A photograph of a church interior, looking down a red-carpeted aisle towards a large wooden cross on a brick wall. The cross has a small sign that says 'JESUS' in the center. Below the cross is an altar with several signs. The pews are made of dark wood. The ceiling is a high, vaulted wooden structure.

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

1 Corinthians 1:2

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### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

9:00 a.m. January 18 2026

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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).

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

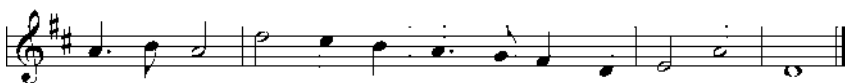
### 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee



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 griefs 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 -



guilt a - way; O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!  
love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be. A liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way. Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.  
trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran-somed soul!

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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 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

*LSB 152*

**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.



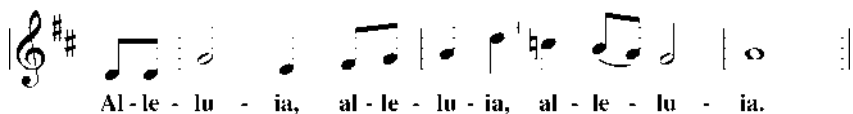
**C** A - men.

## THIS IS THE FEAST

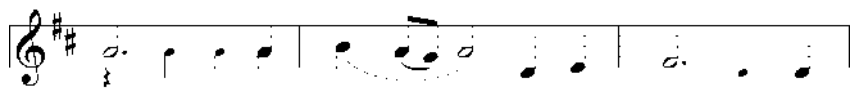
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**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



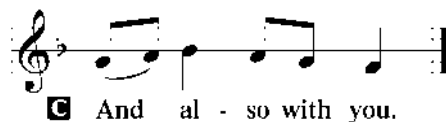
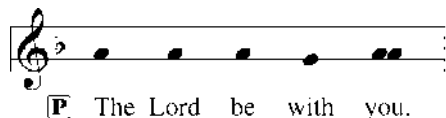
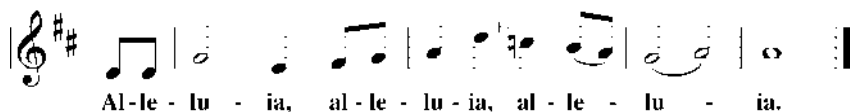
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry arc His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion; *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



**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.



*Isaiah 49:1–7*

<sup>1</sup> Listen 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.

<sup>2</sup>He 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.

<sup>3</sup>And He said to me, “You are My servant,

Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”  
<sup>4</sup>But 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.”  
<sup>5</sup>And 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—  
<sup>6</sup>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.”  
<sup>7</sup>Thus 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*

<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 1:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To 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:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

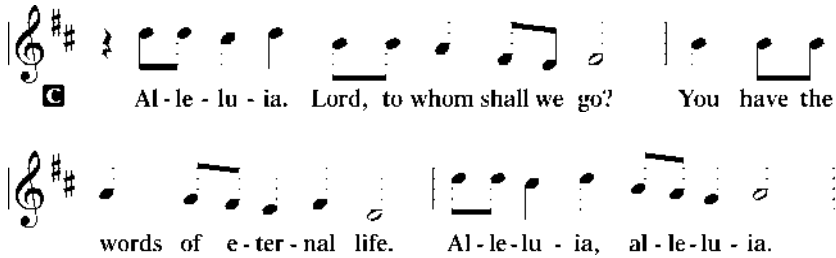
<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are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



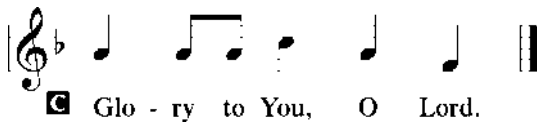


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

*John 1:29-42a*

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

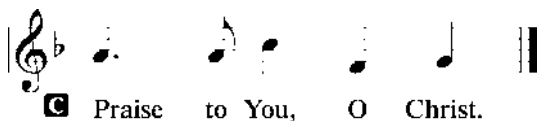


Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

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

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus 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?” <sup>39</sup>He 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. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

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



Praise to You, O Christ.

# 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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*Sit*

## SERMON

*Stand*

## NICENE CREED

**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  $\text{✙}$  of the world to come. Amen.

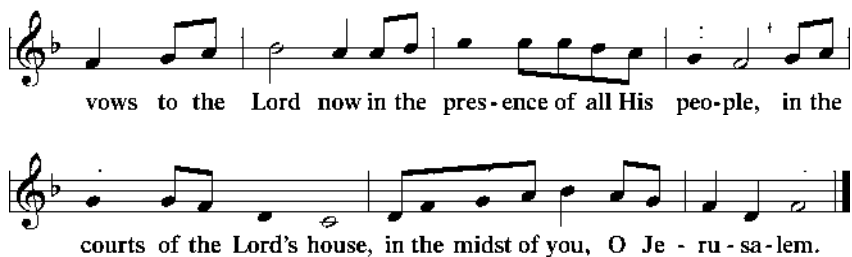
## OFFERING

## 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).*

*Sit*

# 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

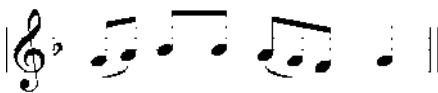
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**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



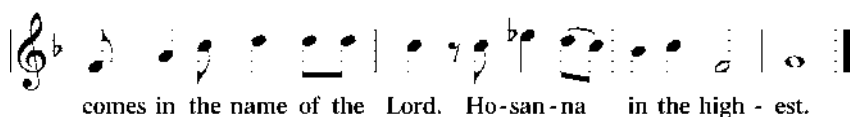
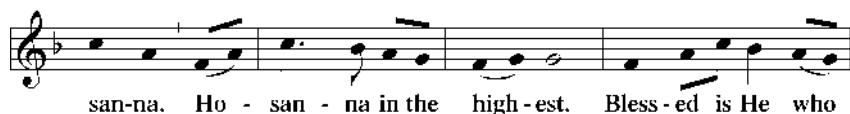
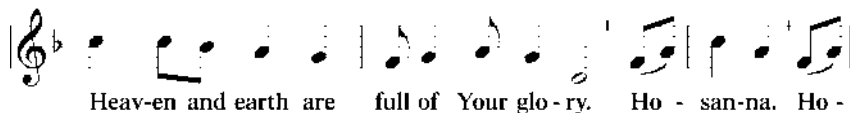
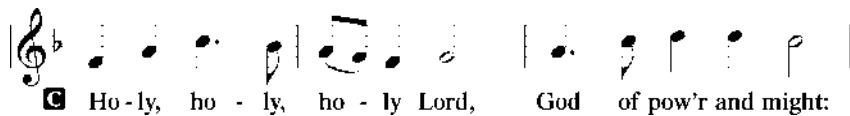
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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:



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.

## 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  $\text{✠}$  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.



**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.

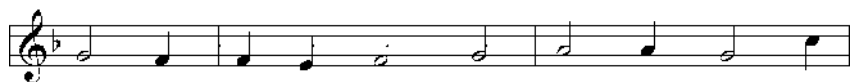
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DISTRIBUTION

## 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 scat - tered loved ones home.  
wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

Text: Henry E. Jacobs, 1844-1932, alt.  
Tune: Cantionale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim  
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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



strength for - cv - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.  
soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.  
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.  
death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.  
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.



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

Text: Friedrich Christian Heyder, 1677-1754; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, abr.  
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*Stand*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

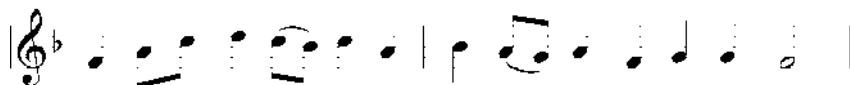
- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.  
**C** Amen.

## THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



**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.



## BENEDICTION

LSB 166

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

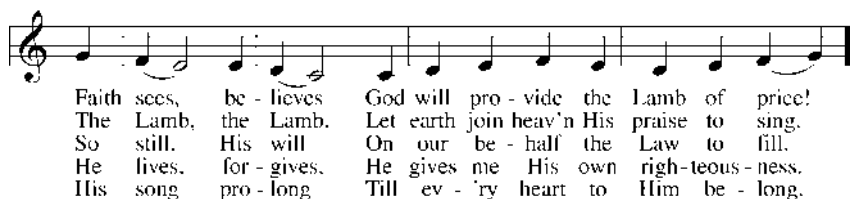
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

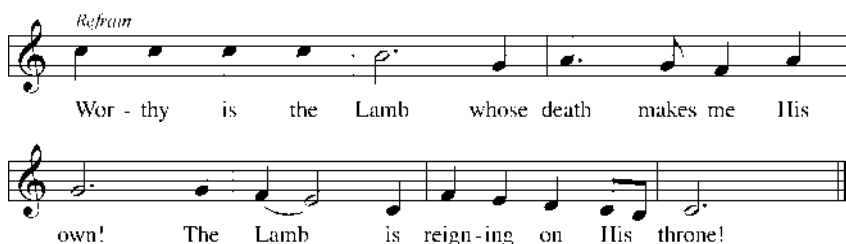
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



*Sit*

## 547 The Lamb





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## SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

**ELDER**

Joe Yanchow

**HEAD USHER**

Bruce Benson

## SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, January 25, 2026 are:

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 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**

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

### **ATTENDANCE:**

01/04/2026	9:00 a.m.	58
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### **OFFERING:**

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.

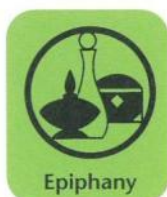
### **THANK YOU**

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](http://www.ascensionav.org). Otherwise, names will be removed after two months.

## ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED:

Angela Alder	Mary Beuerle	Charles Blake
Tricia Blake	Devin Coole	Judy Cutler
Durfee Family	Jennifer Millgate	Beverly Moglich
Gaylon Pastella	Mildred Sears	Kevin Smith
Gwen Strasburg	Rory Tighe	Bob Albert
Leeta Amaro	Vendy Amer	Brendan Anderson
Dave Anderson	Jeff Austin	Mark Baker
Sistie Beauchamp	Red & MaryAnn Beck	Marilyn Belka
Ilona Berecki	Vivian Bingnam	Grayson Blomberg
Sue Boers	Sue Brooks	Tiffany Brown
Vanessa Brown	Karrie Burke	Kyle Burton
Gabrielle Butcher	Marcia Byron	Mari Caroland
Renee Cates	Lane Ceballos	Carolyn 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 Fairgrief	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	Jace 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 Liedtky	Anthony Lopez	Pete Maaske
Kelly Marscheider	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	Glenn & Nancy Pastella	Richard & Alice Pastella
Seunghie Pastella	Tim & Marguerite Pastella	Michele Patterson
Esperanza Perez	Heather Perez & Family	Jose Perez
Heidi Perry	Kelley Pulone	Sue Purbough
Marilyn Quade	Mel & Mary Quicke	Michele 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	Diane 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 Yanco
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!