

Called
with all those who
call upon the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 1:2



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Thoughts as we gather:

God Reveals His Glory in Christ and His Cross

“The Lord, the Redeemer of Israel,” calls forth “His Holy One” (Is. 49:7), Jesus, the Christ, “from the womb” of His mother (Is. 49:1). The incarnate Son of God is revealed as the Savior, not only for Israel but also “as a light for the nations,” whose salvation reaches “to the end of the earth” (Is. 49:6). John came “baptizing with water” (John 1:31) to reveal Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29), and who glorifies His God and Father by His atoning sacrifice upon the cross. When Jesus was baptized in the waters of the Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended “from heaven like a dove” and “remained on Him” (John 1:32). By our Baptism, we are anointed by the same Spirit, adopted by God the Father, and “called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 1:9). Therefore, we “are not lacking in any gift,” but we can trust Him who promises to sustain us to the end, “guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 1:7–8).

CONFESSİON AND ABSOLUTİON

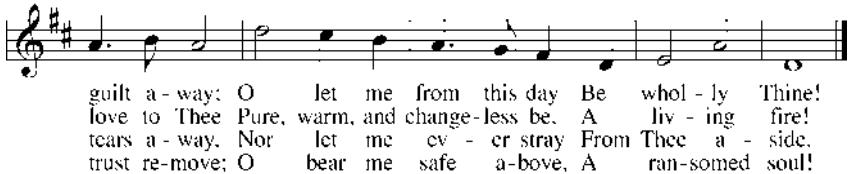
702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1 My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart;
3 While life's dark maze I tread And grieves a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream. When death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine. Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
My zeal in - spire! As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's -
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -



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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 \dagger 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 \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

**The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.**

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

**There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.**

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a tent for the sun.

**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.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

KYRIE

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P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.



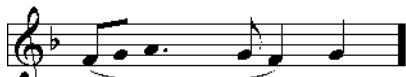
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.

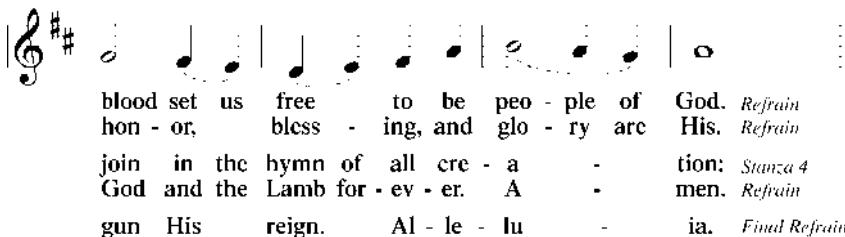
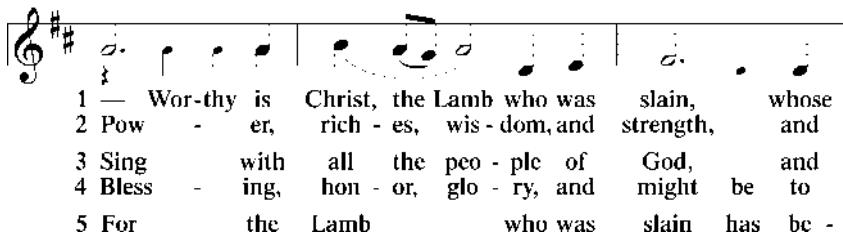
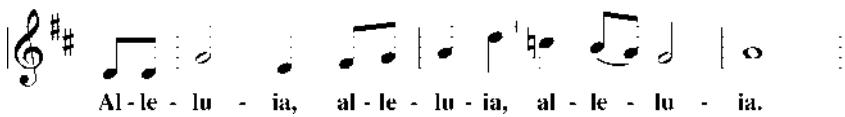
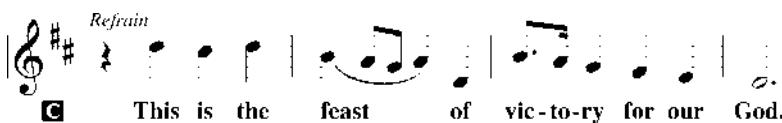
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

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Final Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
and give attention, you peoples from afar.
The LORD called me from the womb,
from the body of my mother He named my name.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword;
in the shadow of His hand He hid me;
He made me a polished arrow;
in His quiver He hid me away.
³And He said to me, "You are My servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my right is with the LORD,
and my recompense with my God.”

⁵And now the LORD says,

He who formed me from the womb to be His servant,
to bring Jacob back to Him;

and that Israel might be gathered to Him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—

“He says:

“It is too light a thing that you should be My servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,

that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷Thus says the LORD,

the Redeemer of Israel and His Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,
the servant of rulers:

“Kings shall see and arise;
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 40:1–11; antiphon: v. 3

¹I waited patiently for the LORD;

He inclined to me and heard my cry.

²**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.

³**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.

⁴**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!

5You 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.

6Sacrifice and offering You have not desired,
but You have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering
You have not required.

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

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

9I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O LORD.

10I 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.

11As 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 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sos-thenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Stand

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e-ter-nal life.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29–42a

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

Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because He was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. ³³I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to Him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are You staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

402 The Only Son from Heaven

1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
 2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!
 3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,
 △ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost

By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born.
 In faith to stand un-shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
 And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:

No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
 Grim death to van-quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
 That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
 Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,

shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.
 fore us And bring us life a - gain.
 prov - ing. May reap its full - ness there.
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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SERMON

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

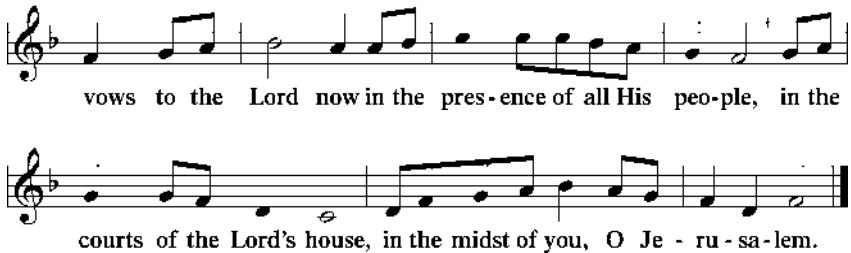
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OFFERTORY

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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-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



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.

We praise You, O Lord, for You declared it too light a thing that Jesus should redeem only the tribes of Jacob and instead made Him a light for all the nations. Fill our hearts with joy that He is the Savior of all, and grant that our voices may help spread Your salvation to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus Christ, summoned Andrew and Peter to follow Him and would later send them to bear witness to His name. Continue to call men into the holy ministry. Bless all who hold and study for that office, that they would grow in all godly wisdom and faithfully make known Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty God, You faithfully watched over the tribes of Jacob, providing them both daily bread and redemption in abundant measure. Watch over the homes of Your people. Bless them with all that they need for this body and life, and preserve them in the glad confidence that Christ is their strength and their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, guide and give wisdom to the nation and our president, the governor of this state, and all judges and magistrates. Protect those who serve us as firefighters, police, disaster workers and medical personnel. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy God, Your Son became the Lamb of God to take away all of our sins and infirmities by His death and resurrection. Remember all who are in need of Your help and healing *[especially _____]*. Deliver them according to Your merciful will, and preserve them in the certainty that their sins are taken away. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, You give us the precious body and blood of Your beloved Son for the forgiveness of our sins. Grant us faith as we approach the Lamb of God in this Sacrament. Enable us to keep in holy hearts what we receive upon our lips. Send Your Holy Spirit to keep us in this faith until Christ comes in His glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, our God, through Your Holy Spirit You work in us to bring forth fruits of righteousness. Grant us a steadfast heart in times of duress, strength amid temptation and the grace of humility, that we may not fall victim to pride and arrogance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, heavenly Father, grant that we who have celebrated the incarnation of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may die to sin and rise to new life, that we may treasure up and ponder in our hearts the Christ announced by Your forerunner; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Statement

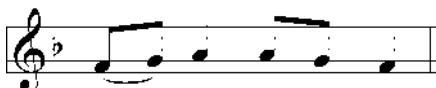
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our 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

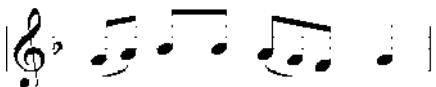
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P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C Holy, holy, holy 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

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.

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 \ddagger 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 \ddagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI



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



C A - men.

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

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

1 Lord Je - sus Christ. we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ. we hum - bly pray: O keep us

feast on You to - day: Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood. The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your

bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your seat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

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619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
 2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
 3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
 4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
 5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,

Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
 Thee and Thou in me, No sor - row fills my
 nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
 rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
 ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy

Refrain

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

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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

C Amen.

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 proudly bear His name.

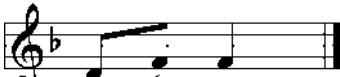
He re-calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

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.

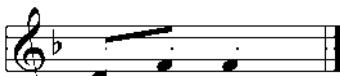
BENEDICTION

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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 \ddagger give you peace.



C A - men.

Sit

547 The Lamb



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb. One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb. As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill.
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb. Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - ery heart to Him be - long.

Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
own! The Lamb is reign-ing on His throne!

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER Joe Yancho

HEAD USHER Bruce Benson

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, January 25, 2026 are:

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27:1-9 (10-14) (antiphon: v. 1)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-25

January 18 – Second Sunday after Epiphany

John 1:29 – “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God’s gift? That God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out-give God, for all that we have is His.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

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| Sun. (01/18) | 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. | Service Bible Study Council Meeting |
| Mon. (01/19) | Office Closed | MLK, Jr. Birthday |
| Wed. (01/21) | 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. | Bible Study Adult Confirmation Class |
| Thurs. (01/22) | 6:00 p.m. | NAMI Peer Connections |
| Sun. (01/25) | 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | Service Bible Study |

ATTENDANCE:

01/04/2026 9:00 a.m. 58

OFFERING:

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| Needed weekly: | \$ 4,501.00 | Needed YTD | \$ 4,501.00 |
| Rec'vd. 01/04/2026 | <u>\$ 5,284.76</u> | Rec'vd YTD | <u>\$ 5,284.76</u> |
| Over Weekly | \$ 783.76 | Over YTD | \$ 783.76 |

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.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of the MLK, Jr. Birthday holiday.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

YOUTH—No Youth Confirmation Class on Monday due to the holiday.

ADULT—Confirmation Class will be held on Wednesday, January 21, at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

Ascension's next council meeting is scheduled for today at 1:00 both in person and via Zoom.

MO GAMAS

Mo Gamas' funeral is scheduled for 12:00 p.m., January 19 at the Church of the Nazarene, 12955 Central Avenue, Apple Valley, CA 92308.

KITCHEN DONATIONS

For all those who enjoy having coffee and cookies, or other tasty items on Sunday morning Bible class, we are asking for your help. Donations have been almost non-existent and we depend on donations to help defray the cost of those items. So please donate. If you have been donating, thank you.

THANK YOU

Vendy Amer would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts, cards, and flowers prior to her recent surgery.

FEBRUARY POTLUCK

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled potluck and dessert auction on February 15th at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board for homemade goodies to be auctioned off with all proceeds going to our Pacific Southwest District Missions.

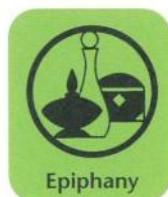
THANK YOU

Pastor would like to thank everyone for his Christmas gift and all the cards he and his family received.

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:

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| Angela Alder | Mary Beuerle | Charles Blake |
| Tricia Blake | Devin Coole | Judy Cutler |
| Durfee Family | Jennifer Millgate | Beverly Moglich |
| Gaylor Pastella | Mildred Sears | Kevin Smith |
| Gwen Strasburg | Rory Tighe | Bob Albert |
| Leeta Amaro | Vendy Amer | Brendan Anderson |
| Dave Anderson | Jeff Austin | Mark Baker |
| Sistic Beauchamp | Red & MaryAnn Beck | Marilyn Belka |
| Ilona Berecki | Vivian Bingnam | Grayson Blomberg |
| Sue Boers | Sue Brooks | Tiffany Brown |
| Vanessa Brown | Karri Burke | Kyle Burton |
| Gabrielle Butcher | Marcia Byron | Mari Caroland |
| Renee Cates | Lane Ceballos | Carolyne Chaney |
| David Chavez | Tracy Cole | Elizabeth Collins |
| Cathy Connors | Pearl Coole | Robert Coole |
| Larry Cramins | Scott Crawley | William Creek |
| John Davis | Kathy Davis | Nick & Julie DeRose |
| Samuel & Sean Detwiler | Steve Dewiggins | Matt DeWitt |
| Mary Diaz | Christine Dunne | Kelley Dunne |
| John & Ann Duran | Marge Edwards | Egger Family |
| Don Eliason | Janice Estrick | Heidi Evans |
| Sam Fagan | Lynn Fairgrieve | Rosie Fernandez |
| Shaunah Forrest | Christian Frash | Don Garcia |
| Chrissie Gates | Faigie Gawn | Grace Glass |
| Brielle Gondola | Government | Raquel Gudino |
| Roger Hall | David Hanson | Pastor Harris |
| Kelly Havens | Jac Haynes | Jeanne Hecksel |
| Hunter & Justin Hedden | Harry Heike | Karlee Henson |
| Mike Holtgrefe | Bill Huff | Dawn Husel |
| Maggie Ivy | Kareem Jacobs | Avery Jamison |
| Norma Jenkins | Eric Jones | Jacob Jones |
| John & Connie Kays | Kathy Kays | Chris Kelly |
| Emma Kraus | Dorothy Krentz | Steve Kuhn |
| Anthony Kwesie | Randy Lam | Addison Lange |
| Debbie Lange | Jeannette Lawler | Melody LeGray |
| Erin Liedtke | Anthony Lopez | Pete Maaske |
| Kelly Marschieder | David McDonald | Linda Merkle |
| Dave Meyer | Daniel Midgely | Military |
| Grace Miskimen | Debbie Moore | Renee Moore |
| Cesar Morales | Justin Morales | Violet Morales |
| Herbert & Elaine Moran | Amanda Netzell | Lauren Newmann |
| Michelle Nichol | Lori O'Neil | Donna Park |
| David Parker | Gleni & Nancy Pastella | Richard & Alice Pastella |
| Seunghee Pastella | Tim & Marguerite Pastella | Michele Patterson |
| Esperanza Perez | Heather Perez & Family | Jose Perez |
| Heidi Perry | Kelley Pulone | Sue Purbaugh |
| Marilyn Quade | Mel & Mary Quicke | Michelle Rawlins |
| Penny Reese | Christian Rhoades | Dave Riffel |
| Bill Robertson | Crystal Roblero | Kathy Rodere |
| Linda Roque | Carla Rosen | Jeffery Rout |
| Beth Rubio | Rick Schmidt | Josh Seau |
| Chris Segard | Margi Segnari | Noreen Selle |
| Ray Shaffer | Bea Shelby | Diana Short & Short Family |
| Ashley Skiffington | Ed Scott Smith | Shirley Smith |
| Manuel Sousa | Barbara Souza | Richard Souza |
| Vanessa Sowders | Janet Surber | Carol Thomas |
| Sarah Thomas | Matthew & Tina Thorn | Diana Thornbury |
| Stan Thorne | Randy Tilson | Curtis & Cyndy Todd |
| Joshua Todd | Richard Torres | Fran Truslow |
| Denise Turner | Sue Twarowski | Ron & Peggy Updike |
| Stan Vacek | Paula Varner | Blaise & Lisa Vasey |
| Brandon Vess | Tammy Wall | Melanie Waters |
| Sharon Waters | Rosa & Paul Wallace | Charlie West |
| Nancy Williams | Beverly Wilson | Stacy Wilson |
| Wilma Wilson | Curtis Wise | Cynthia Yancho |
| Ray Zayas | | |



About the Cover: In the Divine Service, we are called and also call. Every service begins with the Invocation, a reminder that God calls us His in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we are all called saints and made holy by faith in the One who died and rose for us. The Lord has made us His. We call upon Him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving!