

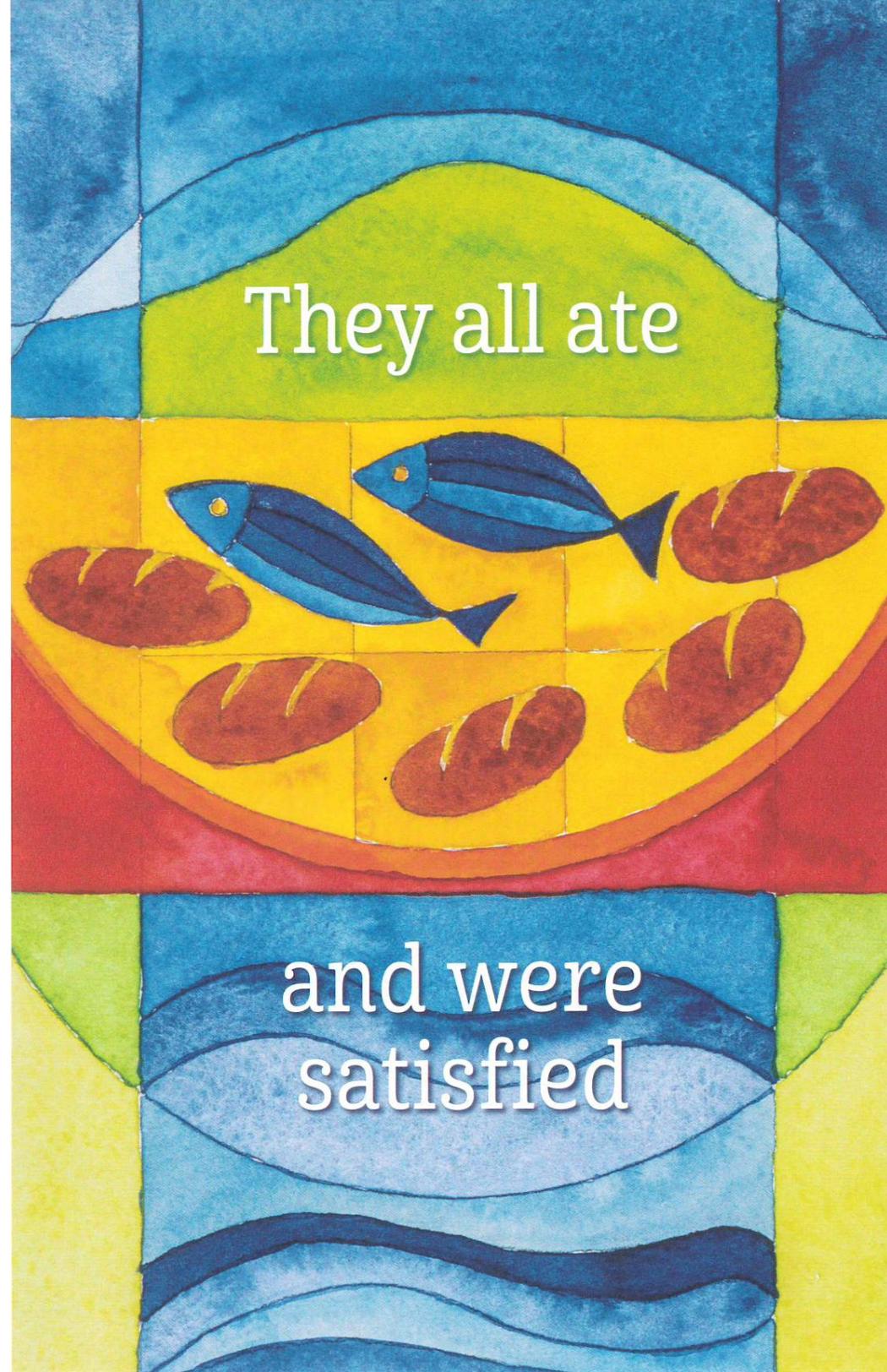
Prayer and Praises” is your personal invitation to join with the Prayer Ministry of our church in daily prayer. If you would like someone to stay on the prayer list, please call the church office at 760-247-7392, put your request on the prayer cards in the church, or go on-line at www.ascensionav.org.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

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About the Cover: Not one of the five thousand leaves the green hillside with an empty stomach. Two fish and five loaves are more than enough in the hands of Jesus. He satisfies the hungry heart with eternal food. In the Lord’s Supper, it is no longer mere bread and wine in the hands of Jesus. This is His very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith for the eternal satisfaction of our lives.

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Service July 18, 2021
93.5 FM
COWBOY WORSHIP

Thoughts As We Gather

The place is the city of Jerusalem during the last days of an independent Judah with its own king, King Zedekiah (597–587 BC), before the Babylonian exile of Jerusalem. The preceding chapter 22 surveys the reigns of Zedekiah's immediate predecessors: King Jehoahaz (also known as Shallum, 609 BC), King Jehoiakim (609–598 BC), and King Jehoiachin (also known as Coniah, 598–597 BC).

It is important to read chapter 23 in connection with chapter 22. The two give contrasts. Chapter 22 displays the lack of righteousness of the past and present kings in Jerusalem and announces their end. In contrast, chapter 23 promises a different future with a righteous shepherd-king of the line of David.

Jesus came to fulfill the BC Scriptures. The BC Scriptures can help us AD Christians understand the person and work of Jesus the Messiah. They help us better understand the Messiah's job description and the blessings He now gives us. Jer 23:1–6 is one such text.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Softly and Tenderly

Loretta Lynn

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portal He's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

Come home (come home), come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling "Oh sinner come home"

Instrumental

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

KITCHEN CUPBOARD CLEAN-UP

A huge thank you to Vendy Amer, Kathy Benzow, Nancy Blake, Beverly Fuhrman, Cindy Holtgreffe, and Diane Staff for their help in cleaning the kitchen cupboards! - Jean Coburn

CLOTHING AND SHOES

We are no longer accepting clothing or shoes. Thank you to all who have donated.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

There will be an Evangelism Committee meeting after church today in the fellowship hall.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

There will be a Celebration of Life for Dusty Rhoades on Saturday, June 24 at 11:00 a.m. here at Ascension Lutheran Church.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (07/18)	9:00 a.m. After Church	Drive-In & Inside Worship Evangelism Committee Mtg
Tue. (07/19)	6:00 p.m.	NAMI Family to Family
Wed. (07/21)	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Thu. (07/22)	10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult Confirmation Class NAMI Peer Group
Sat. (07/24)	11:00 a.m.	Dusty Rhoades Celebration of Life
Sun. (07/25)	9:00 a.m.	Drive-In & Inside Worship

ATTENDANCE:

07/11/2021	9:00 a.m.	68
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 3,737.00
Received 07/11/21	\$ <u>3,978.00</u>
Over	\$ 241.00

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies
Mercies for you and for me

Come home (come home), come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling "Oh sinner come home"

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Think of the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me

Come home (come home), come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling "Oh sinner come home"

Power In the Blood

Alan Jackson

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood
Power in the blood
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood
Power in the blood
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide
There's wonderful power in the blood
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb

Instrumental

There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood (in the blood) of the Lamb (of the Lamb)
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Kneel/Stand

CONFESSION OF SINS

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- P** Let us run before our Lord's throne of grace and confess our sins to Him who is faithful and just and promises to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness

We Confess

- C** **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.
I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.
My Lord's name I have not honored as I should;
my worship and prayers have faltered.
I have not let His love have its way with me,
and so my love for others has failed.
There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help.
My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.**

I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

- P** Do you believe the forgiveness I pronounce to you this day is God's forgiveness and not my own?

C Yes

- P** Let it be done for you as you believe:

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit

Stand

STEWARDSHIP: July 18 – Proper 11

Ephesians 2:13 – “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” What all of mankind's efforts, works, and scheming could not do, the blood of Christ did. We have peace with God, and we are brought near to the Father. This life-giving sacrifice of Christ sets the pattern for the sacrifices we are called to make for others within our vocations in home, church, and society.

SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER Mark Amer
HEAD USHER Bruce Benson

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, July 25, 2021 are:

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 136:1-9 (antiphon: v.26)
Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 6:45-56

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for My people: “You have scattered My flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back

to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 23; antiphon: v. 6

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

³He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

⁴**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:11–22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that He might create in Himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the

Oh I’m smilin’ I got the Lord on my side
Yeah I’m smilin’ I got the Lord on my side
When you see this big ol’ happy grinnin’ smile on my face
You know I’m smilin’ I got the Lord on my side

Stomp if you’re happy
Clap if you’re happy
Sing if you’re happy
I got the Lord on my side
Stomp if you’re happy
Clap if you’re happy
Sing if you’re happy
I got the Lord on my side

Instrumental

(I got the Lord, got the Lord on my side)
(I’m so happy, got the Lord on my side)

Oh I’m happy (oh I’m happy) I got the Lord on my side
I’m so happy (yeah I’m happy) I got the Lord on my side
If you see this big ol’ happy grinnin’ smile on my face
That’s ‘cause I’m happy I got the Lord on my side

Stomp if you’re happy
Clap if you’re happy
Sing if you’re happy
I got the Lord on my side
Stomp if you’re happy
Clap if you’re happy
Sing if you’re happy
I got the Lord on my side

If you’re happy you got the Lord on your side
If you’re happy you got the Lord on your side
If I see that big ol’ happy grinnin’ smile on your face
I know you’re happy (I know you’re happy), you got the Lord on your side
Oh you’re smilin’ you got the Lord on your side
Yes you’re smilin’ you got the Lord on your side
When I see that big ol’ happy grinnin’ smile on your face
I know you’re smilin’ you got the Lord on your side

Instrumental

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Great is Thy Faithfulness

Carrie Underwood & Cece Winans

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning b morning, new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning b morning, new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning, new mercies I see
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord, unto me.

Hmm, hmm-hmm, hmm

I Got the Lord on My Side *Reba McEntire*

Instrumental

I'm so happy I got the Lord on my side
I'm so happy I got the Lord on my side
If you see this big ol' happy grinnin' smile on my face
That's 'cause I'm happy I got the Lord on my side

cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:30-44

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told Him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And He began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But He answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then He commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And He divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der The world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion And tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion With God, the Three in One,



She is His new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the Word.
 Her char - ter of sal - va - tion: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 By schisms rent a - sun - der, By her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 She waits the con - sum - ma - tion Of peace for - ev - er - more
 And mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion With those whose rest is won.



From heav'n He came and sought her To be His ho - ly bride;
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
 Yet saints their watch are keep - ing; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious Her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by Your grace



With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
 And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing Shall be the morn of song.
 And the great Church vic - to - rious Shall be the Church at rest.
 That we, like saints be - fore us, May see You face to face.

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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.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

THE DISMISSAL

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.

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.

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.

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
 Hosanna. Hosanna.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

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.

SERMON TEXT: Jeremiah 23:1–6

SERMON THEME: A Righteous Shepherd King

ROOM FOR SERVICE NOTES:

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.

We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your compassion shown in Christ Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep and the righteous Son of David. Keep us trusting at all times in Your right hand, in whom true satisfaction is found. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have built one Holy Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Himself as our cornerstone. Grant unity to Your Church on earth through the work of Your Spirit and the faithful proclamation of Christ's reconciling cross. As You tore down the dividing wall of hostility between Jew and Gentile in Christ, so heal all divisions of doctrine or pride on earth, even as Your Church is one before Your throne. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have brought us from many families into the household of God. Continue to bless all Christian homes, that fathers and mothers may faithfully lead their children by word and deed to call upon You as Father. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for our nation and its leaders. We ask Your blessing on those who serve in civil office, that we may enjoy good government in accord with Your commandments. Help us to live in service to our neighbors while here, mindful that our true citizenship is in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Your constant care and all we need to support this body and life. Attend in mercy to those in need among us [*especially* _____]. Free them from dismay and fear by the certainty that Christ is their righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ, God's Son, our Savior, who by His death has made satisfaction for our sins. Grant faith to all who come to His Holy Supper today, that we may eat His true body for the forgiveness of sins and be satisfied unto life everlasting. 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

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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