbol of His outstretched love, as He shed His own blood to forgive and save sinners.