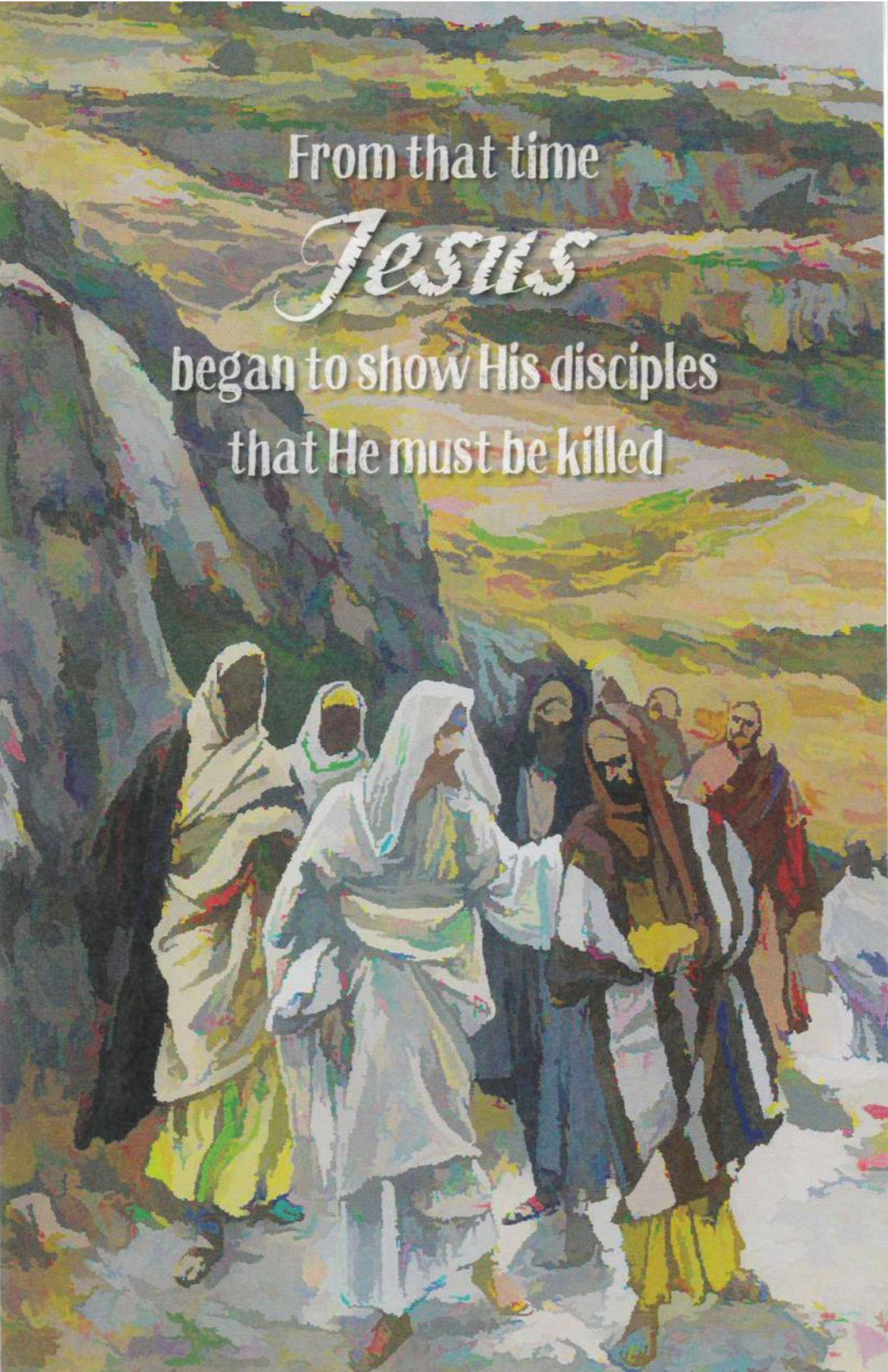


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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Thoughts as we gather

The Glory of God Is the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus

After St. Peter confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, our Lord *“began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised”* (Matt. 16:21). Upon hearing this “theology of the cross,” Simon Peter stumbled into a satanic “theology of glory.” But the glory of God is revealed in the Passion and cross of His incarnate Son. The faithful prophets, such as Jeremiah, suffered persecution and rejection in anticipation of Jesus’ cross. Yet the Lord did not abandon them; He remembered them, and He was with them to deliver them (Jer. 15:15–20). By His cross, Jesus has redeemed the world, and in His resurrection, He has vindicated all who trust in Him. Thus, the Christian life is a discipleship of self-sacrificing love. Since Christ Jesus has reconciled us to God, we *“live peaceably with all”* (Rom. 12:18). By the certainty of His cross and resurrection, we *“rejoice in hope,”* and we are *“patient in tribulation”* and *“constant in prayer”* (Rom. 12:12).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



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|---|-------|-----|------|-------------|---------|---------|--------------|-----------------|--------|-----------|-------|
| 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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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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

Delight yourself in the LORD,
and He will give you the desires of your heart.
**Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in Him, and He will act.**
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.
**Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him;
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the
man who carries out evil devices!**
**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.**
Delight yourself in the LORD,
and He will give you the desires of your heart.

KYRIE

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- 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, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

¹⁵O LORD, You know;
 remember me and visit me,
 and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
 In Your forbearance take me not away;
 know that for Your sake I bear reproach.
¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
 and Your words became to me a joy
 and the delight of my heart,
 for I am called by Your name,
 O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
 nor did I rejoice;
 I sat alone, because Your hand was upon me,
 for You had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
 my wound incurable,
 refusing to be healed?
 Will You be to me like a deceitful brook,
 like waters that fail?
¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
 “If you return, I will restore you,
 and you shall stand before Me.
 If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
 you shall be as My mouth.
 They shall turn to you,
 but you shall not turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
 they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
 for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
 declares the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹Vindicate me, O LORD,
for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

²**Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.**

³For Your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in Your faithfulness.

⁴**I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.**

⁵I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.

⁶**I wash my hands in innocence
and go around Your altar, O LORD,**

⁷proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all Your wondrous deeds.

⁸**O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house
and the place where Your glory dwells.**

⁹Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,

¹⁰**in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.**

¹¹But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.

¹²**My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.**

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your ene-

my is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21–28

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You.” ²³But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told His disciples, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶For

what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

[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

531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus



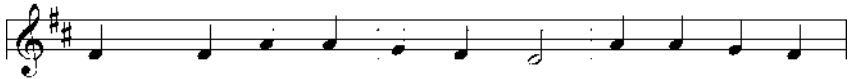
1 Hail, Thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, Thou Gal - i -
 2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, All our sins on
 3 Je - sus, hail! En - throned in glo - ry, There for - ev - er
 4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us; Thou didst
 Thee were laid; By al - might - y love a - noint - ed, Thou hast
 to a - bide; All the heav'n - ly hosts a - dore Thee, Seat - ed
 to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it



free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, Thou u - ni - ver - sal Sav - ior,
 full a - tone - ment made. All Thy peo - ple are for - giv - en
 at Thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners Thou art plead - ing;
 is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,



Bear - er of our sin and shame! By Thy mer - it
 Through the vir - tue of Thy blood; O - pened is the
 There Thou dost our place pre - pare, Ev - er for us
 All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our



we find fa - vor: Life is giv - en through Thy name.
 gate of heav - en, Rec - on - ciled are we with God.
 in - ter - ced - ing Till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
 Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

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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.

Almighty God, ever righteous and faithful, all vengeance belongs to You. As our enemies rise against us, we place all things in Your hands, knowing justice will be done and that You, O Lord, will redeem us from the grasp of the ruthless. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Heavenly Father, grant to Your Church pastors who say with Jeremiah, “Hear the Word of the Lord,” and who faithfully proclaim that Word to us. Strengthen our pastors and missionaries for the tasks to which You have called them, and care for their families. Lord in Your mercy,

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

- P** Gracious Lord, look with favor on the households of this congregation, and grant that all may live in love that issues from a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** O Lord, our God, turn the eyes of all who make, execute and judge our laws to You, that they may receive wisdom and strength to faithfully carry out their duties. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Almighty Father, have mercy on all who are sick or suffering in any way, especially [*and*] all who have requested our prayers. Grant that they may have relief from pain, and give them the courage to endure their crosses and tribulations. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Loving Lord, until Your Son returns in glory, He gives us His body and blood to sustain us. Grant that all who receive this gift today may receive it in faith, trusting that it is given for the forgiveness of their sins and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** Rise up, O Lord, and avenge those who are persecuted for the name of Your Son, Jesus. In communion with all Your saints, grant us endurance to bear our crosses as Christ bore His for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Statement

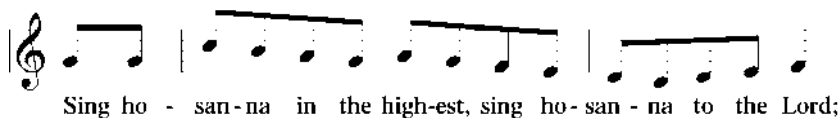
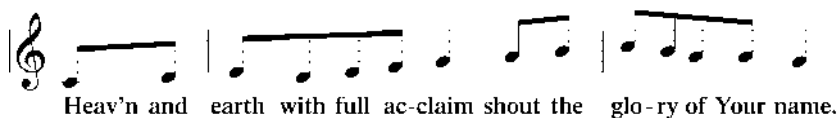
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our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



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.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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 ✠ 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.



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

DISTRIBUTION

631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face



1 Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;
 2 Here would I feed up - on the bread of God;
 3 This is the heav'nly banquet and of song;
 4 I have no help but Thine; nor do I need



Here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
 Here drink with Thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
 This is the heav'nly ta - ble spread for me;
 An - oth - er arm but Thine to lean up - on.



Here grasp with firm - er hand the e - ter - nal grace,
 Here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let me feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 It is e - nough, my Lord, e - nough in - deed;

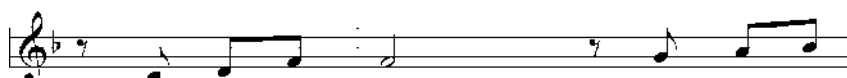


And all my wea - ri - ness up - on Thee lean.
 Here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
 The brief bright hour of fel - low - ship with Thee.
 My strength is in Thy might, Thy might a - lone.

- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- 6 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
 The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
 The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
 Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- 7 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
 Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
 Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
 The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

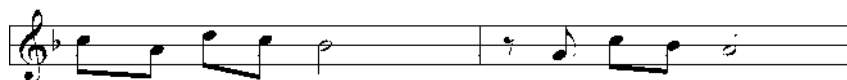
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629 What Is This Bread



1 What is this bread?
 2 What is this wine?
 3 So who am I,
 4 Yet is God here?
 5 Is this for me?

Christ's bod - y
 The blood of
 That I should
 Oh, yes! By
 I am for -



ris - en from the dead:
 Je - sus shed for mine:
 live and He should die
 Word and prom - ise clear,
 giv - en and set free!

This bread we break,
 The cup of grace
 Un - der the rod?
 In mouth and soul
 I do be - lieve



This life we take,
 Brings His em - brace
 My God, my God,
 He makes us whole—
 That I re - ceive

Was crushed to pay for our re -
 Of life and love un - til I
 Why have You not for - sak - en
 Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
 His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see—
 sing! O taste and see—
 me? O taste and see—
 meal. O taste and see—
 blood. O taste and see—

the Lord is peace.
 the Lord is King.
 the Lord is free.
 the Lord is real.
 the Lord is good.

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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.

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 the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in 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.

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 Amen.

- 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

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, Tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, Hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing Light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure By the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, From the cross the ra - diancy
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no

sto - ry Gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing Adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, Joys that through all time a - bide.

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

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SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, September 6, 2026, are:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm 32:1-7 (antiphon: v. 1)

Romans 13:1-10

Matthew 18:1-20

August 30 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul?” He who dies with the most toy...is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in home, church and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's kingdom.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (08/30)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study
Wed. (09/02)	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Sun. (09/06)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study

ATTENDANCE:

08/23/2026	9:00 a.m.	58
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,501.00	Needed YTD	\$ 153,034.00
Rec'vd. 08/23/2026	<u>\$ 1,710.00</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 155,272.68</u>
Short Weekly	\$ (2,791.00)	Over YTD	\$ 2,238.68

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.

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.

MITE BOX SUNDAY

The first Sunday of every month is Lutheran Women's Missionary League Box Sunday here. Please bring your mites next Sunday. Thank you!

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 Yanchow; 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.

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	Brendan Anderson
Dave Anderson	Pat Anderson	Greg Arida
Marilyn Belka	Vivian Bingham	MaryAnn Beck
Bill & Jan Blanton	Grayson Blomberg	Sue Boers
Raymond Bond	Crista Brenden	Karrie Burke
Kyle Burton	Gabrielle Butcher	Marcia Byron
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 Hecksell	Justin Hedden & Family	Harry Heike
Stephen Hodges	Tyler Holtgreffe	Kareem Jacobs
Beverlyn Johnson	Michelle Jones	Bud Justice
Emma Kraus	Steve Kuhn	Randy Lam
Addison Lange	Debbie Lange	LaPriya & Family
Melody LeGray	Frank Liedtke & Family	Anthony Lopez
Epris Martin	Chelo Martinez	Debbie Martinez
Kelly Marscheider	Tom & Joan Mason	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	People affected by Reno fires	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 Wageman
Joe Waters	Sharon Waters	Phyllis Wheaton
Curtis Wise	John Worstell	Cynthia Yancho

Grief & Strength:

Family of Myron Becker

Thanksgiving:

Mike & Kathy Benzow
Stephen Hodges

Safe Travels

Ralph Hollins



About the Cover: Jesus was heading to Jerusalem, where He would suffer, be killed, and rise again. Peter attempted to lead Him in another direction, but Jesus directed him and the other disciples to follow Him and take up their own crosses. However, the cross of Jesus was His alone to bear in order to bring us forgiveness. We follow Him by the gift of faith. Following Jesus means dying to ourselves, confessing our sins, and trusting that death in Him means resurrection life.