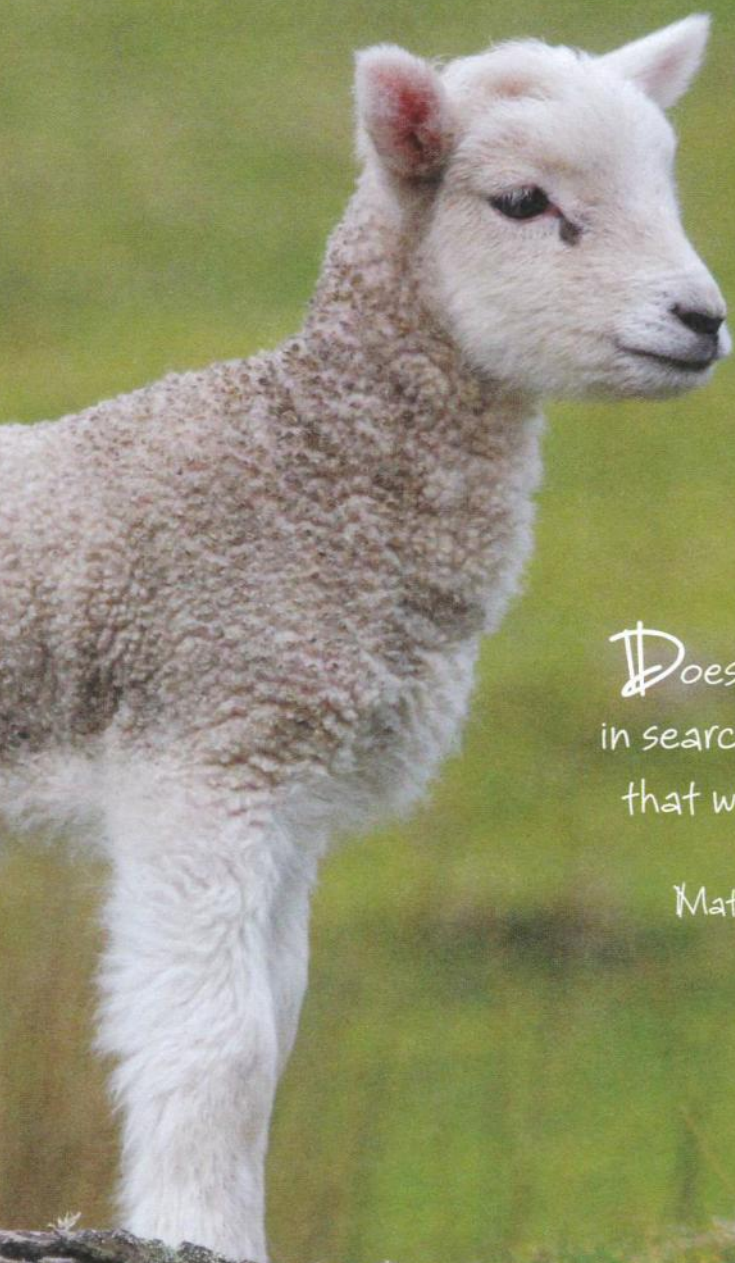




Does he not go
in search of the one
that went astray?

Matthew 18:12

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Thoughts as we gather:

Living as Humble Little Children of the Father

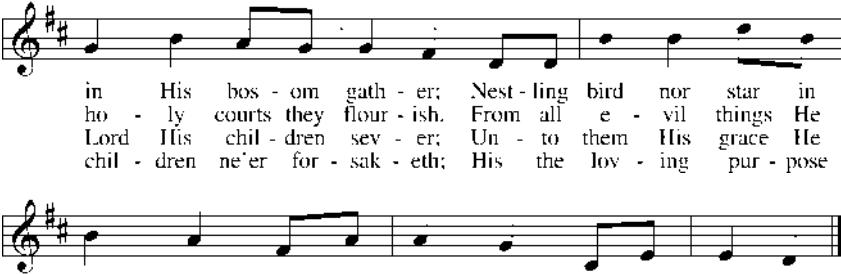
True greatness is not self-sufficient strength, but humility like that of a little child. The greatness of childlike faith receives all good things as gracious gifts from our Father in heaven. Apart from such faith, *“you will never enter the kingdom of heaven,”* but whoever is humbled like a little child will be *“the greatest in the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt. 18:3–4). Though in our sin we deserve to be *“drowned in the depth of the sea”* (Matt. 18:6), we have instead been drowned (“buried”) with Christ in Baptism and then raised to the new, humble life of a child of God. The Lord sends His watchman to warn us with a word from His mouth, in order that we may not die in our iniquity but be turned from our pride and selfishness to live (Ezek. 33:7–9). Thus, we live in humility and faith before God as well as in love for our neighbor, which *“is the fulfilling of the law”* (Rom. 13:10). In the reverent fear of God, we do no harm to our neighbor, but we *“pay to all what is owed to them”* (Rom. 13:7) and we *“owe no one anything, except to love each other”* (Rom. 13:8).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish: In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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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 92:1–4; antiphon: v. 5

How great are Your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,

and Your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;

at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

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.

How great are Your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are very deep!

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

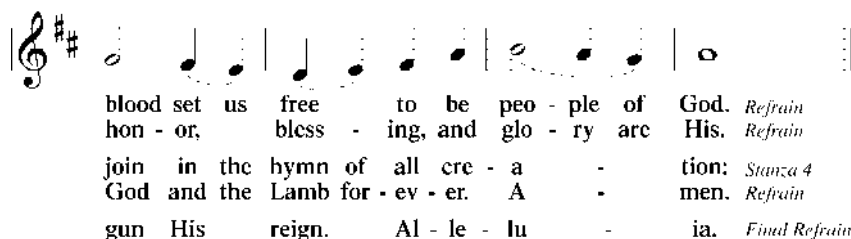
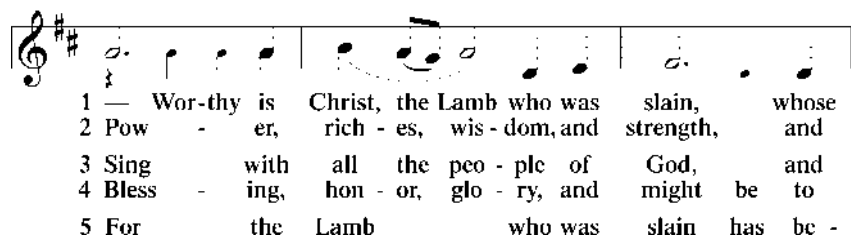
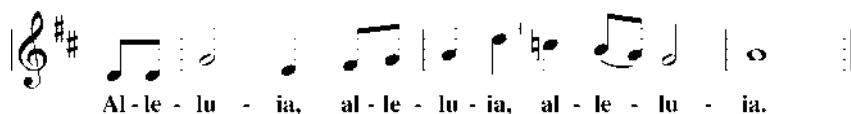


C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 32:1-7; antiphon: v. 1

¹Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

²**Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴**For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵I acknowledged my sin to You,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly
offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found;
**surely in the rush of great waters,
they shall not reach him.**

⁷You are a hiding place for me;
You preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 13:1–10

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. ³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ⁶For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” ²And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them ³and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

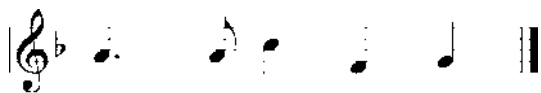
⁵“Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me, ⁶but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! ⁸And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

¹⁰“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven. ¹¹For the Son of Man came to save the lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? ¹³And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. ¹⁴So it is not the will of My Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker



1 My soul, now praise your Mak - er! Let all with - in me
2 He of - fers all His trea - sure Of jus - tice, truth, and
3 For as a ten - der fa - ther Has pit - y on his
4 His grace re - mains for - ev - er. And chil - dren's chil - dren



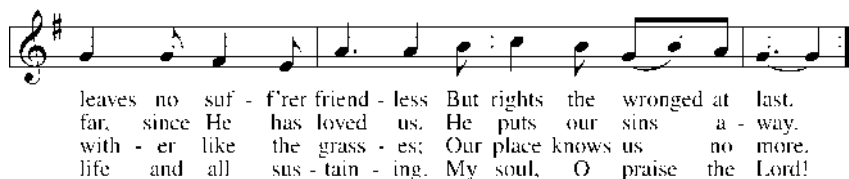
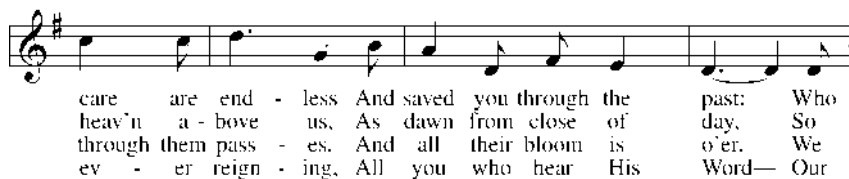
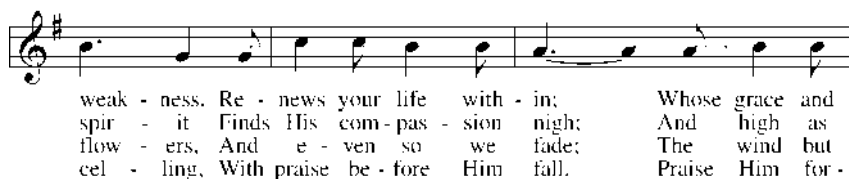
bless His name Who makes you full par - tak - er Of
 righ - teous - ness, His love be - yond all mea - sure. His
 chil - dren here, God in His arms will gath - er All
 yet shall prove That God for - sakes them nev - er Who



mer - cies more than you dare claim. For - get Him not whose
yearn - ing pit - y o'er dis - tress; Nor treats us as we
who are His in child - like fear. He knows how frail our
in true fear shall seek His love. In heav'n is fixed His



meek - ness Still bears with all your sin, Who heals your ev - 'ry
mer - it But sets His an - ger by, The poor and con - trite
pow - ers, Who but from dust are made, We flour - ish like the
dwell - ing, His rule is o - ver all: O hosts with might ex -



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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 heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures

and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

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

Sit

OFFERING

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

Blessed Lord, You have promised that where two or three are gathered in Your name, You are in the midst of them. Hear the prayers of Your people, and grant our supplications. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O God, grant courage to Your Church, that by our warning and witness sinners may come to repentance with faith, and so enjoy the forgiveness of their sins. Give Your people wisdom and strength by Your Spirit, that they may be steadfast and immovable in Your truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Father, we pray for all the little ones who believe in You. Keep them from sin. Through their parents, pastors and teachers, teach them Your truth and Your ways so they may grow up trusting Christ's forgiveness and living as Your children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You alone institute authority. Govern our lawmakers and rulers, that they may bear the sword as Your servants and according to Your command. Bless them with peaceable governance, that under them we may be guarded and directed in righteousness, quietness and unity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, look with compassion upon those who are struggling with illness, grief, loneliness or any malady [*especially* _____]. Reassure them of Your love, which is like that of the shepherd who seeks and saves the one lost sheep. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious God, grant that we would receive Christ's body and blood with childlike faith. Let us humbly trust that Your forgiveness is poured out for us in this Sacrament. May it strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O almighty God, we confess that we are poor sinners and could not give an answer if You should contend with us. Yet do we thank You with all our hearts that You have taken our guilt from us and laid it upon Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, who has atoned for it. Graciously sustain us in this faith. Govern us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may live according to Your will in love and service to our neighbors. Do not let us give way to wrath or revenge, and so incur Your wrath, but let us always find in You a gracious Father; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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

Sit

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And 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, 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:

SANCTUS

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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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 glo-

ry, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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.”

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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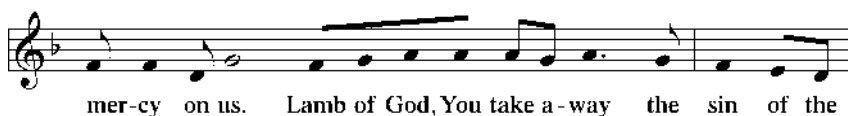
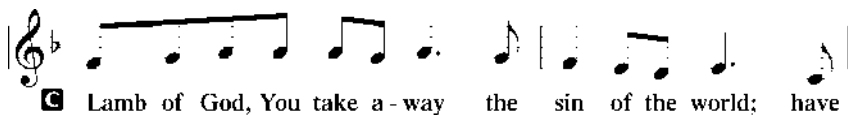
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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION

624 The Infant Priest Was Holy Born



1 The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born For us un -
 2 This great High Priest in hu - man flesh Was i - con -
 3 The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came To God's own
 4 But death would not the vic - tor be Of Him who



ho - ly and for - lorn; From flesh - ly tem - ple
 of God's righ - teous - ness. His hal - lowed touch brought
 al - tar lit with flame; While weep - ing an - gels
 hung up - on the tree. He leads us to the



forth came He, A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
 sanc - ti - ty; His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
 hid their eyes, This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
 Ho - ly Place With - in the veil, be - fore God's face.

- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
 As at the rail on bended knee
 Our hungry mouths from Him receive
 The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
 A priestly food and priestly meat;
 On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
 His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim
 Our voices join the endless hymn,
 And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
 To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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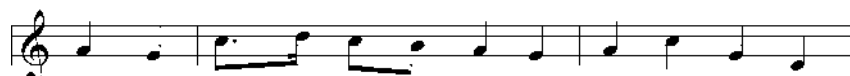
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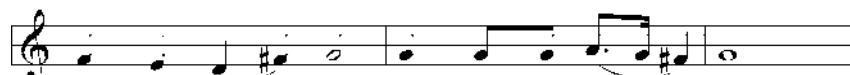
1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee.
 2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
 3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



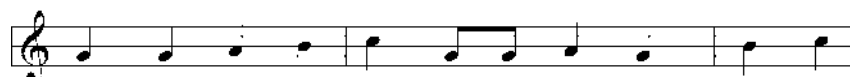
In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
 Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
 love than this to Thee could bind us: May this feast there -
 geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



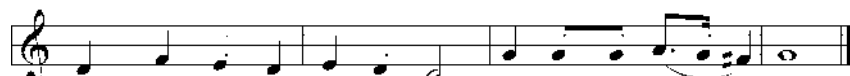
they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
 Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
 Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
 blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

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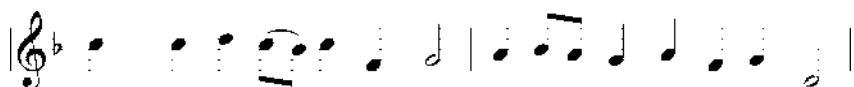
Stand

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.



Sit

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat-utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin-cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict-er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in Thy com-mands—'Tis a de-light-ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
 Let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, But keep my con-science clear.
 And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re-store Thy wan-d'ring sheep.
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of-fend a-against my God.

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER

Ken Porter

HEAD USHER

Bruce Benson

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, September 13, 2026, are:

Genesis 50:15-21

Psalms 103:1-12 (antiphon: v. 13)

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 6 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!



THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (09/06) <i>Mite Box Sunday</i>	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study
Mon. (09/07)	Office Closed	Labor Day
Wed. (09/09)	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thurs. (09/10)	6:00 p.m.	NAMI Family to Family & Peer Connections
Sat. (09/12)	9:00 a.m.	Ladies' Bible Study
Sun. (09/13)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study

ATTENDANCE:

08/30/2026	9:00 a.m.	60
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,501.00	Needed YTD	\$ 157,535.00
Rec'vd. 08/30/2026	<u>\$ 3,128.00</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 158,400.68</u>
Short Weekly	\$ (1,373.00)	Over YTD	\$ 865..68

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.

MITE BOX SUNDAY

The first Sunday of every month is Lutheran Women's Missionary League Mite Box Sunday here. Thank you!

OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

TRUSTEES

Thank you to all that have donated towards the replacement boiler and AC repair projects. Please continue to support these two necessary projects. Envelopes for your donation are in the Narthex.

HAPPY TRAILS BOOTH

Please feel free to visit the Ascension Lutheran Church Evangelism Team at their booth at the Happy Trails Street Fair Saturday, September 12 from 11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. after the parade. The Street Fair is at James Woody Park on Navajo, south of Hwy 18. Ask Eunice for any questions.

NEW ELDER ASSIGNMENTS

Beginning September 1, the Elders will have new assignments. The new assignments are as follows: A—DeRose—Rick Ferrell; Drinkwine—Murphy—Joe Yanch: N—Z—Ken Porter.

EMMANUELS HOUSE

For the next two weeks, the Elders will be collecting gently used men's clothing, sleeping bags, and blankets for Emmanuel's House. Or you can make a love offering from the envelopes in the Narthex. Thank you.

NAMI

The next meeting of NAMI is scheduled for Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. Family to Family is via Zoom only and Peer Connections is in person and via Zoom.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

The next meeting of the Ladies' Bible Study is scheduled for Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are welcome

UPCOMING *Events*

Saturday, September 26th—LWML Zone Celebration at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 18th – Oktoberfest Potluck at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

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

Sunday, December 13th – Congregational Christmas Party- at 1:00pm 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. Otherwise, names will be removed after **TWO** months.

ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED:

Angela Alder	Mary Beuerle	Charles Blake
Tricia Blake	Devin Coole	Judy Cutler
Durfee Family	Jennifer Millgate	Beverly Moglich
Gaylon Pastella	Mildred Sears	Kevin Smith
Gwen Strasburg	Rory Tighe	Mike Adams
Bob Albert	Jonathan Alligood	Nikki Amaro
Brendan Anderson	Dave Anderson	Pat Anderson
Greg Arida	MaryAnn Beck	Marilyn Belka
Vivian Bingham	Sue Boers	Bill & Jan Blanton
Grayson Blomberg	Raymond Bond	Crista Brenden
Karrie Burke	Kyle Burton	Gabrielle Butcher
Marcia Byron	Ralph Calzade	Mari Caroland
Dan Catherwood	Lane Ceballos	Maddie Cervantes
Carolyne Chaney	David Chavez	Patrick Coole
Robert Coole	Cathy Connors	Scott Crawley
William Creek	John Davis	Kathy Davis
Nick & Julie DeRose	Matt DeWitt	Mary Diaz
Christine Dunne	Kelley Dunne	John & Ann Duran
Egger Family	Don Eliason	Daniel Ellis
Penny Estrada	Heidi Evans	Lynn Fairgrief
Alicia Ferrell	Eleanor Fetterman	Charity Frash
Christian Frash	Jillian Garcia	Chrissie Gates
Faigie Gawn	Chris Gibson	Zoey Gilman
Grace Glass	Government	Raquel Gudino
Shelly Hadsell	Roger Hall	Pastor Harris
Kelly Havens	Jace Haynes	Jeanne Hecksel
Justin Hedden & Family	Harry Heike	Stephen Hodges
Tyler Holtgrefe	Kareem Jacobs	Beverlyn Johnson
Michelle Jones	Bud Justice	Emma Kraus
Steve Kuhn	Randy Lam	Addison Lange
Debbie Lange	LaPriia & Family	Melody LeGray
Frank Liedtky & Family	Anthony Lopez	Epris Martin
Chelo Martinez	Debbie Martinez	Kelly Marscheider
Tom & Joan Mason	Victoria Mathews	Todd McCoy
David McDonald	Brian McMahan	Catherine McNeil
Megan	Linda Merkle	Dave Meyer
Military	Grace Miskimen	Jessica Moores
Belita & Richard Nash	Adam Nieto	Park Family
David Parker	Glenn & Nancy Pastella	Richard & Alice Pastella
Seung-Hee Pastella	Tim & Marguerite Pastella	Esteban Penomeza
People with physical or mental issues	Mel & Mary Quecke	Michele Rawlins
Peggy Rhoades	Dave Riffel	Riley Family
Bill Robertson	Noreen Selle	Bea Shelby
Short Family	Ashley Skiffington	Barbara Sosa
Georgina Soto	Larry & Robin Thompson	Cyndy Todd
Joshua Todd	Richard Torres	Sheryl Truslow
Denise Turner	Brandon Vess	Donna Wagers
Phyllis Walton	Joni Wangeman	Joe Waters
Sharon Waters	Phyllis Wheaton	Curtis Wise
John Worstell	Cynthia Yanchou	



About the Cover: Every single little sheep in the Lord’s flock is precious to Him. He, like a shepherd in search of his lost sheep, is willing to go to great lengths to find every missing sheep. You are also precious to Your Savior, who laid down His life for you on the cross (John 10:17). He knows you by name (John 10:3). He has gone to great lengths to find you, who was once lost. But today, you are found, and there is great rejoicing!