

*And then they will see
the Son of Man
coming in a cloud
with power and great glory*

LUKE 21:27

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Thoughts as we gather

God's Plan of Redemption Trumps Earthly Destruction and Violence

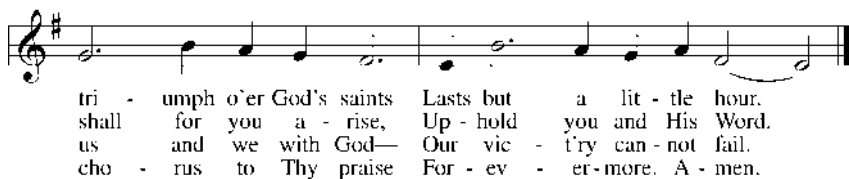
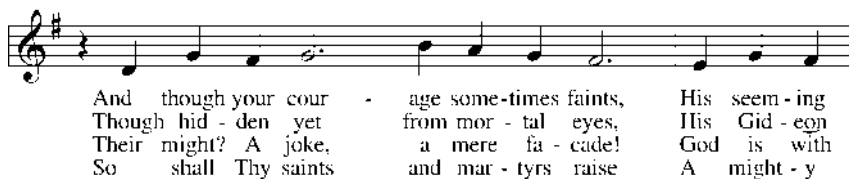
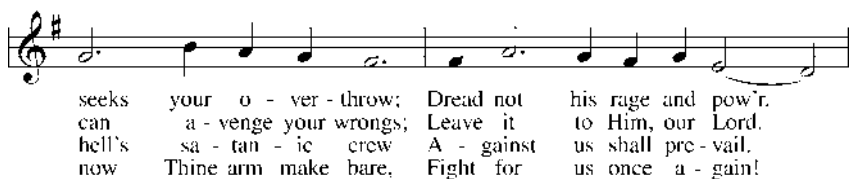
There are signs of the Lord's coming all around: the cross that marks His Church, the violence and death of the sinful world, and the shaking of the natural order. *"There will be great distress upon the earth"* (Luke 21:23), but the faithful know that *"the kingdom of God is near"* (Luke 21:31). Therefore, *"straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near"* (Luke 21:28). Be awake and alert, and heed the words of Christ, which *"will not pass away"* (Luke 21:33). For you, *"the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings"* (Mal. 4:2). He sends His preachers of repentance in the spirit and power of Elijah *"before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes"* (Mal. 4:5), in order to *"direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ"* (2 Thess. 3:5). Although you are often faithless, *"the Lord is faithful,"* and by the preaching of His Word *"He will establish you and guard you against the evil one"* (2 Thess. 3:3). Therefore, *"do not grow weary in doing good"* (2 Thess. 3:13). In the midst of calamity, believe upon the Lord, Jesus Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe



1 O	lit - tle flock,	fear not the foe	Who mad - ly
2 Be	of good cheer;	your cause be - longs	To Him who
3 As	true as God's	own Word is true,	Not earth nor
4 A - men,	Lord Je - sus,	grant our prayer;	Great Cap - tain,



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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 121:1-2, 5, 7-8; antiphon: Luke 21:33

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My words will not pass away.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all evil;

He will keep your life.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

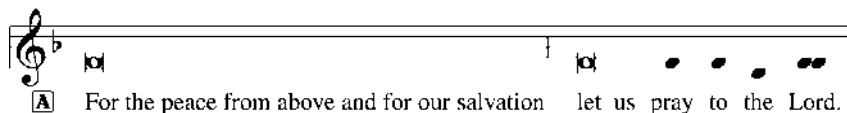
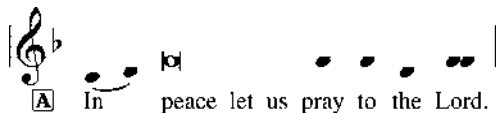
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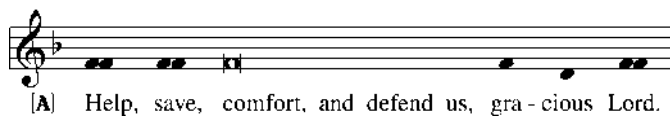
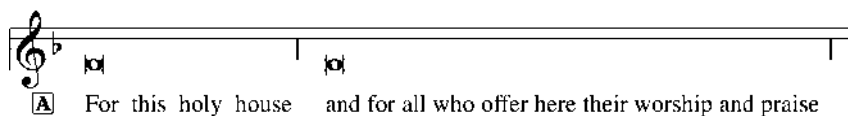
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

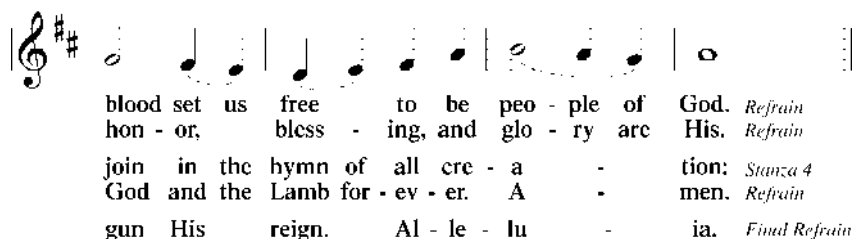
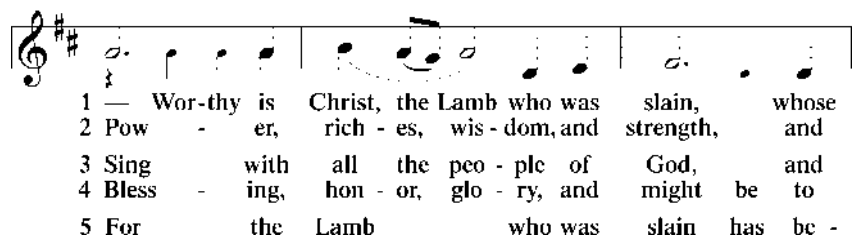
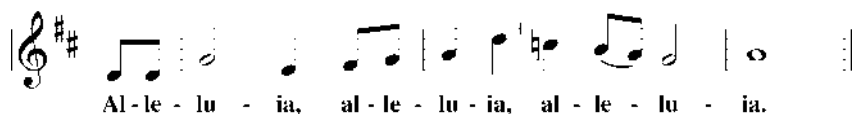
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but My words will not pass away.

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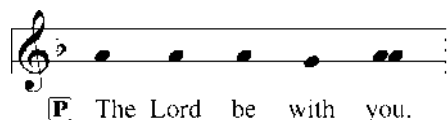
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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

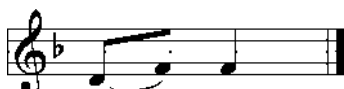




C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 4:1-6

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.

²But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of My servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalms 98; antiphon: v. 9b

¹Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for He has done marvelous things!

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

²The LORD has made known His salvation;
He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**³He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

**⁴Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

⁵Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

**⁸Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together**

⁹before the LORD, for He comes
to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 3:1–13

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

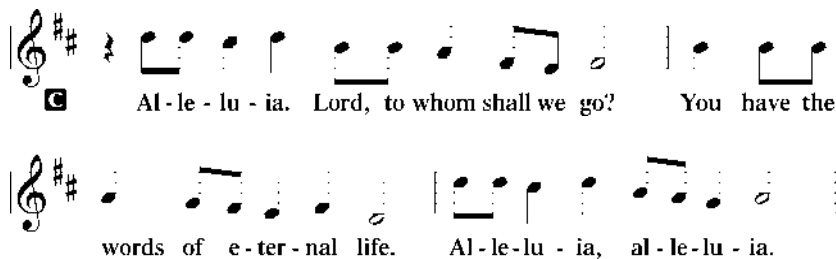
¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

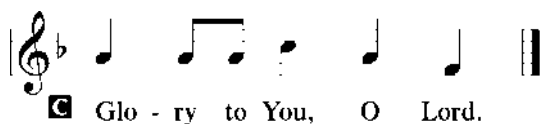
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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:5–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked Him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And He said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am He!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then He said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for My name’s sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness.

¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death.

¹⁷You will be hated by all for My name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in

those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



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SERMON

Stand

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heav-
 en
 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 † of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING

Beautiful Savior by Eunice Harris and Grace Miskimen

OFFERTORY

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C 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
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

P Holy God, hear Your people as they pray, and grant to us all things needful and beneficial according to Your gracious promise in Christ, our Lord. Keep us from being led astray by those who speak lies in Your name. Awaken within us ears to hear Your Word and hearts to believe, even in the face of trial and trouble, that we may be found faithful when our Lord comes in His glory to finish His new creation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Uphold all ministers of Your Gospel and those who hear it gladly. Cause that Word to be honored and so deliver them from wicked and evil men. Give a mouth and wisdom to Your people in all adversity to confess You boldly and to endure faithfully to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks, O Lord, for the gift of family, and we ask You to bless the homes in which Your people dwell. Make them to be places of blessing and peace centered in Your Word, where the faith is preserved and passed on to children and grandchildren. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, You judge the world with righteousness and Your people with equity. Bless us with good and faithful leaders and government to defend Your people, punish the evildoer and encourage virtue. Raise up those who will serve the cause of peace among the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Your Christ is our Rising Sun with healing in His wings. Shine His light upon the sick, those who suffer loss and persecution for the sake of Your name, those whose hearts are heavy with grief, and all who have requested our prayers [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bring us to receive with thanksgiving and faith the most blessed food of Christ's flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from all our sins. Bless us with unity of faith and harmony of doctrine and life. By this blessed Sacrament, equip us with all the gifts of the Spirit and bring to harvest the rich fruits of the Spirit in the lives of Your people, both now and forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, You are the strength of Your people. Grant that we may not give into temptation or be caught up in evil but endure through Your grace to the day of Christ's return. We pray that we would be found holy and blameless by the power of His grace when You bring the dawn of the Last Day and lead us into the place where there is no night, no darkness and no death. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Lord, You have promised never to abandon us and to provide all that we need for this day and for eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, hear the prayers of Your people, and grant them all good things for Your mercy's sake. To You, the eternal God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be glory 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).

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

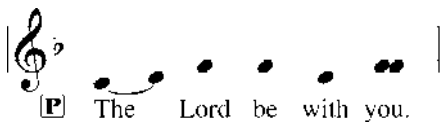
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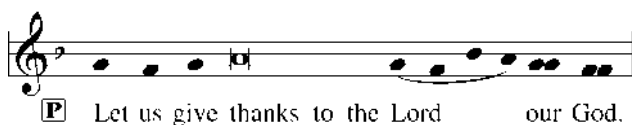
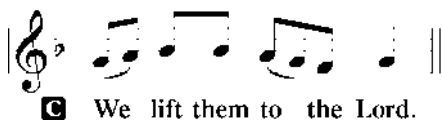
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our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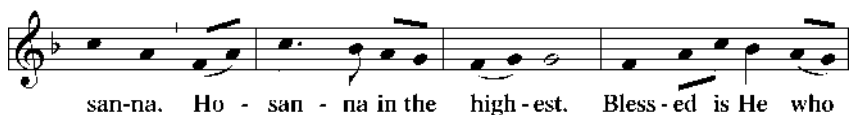
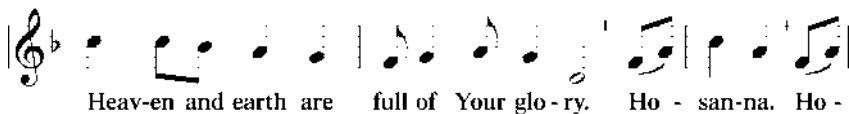
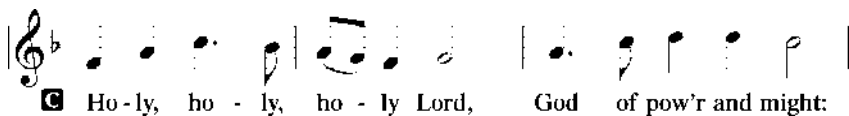




P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross 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:

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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 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 ✝ 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."

PAX DOMINI

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



C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

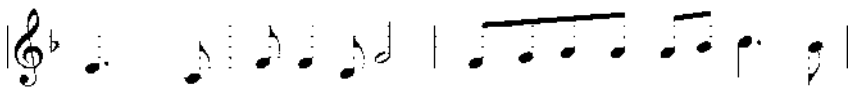
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C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



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.

DISTRIBUTION

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!

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636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



1 Soul, a - dom your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
 riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
 la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
 Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
 Peace beyond all understanding,
 Joy into all life expanding:
 Humbly now, I bow before You;
 Love incarnate, I adore You;
 Worthily let me receive You
 And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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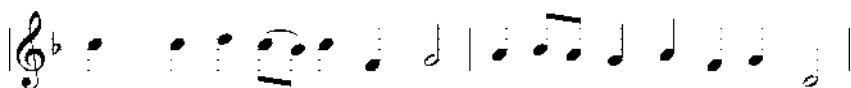
Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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

THANK THE LORD

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



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

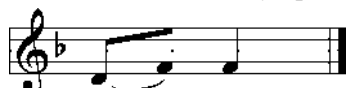


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

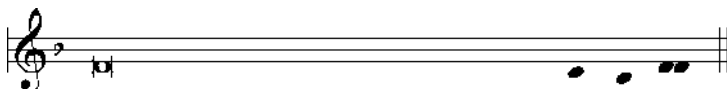
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.



C A - - men.



[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] A - men.

Sit

728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

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Ken Porter

HEAD USHER

Bruce Benson

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, November 23, 2025 are:

Malachi 3:13-18

Psalm 46 (antiphon: v. 7)

Colossians 1:13-20

Luke 23:27-43

November 16 – Proper 28

Luke 21:6 – “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection — as we look back on our earthly life — what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the church year that focuses on The Last Things.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (11/16)	9:00 a.m.	Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Potluck

Mon. (11/17)	4:00 p.m.	Youth Confirmation Class
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Wed. (11/19)	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class

Sun. (11/23)	9:00 a.m.	Service
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study

ATTENDANCE:

11/09/2025	9:00 a.m.	66
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,197.00	Needed YTD	\$ 188,865.00
Rec'vd. 11/09/2025	<u>\$ 4,575.93</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 184,697.45</u>
Over Weekly	\$ 378.93	Short YTD	\$ (4,167.55)

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.

CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair is going on through December 28 every Sunday after Church in Room 7 in the Office. Our donations this time will be going to Tunnel 2 Towers to support our Veterans and First Responders. If you have anything you would like to add, please let either Kathy Valvo or Kathy Benzow know. We are glad to accept any crafts that you have. Thank you. If you have any questions, feel free to either text or call me (Kathy Valvo) at 760-887-7125.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

YOUTH—Confirmation Class will be held on Monday, November 17 at 4:00 p.m.

ADULT—Confirmation Class will be held on Wednesday, November 19 at 6:00 p.m.

POTLUCK

Today at 12:00 p.m. we are having a Potluck. There is no sign up sheet, just bring what you want. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Valvo via phone or text at 760-887-7125. Hope to see you all there.

OUTREACH

The **Spark of Love Toy Drive** started today! If you wish to participate, please place your donated toy under the Christmas tree in the Narthex. The deadline is November 30th. We will be taking the toys to the Apple Valley Fire Department on December 2nd. Thank you in advance for your help.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Mark your calendars for the Advent by Candlelight service on Saturday, November 29, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. Bring your favorite snacks. We will have fellowship and snacks prior to the service. Hope to see you all there. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 760-887-7125. ~Kathy Valvo

Upcoming **EVENTS**

Craft Fair – Now through December 28th (Sundays before and after church service) – Room 7 in the office building

Congregational Fall Potluck - Sunday, November 16th at 12:00pm

Christmas Toy Drive for the Fire Department's 'Spark of Love Event' – November 16th – 30th

Advent by Candlelight – “The King Shall Come” - Saturday, November 29th at 1:00pm

Congregational Christmas Party – Sunday, December 14th at 12:00pm

SPARK OF LOVE

TOY DRIVE



This year we will again be collecting toys for the local fire department. These toys will be distributed to local children. If you would like to participate, please bring a new unwrapped toy and place it under the tree in the fellowship hall.

Collection dates: November 16th – November 30th

Advent by Candlelight: The King Shall Come event takes place on November 29th. This is a great time to donate a toy.

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring this event. We will have a \$250 Thrivent Action Team card to use to buy extra toys.



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:

Angela Alder
Tricia Blake
Durfee Family
Gaylon Pastella
Gwen Strasburg
Leeta Amaro
Mark Baker
Marilyn Belka
Grayson Blomberg
Tiffany Brown
Kyle Burton
Mari Caroland
Carolyne Chaney
Pearl Coole
Larry Cramins
Kathy Davis
Steve Dewiggins
Kelley Dunne
Egger Family
Heidi Evans
Jack Fales, Jr.
Shaunah Forrest
Chrissie Gates
Brielle Gondola
Roger Hall
Jace Haynes
Harry Heike
Bill Huff
Avery Jamison
Jacob Jones
Natalie Kelley
Dorothy Krentz
Addison Lange
Melody LeGray
Anthony Lopez
David McDonald
Daniel Midgely
Debbie Moore
Justin Morales
Dennis & Lee Nelson
Michelle Nichol
David Parker
Seunghee Pastella
Esperanza Perez
Kelley Pulone
Mel & Mary Queue
Christian Rhoades
Crystal Roblero
Carla Rosen
Josh Seau
Noreen Selle
Diane Short & Short Family
Manuel Sousa
Vanessa Sowders
Sarah Thomas
Stan Thorne
Joshua Todd
Sue Twarowski
Blaise & Lisa Vasey
Rosa & Paul Wallace
Charlie West
Stacy Wilson
Cynthia Yanco

Mary Buerle
Devin Coole
Jennifer Millgate
Mildred Sears
Rory Tighe
Brendan Anderson
Sistie Beauchamp
Ilona Berecki
Sue Boers
Vanessa Brown
Gabrielle Butcher
Renee Cates
David Chavez
Robert Coole
William Creek
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Matt DeWitt
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