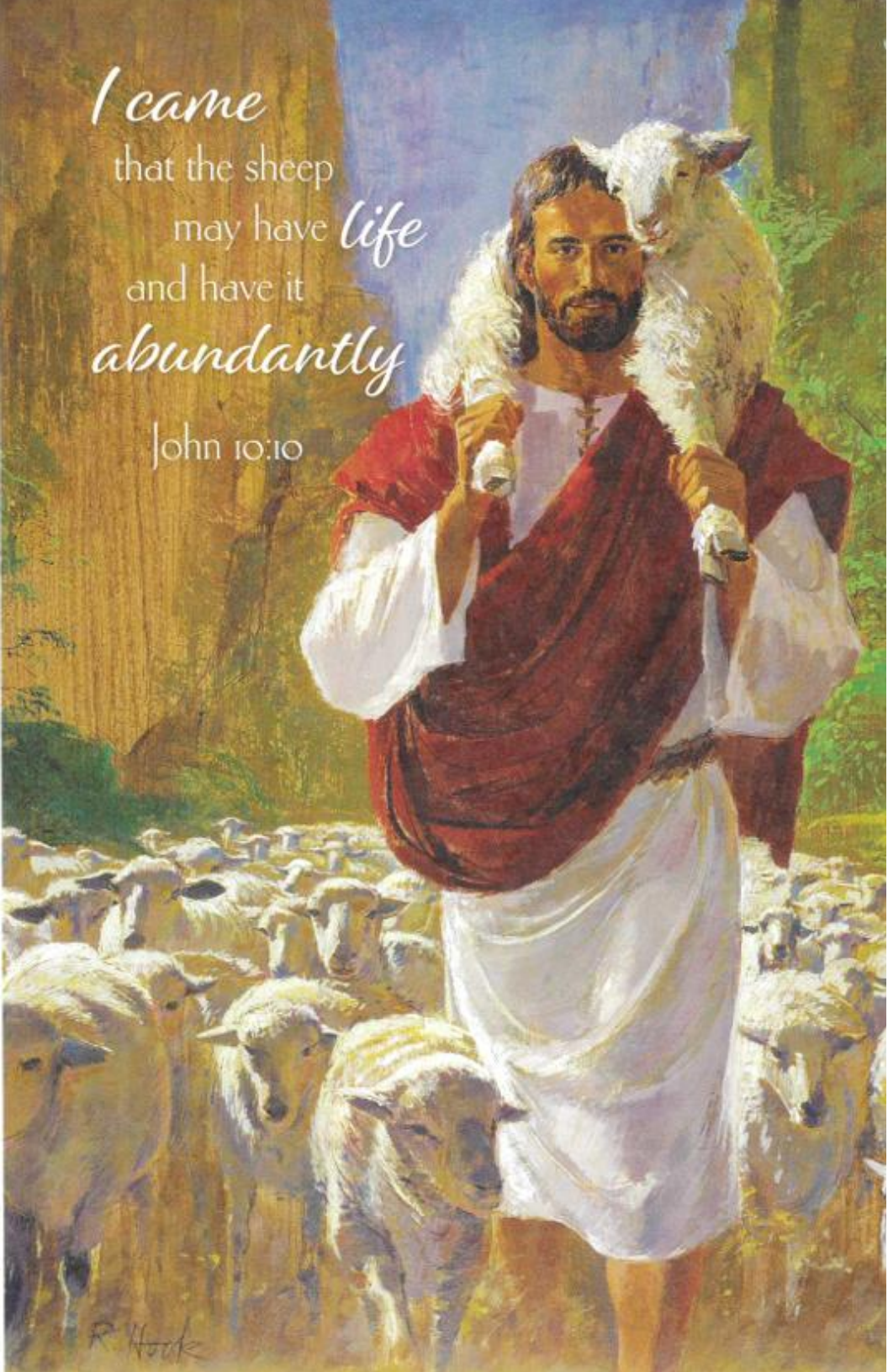


*I came*  
that the sheep  
may have *life*  
and have it  
*abundantly*

John 10:10



R. Hoek

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### HOLY BAPTISM

#### 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

sts. 1-2



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly. O Fa - ther. Son. and  
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther. here You take me To be hence-forth Your



Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,  
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me



A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and  
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,



dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.  
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.

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*When candidates are unable to speak for themselves, the sponsors answer the questions on their behalf.*

*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spir - it.

**C** Amen.

- P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor addresses each candidate:*

- P** How are you named?  
**R** Adelaide Diane Peterson
- P** How are you named?  
**R** Isaiah Anthony Reagan
- P** How are you named?  
**R** Devin Lauran Coole

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:*

- P** Adelaide, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- P** Isaiah, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.
- P** Devin, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Adelaide, Isaiah, and Devin according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them, which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

**P** Is it your intention to serve Adelaide, Isaiah, and Devin as sponsors in the Christian faith?

**R** *Yes, with the help of God.*

**P** God enable you all to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C** Amen.

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The pastor places his hands on the heads of the candidates, and the congregation joins in praying:*

### LORD’S PRAYER

**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.

*If the baptismal party has stood at the entrance of the nave to this point, they now move to the font.*

# 590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

sts. 3-4



3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly  
4 All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it all, O



will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er  
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;



If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I  
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I



come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.  
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

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**P** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even  $\text{†}$  forevermore.

**C** Amen.

Sit

The pastor addresses the candidate(s) and asks the following questions:

**P** Adelaide, Isaiah, Devin do you renounce the devil?

**R** Yes, I renounce him.

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**R** Yes, I believe.

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

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you 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?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Adelaide, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Isaiah, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Devin, do you desire to be baptized?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

**P** Adelaide, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Isaiah, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Devin, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C** **Amen.**

*The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:*

- P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

*The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:*

- P** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother and sisters in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

*Stand*

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Adelaide, Isaiah, and Devin the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*One or more of the following collects may also be prayed.*

- P** Heavenly Father, You sent Your own Son into this world as the child of the virgin Mary. We thank You for the life of these children entrusted to our care. Help us remember that we are all Your children and so love and nurture them that they may attain to the full stature intended for them in Your eternal kingdom, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the fathers and mothers of these children and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace ☩ be with you.

**C** Amen.

*All return to their places.*

## 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me.  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same. E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast. There with - in His arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941  
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*Stand*

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

## EXHORTATION

*LSB 290*

- P** I will go to the altar of God,  
**C** to God my exceeding joy.  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

*LSB 291*

**C** O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**C** Amen.

**P** Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

**C** Yes.

**P** Let it be done for you as you believe.

## ABSOLUTION

*LSB 203*

**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.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INTROIT

*Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

I am the good shepherd.

I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

**Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;**

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

**For the LORD is a great God,**

**and a great King above all gods.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**For He is our God,**

**and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

**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.**

I am the good shepherd.

I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

## KYRIE

*LSB 204*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; 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.

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 1

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>**He makes me lie down in green pastures.**

**He leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;**

**Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

**You anoint my head with oil;**

**my cup overflows.**

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. <sup>23</sup>When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### ALLELUIA AND VERSE



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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But He who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To Him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear His voice, and He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When He has brought out all His own, He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him, for they know His voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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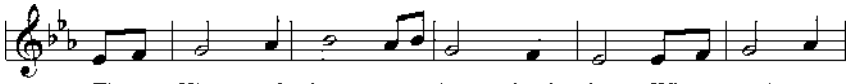
**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

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

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

*Sit*

## 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on Ilis shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And, oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days  
 Thy goodness faileth never;  
 Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
 Within Thy house forever!

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821-77  
 Tune: Irish, c. 18th cent.  
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**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

## 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.

Loving Father, Your Son is the great Shepherd of the sheep, who faithfully gathers His flock to Himself in the pastures of the Church. Grant us steadfast faith to hear His voice and follow Him, even through the valley of the shadow of death, that we may receive our portion in His abundant life. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Gracious God, bestow the gift of Christ's wisdom and tenderness upon all who are called to shepherd the souls of Your people. Teach believers everywhere to receive their pastors as a gift from You and to follow Christ, the Good Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** O Lord, hear our prayers for all Christian homes. Preserve all married couples in love and faithfulness; strengthen all parents for their task as teachers of the faith; uphold the unmarried honorable and unshamed in their station; and with good deeds in every home, let the ignorance of foolish people be put to silence by Your divine institution. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Mighty Shepherd, You hold in Your hands all the might of man, and You hold accountable those who would govern Your people. Grant to us good government and leaders who will honor Your purpose, protect Your people, serve the cause of justice and defend our liberty. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Author of life, You gather us together in the fellowship of Christ and His apostolic Word and so lead us to intercede for one another in every need. Hear our prayers for the Church and for the world [*especially for \_\_\_\_\_*]. Work by Your mercy for their good now and eternally, and add to our number those who are being saved, until You bring us to the day when we will rest eternally in Your safekeeping. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Father of glory, You have promised to prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies and to fill our cup of salvation to overflowing. Bless all who receive the Sacrament at this altar this day, that even amid sin, death and the devil, Your goodness and mercy may follow us all the days of our lives, and we may dwell in Your house forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, in Your name Your Son purchased us with His own most holy blood, and He now leads us through the gate of death to our eternal home with You. As the sheep of His fold, inspire us to hear His voice gladly and to follow Him steadfastly through every tribulation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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

LSB 208

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

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

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

- 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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

# AGNUS DEI

*LSB 210*

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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## 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's  
 2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious  
 3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you  
 4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe  
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,  
 are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,  
 food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,



He saved us from the e - vil foe.  
 And with the wine the blood He shed.  
 His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.  
 Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken  
 That this food is to be taken  
 By the sick who are distressed,  
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 6 Agony and bitter labor  
 Were the cost of God's high favor;  
 Do not come if you suppose  
 You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,  
 And receive My grace and favor:  
 Those who feel no pain or ill  
 Need no physician's help or skill.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying  
 If not for your justifying?  
 And what use this precious food  
 If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes  
 And your mouth your sin confesses,  
 You will be your Savior's guest,  
 Be at His banquet truly blest.

10 Let this food your faith so nourish  
 That its fruit of love may flourish  
 And your neighbor learn from you  
 How much God's wondrous love can do.

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## 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

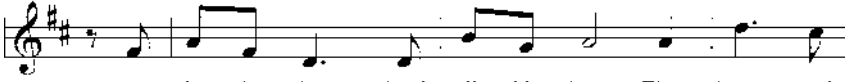
*Refrain*




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




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



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



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



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice,  
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.  
 load, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?  
 in Your name Comes in our hearts to dwell,  
 In truth and char - i - ty.

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*Stand*

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

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

## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

**1** O Lord, now let Your ser- vant De-  
**2** All glo- ry to the Fa- ther, All  
part in heav'n- ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo- ry to the Son, All glo- ry to the  
glo- ry Of Your re- deem- ing grace:  
Spir- it, For- ev- er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen- tiles Un-  
For as in lead the be- gin- ning, Is  
to Your ho- ly hill, The glo- ry of Your  
now, shall ev- er be, God's tri- une name re-  
peo- ple, Your cho- sen Is- ra- el.  
sound- ing Through all e- ter- ni- ty.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

*LSB 212*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

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

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

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

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n. En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
 Whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now His brow a - dorn:  
 Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
 Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem. The  
 No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
 Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows. The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
 down - ward bend their won - d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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**HEAD USHER**

Bruce Benson

**SUNDAY READINGS**

The readings for Sunday, May 3, 2026 are:

Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Psalm 146 (antiphon: v. 2)

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14L1014

**April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**1 Peter 2:21** – “**For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in His steps.**” Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”

## THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

<b>Sun. (04/26)</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study
<b>Mon. (04/27)</b>	4:00 p.m.	Youth Confirmation
<b>Wed. (04/29)</b>	11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bible Study Adult Confirmation
<b>Sun. (05/03)</b>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study

### ATTENDANCE:

04/19/2026	9:00 a.m.	74
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### OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,501.00	Needed YTD	\$ 72,016.00
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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.*

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

*YOUTH*—Confirmation Class will be held on Monday, April 27, at 4:00 p.m.

*ADULT*— Confirmation Class will be held on Wednesday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m.

### **LADIES GATHERING**

We will be having a Ladies Gathering, hosted by Lynn Fairgrief, on Saturday, May 9th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Anyone who would like to help with food, please see Lynn. Thank you!

### **LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

The next meeting of the Ladies Bible Study is scheduled for May 2. If you would like a book, please see Lynn Fairgrief.

# UPCOMING Events

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies Gathering “Garden of Friends” 11:00 a.m.—  
1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** – Men’s Gathering “Bicycling Along” 11:00 a.m.—  
1:00 p.m.

**Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Summer BBQ at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** - Parish Nurse event “Fall into Cleanliness”

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**—LWML Zone Celebration at 10:00 a.m.

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>** – Oktoberfest Potluck at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** – Advent by Candlelight - immediately after service at  
approximately 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** – Congregational Christmas Party- at 12:00pm in the  
Fellowship Hall

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

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Tricia Blake	Devin Coole	Judy Cutler
Durfee Family	Jennifer Millgate	Beverly Moglich
Gaylon Pastella	Mildred Sears	Kevin Smith
Gwen Strasburg	Rory Tighe	Mike Adams
Bob Albert	Brendan Anderson	Dave Anderson
Red & MaryAnn Beck	Marilyn Belka	Vivian Bingnam
Bill Blanton	Grayson Blomberg	Sue Boers
Sue Brooks	Karrie Burke	Kyle Burton
Gabrielle Butcher	Marcia Byron	Caregivers
Mari Caroland	Dan Catherwood	Lane Ceballos
Maddie Cervantes	Carolyne Chaney	David Chavez
Cathy Connors	Patrick Coole	Robert Coole
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**About the Cover:** Christ, the Good Shepherd, leads His sheep to eternal life. The Good Shepherd is intent on giving life as He searches for the lost, gives guidance for the wandering, provides protection for the helpless, and delivers food for the hungry. He gave us this abundant life by laying down His own for His sheep and taking it up again. Since Christ gave His life for us on the cross and rose from the dead, we can have confidence that the life He promises us is in His hand forever (see John 10:28).