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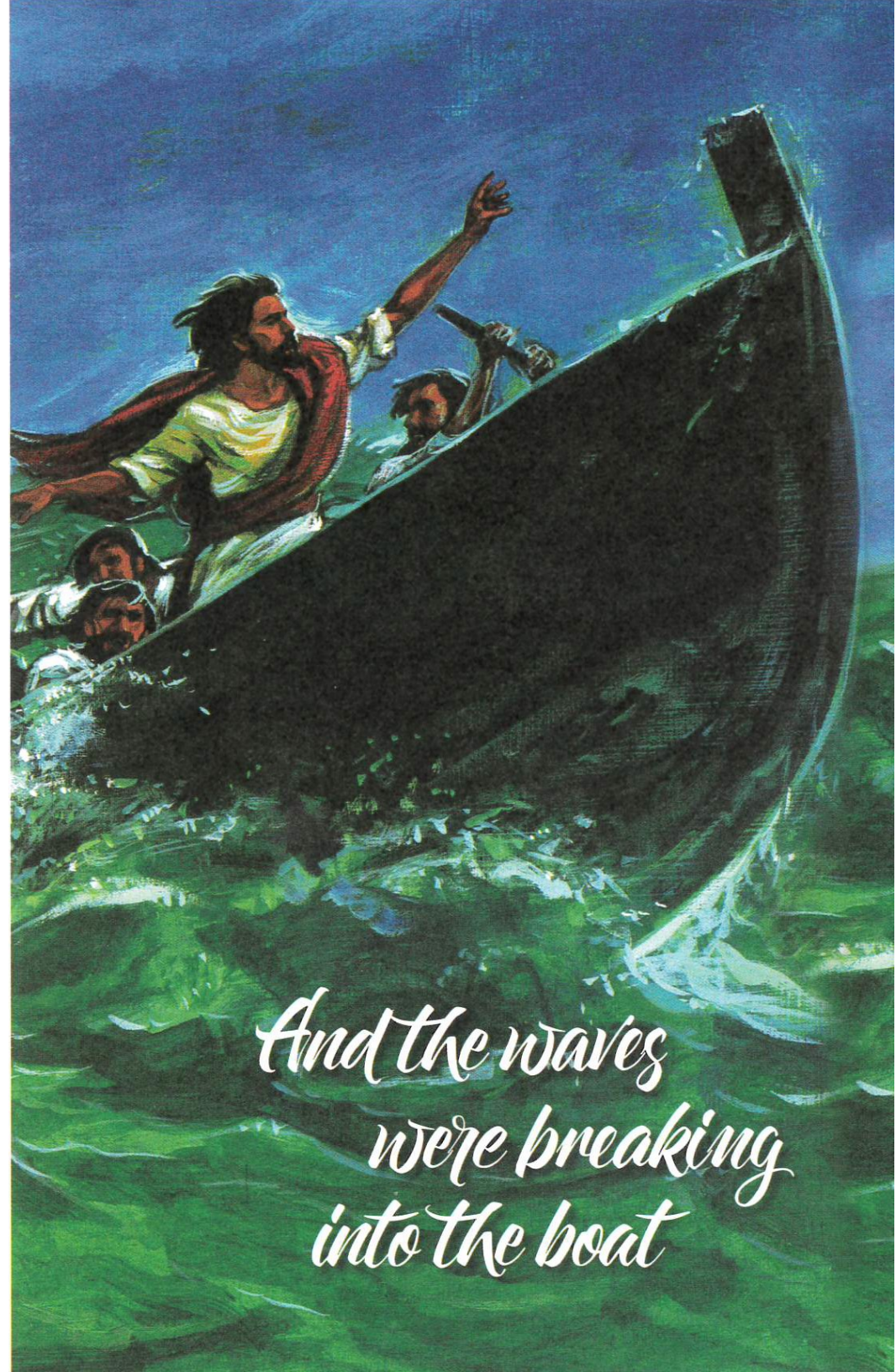
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About the Cover: Waves crashing into an unsteady boat would naturally bring fear to anyone on tumultuous seas. But Jesus is steady. With a simple command, He steadies the waves and the nerves of His disciples. He is in control even as the waves crash. Jesus calms our greatest fears with His steady and unflappable word of peace because He is God and Lord, who has saved us by His cross and resurrection and now guards and keeps us to eternity.



*And the waves
were breaking
into the boat*

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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Service June 20, 2021
93.5 FM
COWBOY WORSHIP

Thoughts As We Gather

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost finds its focus in the Gospel (Mk 4:35–41), which records Jesus calming the storm. While Jesus and His disciples go across the Sea of Galilee, a great windstorm arises. Waves are breaking into the boat, and the boat is filling with water. All the while, Jesus is asleep. He's not concerned with the storm. When the disciples finally awaken Him, He rebukes the wind and the waves and they calm down immediately. This miracle is not a sentimental showing that Jesus "calms the storms of our lives." No, this miracle shows that Jesus has power and authority that only God possesses, power over the untamable sea, power over the mysterious wind.

The Introit, drawn from Psalm 107, echoes the Gospel's storm and sea theme as the psalmist proclaims, "He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed." The Old Testament Reading (Job 38:1–11) likewise showcases God's awesome, unparalleled power, including over the sea, as the Lord answers Job, speaking for the first time since chapter 2. God asks, "Who shut in the sea with doors?" (v 8). The Psalm keeps up the water imagery as it notes the importance of having God on our side, for without Him "the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us" (Ps 124:4). All of these show that it is only the Creator who has power over creation. In performing the miracle in Mark 4, Jesus identifies Himself as one who possesses such creative power.

The sermon text from 2 Corinthians 6 does not focus on God's authority over the wind and the waves, but one might see a connection to the immediacy Paul cites in verse 2: "Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." God's awesome power over wind and sea are not meant only to daunt us; in Jesus, we are shown that God uses His awesome power to favor us, to help us, and to save us. Our reception of God's grace should not be "in vain" (v 1).

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.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Annual BBQ is a going to be a fundraiser for Orphan Grain Train, so we are hoping for monetary donations of \$5. In conjunction with the BBQ, the Outreach Committee will be having a silent auction using the desserts that are being shared that day. We are calling it "Sweet Tooth Silent Auction". If you wish to participate in the silent auction, you will be given a number to use when you bid on a dessert. Come have fun and bid on your favorite dessert(s). All proceeds will go to Orphan Grain Train. Thank you!

ORA THOMAS—CORRECTION

Ora has recently moved to a care facility. Her new address is Chantilly Lacey, 13365 Hidden Valley Road, Victorville, CA 92395 (in Spring Valley Lake). Her mailing address is **8430 I Avenue, Hesperia, CA 92345**. She does not have a P.O. Box. Her cell phone number is 760-617-0091. She said anyone who wishes to visit her are welcome. Visiting hours are between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m..

RALPHS/FOOD4LESS

Ascension Lutheran Church received an email advising us that we will be receiving a donation check in the amount of \$39.16 thanks to everyone who shops there! Keep shopping!

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (06/20)	9:00 a.m.	Drive-In & Inside Worship
Wed. (06/23)	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Sun. (06/27)	9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Drive-In & Inside Worship Annual Barbeque

ATTENDANCE:

06/13/2021	9:00 a.m.	55
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 3,737.00
Received 06/13/21	\$ <u>2,685.79</u>
Short	\$ (1,051.21)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Softly and Tenderly

Alan Jackson

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

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

O for 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
 Ye who are weary come home
 Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling
 Calling "O sinner come home"

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

Old Rugged Cross

Loretta Lynn

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross
 The emblem of suffering and shame
 And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
 Where the world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
 Til my trophies at last I lay down
 I will cling to the old rugged cross
 And exchange it someday for a crown

Instrumental

Oh that old rugged cross so despised by the world
Is a wonderous attraction for me
For the dear lamb of God left His glory above
To bare it to dark calvary

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Til my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it someday for a crown

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross
Til my trophies at last I lay down
I will cling to the old rugged cross
And exchange it someday for a crown

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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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

**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.

STEWARDSHIP: June 20 – Proper 7

Mark 4:40 – “He said to them, ‘Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?’ ” Faith means trust. If we trust the Lord, what do we have to be afraid of? Isn't it fear that holds us back in our stewardship? Isn't it fear that stops us from following the Lord's Word to give generously toward His work in the Church? Well then, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” The Lord has proved His trustworthiness by His cross. You can trust Him.

SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER Rick Ferrell
HEAD USHER Bruce Benson

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, June 27, 2021 are:

Lamentations 3:22-33
 Psalm 30 (antiphon: v.10)
 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15
 Mark 5:21-43

ABSOLUTION

- 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**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty God, in Your mercy guide the course of this world so that Your Church may joyfully serve You in godly peace and quietness; 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

¹Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:
²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
³Dress for action like a man;
 I will question you, and you make it known to Me.
⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
 Tell Me, if you have understanding.
⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
 Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶On what were its bases sunk,
 or who laid its cornerstone,
⁷when the morning stars sang together
 and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
 when it burst out from the womb,
⁹when I made clouds its garment
 and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
 and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
 and here shall your proud waves be stayed?’”

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

¹If it had not been the LORD who was on our side—
 let Israel now say—
²**if it had not been the LORD who was on our side
 when people rose up against us,**
³then they would have swallowed us up alive,
 when their anger was kindled against us;
⁴**then the flood would have swept us away,
 the torrent would have gone over us;**
⁵then over us would have gone
 the raging waters.
⁶**Blessèd be the LORD,
 who has not given us
 as prey to their teeth!**
⁷We have escaped like a bird
 from the snare of the fowlers;
 the snare is broken,
 and we have escaped!

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost, but now I'm found
 I was blind but now I see

Instrumental

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
 And grace my fears relieved
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed

When we've been there ten thousand years
 Bright shining as the sun
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we first begun

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost, but now I'm found
 I was blind, but now I see
 I was blind, O, but now I see, I see

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, let me stand
I'm tired, I'm weak, and I'm worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light

Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home

When my way grows unclear
Precious Lord, linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand so I won't fall

Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home

When the darkness appears
And the night is drawing near
And the day is almost gone
At the river I'll stand
So guide my feet and hold my hand

Take my hand, (take my hand) precious Lord
And lead me home

Randy Travis

**⁸Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.**

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

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 6:1–13

¹Working together with Him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For He says,

“In a favorable time I listened to you,
and in a day of salvation I have helped you.”

Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ³We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; ⁷by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹²You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

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

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:35-41

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.

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

³⁵On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd, they took Him with them in the boat, just as He was. And other boats were with Him. ³⁷And a great wind-storm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. ³⁸But He was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹And He awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey Him?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

726 Evening and Morning



1 Eve - ning and morn - ing, Sun - set and dawn - ing, Wealth, peace, and
2 Fa - ther, O hear me, Par - don and spare me; Calm all my
3 Ills that still grieve me Soon are to leave me; Though bil - lows
4 To God in heav - en All praise be giv - en! Come, let us



glad - ness, Com - fort in sad - ness: These are Thy works; all the
ter - rors, Blot out my er - rors That by Thine eyes they may
tow - er, And winds gain pow - er, Af - ter the storm the fair
of - fer And glad - ly prof - fer To the Cre - a - tor the



glo - ry be Thine! Times with - out num - ber, A - wake or in
no more be scanned. Or - der my go - ings, Di - rect all my
sun shows its face. Joys e'er in - creas - ing And peace nev - er
gifts He doth prize. He well re - ceiv - eth A heart that be -

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.**

SANCTUS

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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.



slum - ber, Thine eye ob - serves us, From dan - ger pre - serves us,
do - ings; As it may please Thee, Re - tain or re - lease me;
ceas - ing: These shall I trea - sure And share in full mea - sure
liev - eth; Hymns that a - dore Him Are pre - cious be - fore Him



Caus - ing Thy mer - cy up - on us to shine.
All I com - mit to Thy fa - ther - ly hand.
When in His man - sions God grants me a place.
And to His throne like sweet in - cense a - rise.

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SERMON TEXT: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

SERMON THEME: Now Is the Day of Salvation

ROOM FOR SERVICE NOTES:

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** In thanksgiving for His steadfast love and wondrous works to the children of men, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** That in this favorable time and day of salvation ushered in by Christ's incarnation, the grace of God would be received by all; and that God would support His ministers and remove all obstacles from believing the Word they preach, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the endurance of the Gospel with its blessings amid every hardship, struggle and suffering; and for the steady conviction that since we have Christ, we possess everything, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For Christian neighbors in our community and in each home, that our Father would open wide our hearts to one another; for love that is genuine, speech that is truthful and patience that is constant; and that He would enable us to commend ourselves in everything as those known by God's love and, therefore, unashamed to serve one another, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all noble sciences that plumb the limits of the earth and the order of creation, which God has set; for students, professors and researchers, that the Lord of all knowledge would give them joy in their discoveries and humility before His majesty; and that in everything the Holy Trinity may be acknowledged as our true God and Judge, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For our civil servants, that they would gain respect for and recognition of God's creation and its nature; and that they would use the authority given them from above in accordance with our Lord's good design for the world, not the corruption of sin, which they are to rebuke for the good of their citizens, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For those in need, [*especially* _____,] that setting their fears aside, they would recognize our Lord's care for all who are perishing; for peace to calm our troubled consciences; and that God would not reject our prayers for their faithlessness, but teach us to trust fully in Him, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the Church gathered here for the Holy Communion, as we join with the sons of God and shout for joy to receive Christ's true body and blood; and that we would not doubt but firmly believe His Words, that the God who formed our world and its matter knows well how to be present for us and our forgiveness in this Sacrament, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** These and whatever else You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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: