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Thoughts as we gather The Word of Christ Is the One Thing Needed

"The Lord appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre" (Gen. 18:1) and received his hospitality. But Abraham received the gracious promise of a son. Though Abraham and Sarah were very old, nothing is "too hard for the Lord" (Gen. 18:14). His Word appointed the time and fulfilled the promise. In the same way, the Lord Jesus "entered a village" and received Martha's hospitality (Luke 10:38). "Martha was distracted with much serving" because she was "anxious and troubled about many things" (Luke 10:40–41), but her sister, Mary, "sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching" (Luke 10:39). The service of love is no sin, but "one thing is necessary" for both faith and love — the Word of Christ (Luke 10:42). Thus, the ministers of Christ are sent "to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints" (Col. 1:25–26).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us





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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 119:57-60, 64; antiphon: v. 105

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

The LORD is my portion;

I promise to keep Your words.

I entreat Your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to Your promise.

When I think on my ways,

I turn my feet to Your testimonies;

I hasten and do not delay

to keep Your commandments.

The earth, O LORD, is full of Your steadfast love;

teach me Your statutes!

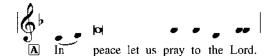
Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

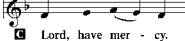
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

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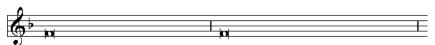
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A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.





[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,







A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-clous Lord.

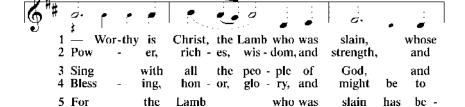


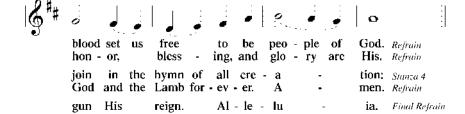
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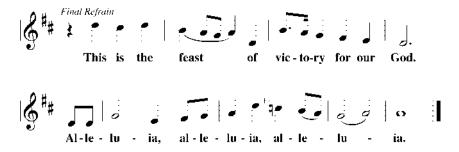
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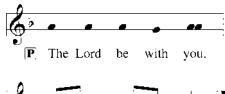


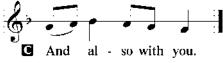






SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY





P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:1–14

¹ The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in Your sight, do not pass by Your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash Your feet, and rest Yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that You may refresh Yourselves, and after that You may pass on—since You have come to Your servant." So they said, "Do as you

have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind Him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

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

PSALM

Psalm 27; antiphon: v. 4

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
it is they who stumble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple.

⁵For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock. ⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸You have said, "Seek My face."

My heart says to You,

"Your face, LORD, do I seek."
Hide not Your face from me.

Turn not Your servant away in anger, O You who have been my help.

Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

¹⁰For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

¹¹Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

¹²Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

¹³I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

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

EPISTLE Colossians 1:21–29

²¹You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints. ²⁷To them

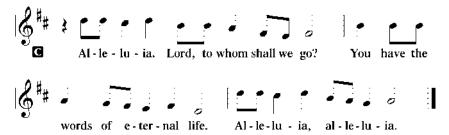
God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.

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

Stand



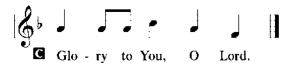
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HOLY GOSPEL

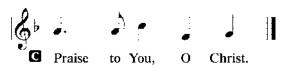
Luke 10:38-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



SERMON

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sit

OFFERING





vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Everlasting God, You have made known the mystery long hidden and revealed the glory of the Gospel of Christ in us. Bring us and all the saints through the changes and chances of this mortal life, that we may be presented by Christ to You, as those whom Christ has made holy and righteous and fit for eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, You made Paul a minister of Your Word. Abide with all pastors and those studying to be pastors, with all deacons and deaconesses, with missionaries and translators, and with teachers and all who work to bring Your Word to Your people, that their labors may be fruitful and their hearts faithful. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Gracious Lord, Your Son endured the cross for our sakes and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Be with the young people of the LCMS as they gather in New Orleans this week. Fix their eyes on Jesus and strengthen them with hope and confidence to endure all trials and challenges as His disciples. Bless those who work and serve them, especially their parents. Give them a safe homecoming, and fill our homes with the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, we live in a land of great abundance, and we carry great responsibility for the good things of this nation. Bless all who make, judge and administer our laws, and guide our leaders to know Your ways and to follow them for the good of all people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

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- P O Lord, one thing is necessary. Out of great mercy, You set that good portion before us in the blessed Sacrament. Help us to treasure this precious gift above all earthly things, and grant that it may never be taken away from us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Merciful God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, grant to us all good things needful to this body and life, and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.
- 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).

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.

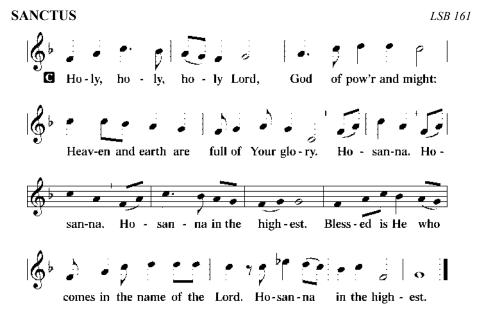
PREFACE LSB 160 The Lord be And al so with you. Lift your hearts. up We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

thanks

and praise.

is right to give Him

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

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

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

ther, 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:

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

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

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

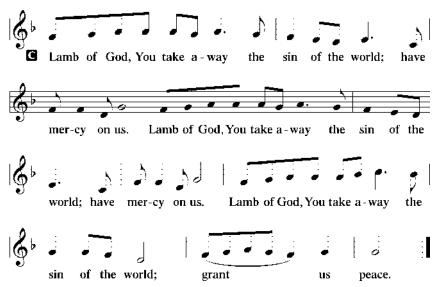
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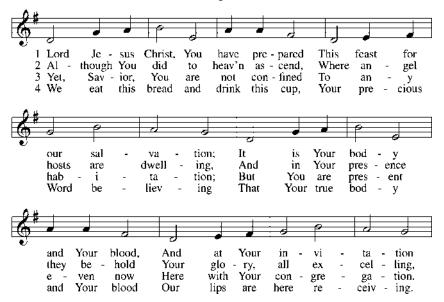


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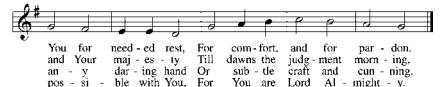


DISTRIBUTION

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared







- 5 Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces: Your body, Lord, is even now At once in many places. I leave to You how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me; I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6 Lord, I believe what You have said;
 Help me when doubts assail me.
 Remember that I am but dust,
 And let my faith not fail me.
 Your supper in this vale of tears
 Refreshes me and stills my fears
 And is my priceless treasure.
- 7 Grant that we worthily receive
 Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
 And, truly grieving for our sins,
 May prove by our behavior
 That we are thankful for Your grace
 And day by day may run our race,
 In holiness increasing.
- 8 For Your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages! Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages. Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me When living and when dying.

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641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



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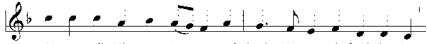
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.



■ Thank the Lord 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



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

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings





Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

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SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, July 27, 2025 are:

Genesis 18:(17-19) 20-33 Psalm (antiphon: v. 3) Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

Luke 11:1-13

July 20 - Proper 11

Luke 10:40b – "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?" Martha is doing the right thing but in the wrong order. Her service to the Lord is good, but she has let it get ahead of hearing His Word. Mary has placed the Word first, which is good. Is there any doubt that she will rise once she has heard the Word and get to serving as well? Isn't that what hearing the Word always leads us to do? We listen, then respond. We believe, and thus we act!

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (07/20)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study
Mon. (07/21)	10:00 a.m.	Adult Confirmation
Wed. (07/23)	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thurs. (07/24)	6:00 p.m.	NAMI'S Peer Connections

Service

Bible Study

ATTENDANCE:

Sun. (07/27)

07/13/2025 9:00 a.m. 60

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

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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

Adult Confirmation class will be held Monday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m.

NAMI

NAMI's Peer Connections will be meeting on Thursday, July 24 at 6:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom.

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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GRIEF & STRENGTH:
Family of June Spradlin

Stacy Wilson

About the Cover: Abraham welcomed the Lord and two angels with his best meal. May we also welcome the Lord into our lives when He visits us with His Word and Sacrament. Jesus first welcomed us into His kingdom by restoring our relationship with God the Father by dying on the cross and rising again. He continues to welcome us to His Table and feed us with His very best: His very body and blood, given and shed for us.