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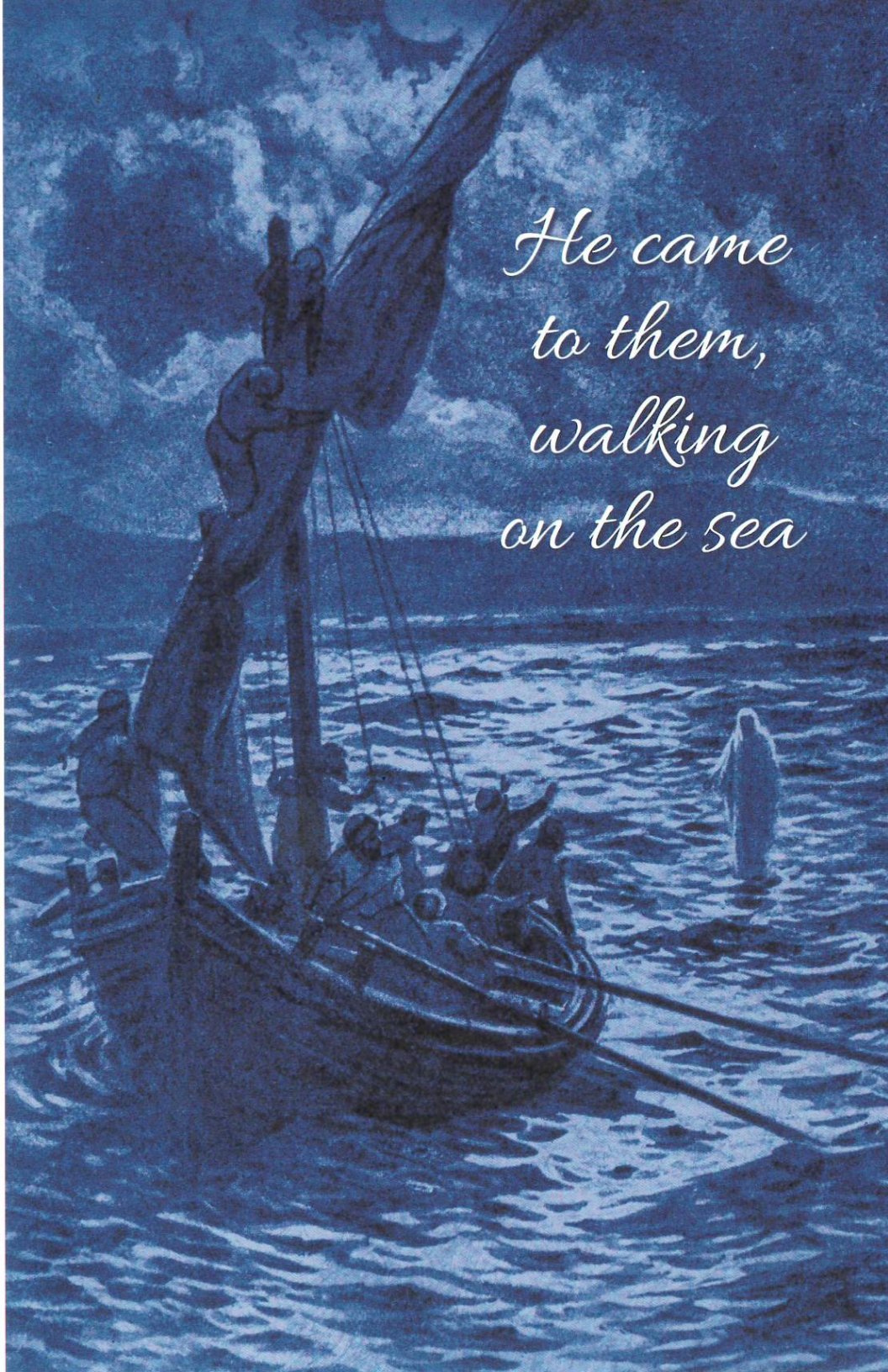
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About the Cover: A figure walking on the waters during a difficult night at sea is a terrifying sight for the disciples. But Jesus reveals Himself, telling the disciples not to be afraid. Jesus gives them insight into His divine nature. He treads upon the waves, commands all of creation, and intends to pass by (see Job 9:1–12). This Jesus, who gets in the boat, is God in the flesh. This Jesus is also our Savior, who has complete control of our eternal lives, won on the cross.



*He came
 to them,
 walking
 on the sea*

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Service July 25, 2021

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OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 1 after church.

Thoughts As We Gather

In this season after Pentecost, the stories of Jesus in the *Gospels* highlight the various ways that our Lord meets the trials and tribulations of His people. At the same time, He is always looking ahead to the cross, where He meets our deepest needs of forgiveness and salvation. Today, we are confronted by one of the common themes in biblical assurance, that with the Lord there is no need to fear. Even as we are daily confronted with things that cause us to be afraid, that give us heartache and pain, that bring about sorrow and mourning, our Lord comes to us amid the chaos to calm our fears and give us hope. Thus, our prayer today (and always) echoes that of the *Collect*: “Strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities.”

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

752 Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the
3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der
fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let
dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His
be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (07/25)	9:00 a.m.	Drive-In & Inside Worship
Wed. (07/28)	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Thurs. (07/29)	10:30 a.m.	Adult Confirmation Class
Sun. (08/01)	9:00 a.m. After Church	Drive-In & Inside Worship Outreach Committee Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

07/18/2021 9:00 a.m. 69

OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 3,737.00
Received 07/18/21	\$ <u>2,753.00</u>
Short	\$ (984.00)



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -
noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your
fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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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 145:1-3, 6-7; antiphon: v. 5

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**I will extol You, my God and King,
and bless Your name forever and ever.**

Every day I will bless You
and praise Your name forever and ever.

**Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.**

They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,
and I will declare Your greatness.

**They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.**

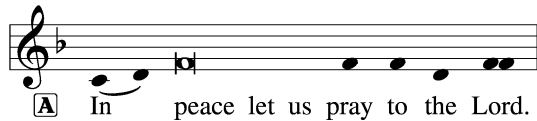
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER Mark Amer

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SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, August 1, 2021 are:

Exodus 16:2-15

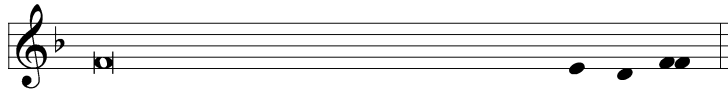
Psalm 145:10-21 (antiphon: v.15)

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:22-35

STEWARDSHIP: July 25 – Proper 12

(Proper 12) Ephesians 3:20 – “Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think ...” We often shortchange God by failing to remember what Paul says here: God can do far more than what we can think or ask. His power, and His love, are without bound and without measure. So why do we fear to follow His word? Isn't it in fact fear that keeps us back from a life of joyous generosity and open-handedness? But God is able to do far more abundantly! So let us not be afraid to take the Lord at his Word and live according to it.



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 \dagger give you peace.



C A - men.

849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet
 3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
 gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons
 in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
 With the pierc - ing, two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool
 That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

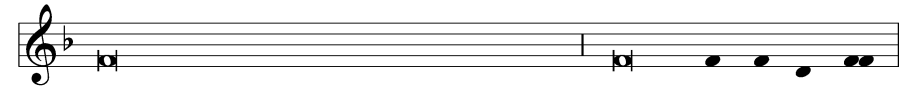


Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
 wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this
 glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
 Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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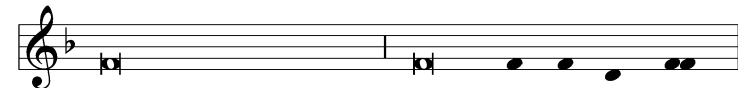
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



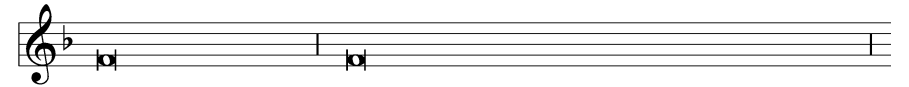
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



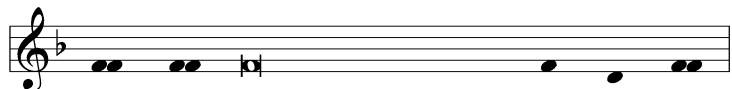
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



G A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

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G This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

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.
- G** Amen.

Stand

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



G 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.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



G A - men.

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Final Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

DISTRIBUTION

634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord

sts. 1-4, 6-7

1 The death of Je - sus Christ, our Lord, We cel - e -
2 He blot - ted out with His own blood The judg - ment
3 That this for - ev - er true shall be He gives a
4 His Word pro - claims and we be - lieve That in this

brate with one ac - cord; It is our com - fort
that a - gainst us stood; For us He full a -
sol - emn guar - an - tee: In this His ho - ly
Sup - per we re - ceive His ver - y bod - y,

in dis - tress, Our heart's sweet joy and hap - pi - ness.
tone - ment made, And all our debt He ful - ly paid.
Sup - per here We taste His love so sweet, so near.
as He said, His ver - y blood for sin - ners shed.

6 They who this word do not believe
This food unworthily receive,
Salvation here will never find—
May we this warning keep in mind!

7 But blest is each believing guest
Who in these promises finds rest;
For Jesus shall in love remain
With all who here His grace obtain.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in
You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your
love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish My covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish My covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember My covenant that is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 136:1-9; antiphon: v. 26

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever.

²**Give thanks to the God of gods,
for His steadfast love endures forever.**

³Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for His steadfast love endures forever;

⁴**to Him who alone does great wonders,
for His steadfast love endures forever;**

⁵to Him who by understanding made the heavens,
for His steadfast love endures forever;

⁶**to Him who spread out the earth above the waters,
for His steadfast love endures forever;**

⁷to Him who made the great lights,
for His steadfast love endures forever;

⁸**the sun to rule over the day,
for His steadfast love endures forever;**

⁹the moon and stars to rule over the night,
for His steadfast love endures forever;

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

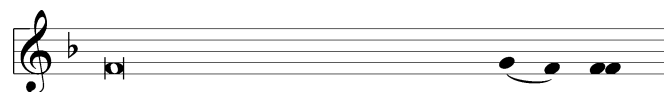
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

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.

PAX DOMINI

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



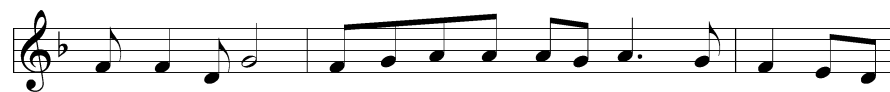
C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

SANCTUS

LSB 161

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 glory, 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."

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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C 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

Mark 6:45-56

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶And after He had taken leave of them, He went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and He was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And He saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw Him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹And He got into the boat with

them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized Him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard He was. ⁵⁶And wherever He came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored Him that they might touch even the fringe of His garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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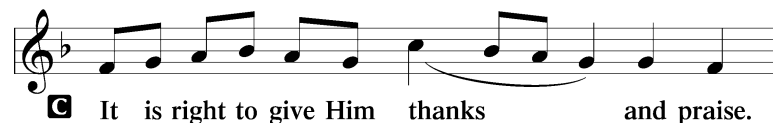
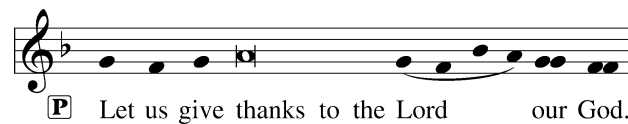
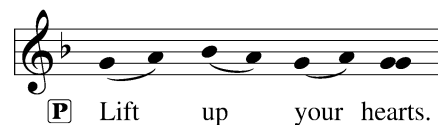
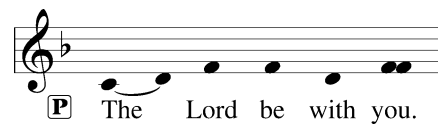
754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens

sts. 1, 3-4, 6

- 1 Entrust your days and burdens
To God's most loving hand;
He cares for you while ruling
The sky, the sea, the land.
For He who guides the tempests
Along their thund'rous ways
Will find for you a pathway
And guide you all your days.
- 3 Take heart, have hope, my spirit,
And do not be dismayed;
God helps in ev'ry trial
And makes you unafraid.
Await His time with patience
Through darkest hours of night
Until the sun you hoped for
Delights your eager sight.
- 4 Leave all to His direction;
His wisdom rules for you
In ways to rouse your wonder
At all His love can do.
Soon He, His promise keeping,
With wonder-working pow'rs
Will banish from your spirit
What gave you troubled hours.

PREFACE

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P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

OFFERTORY

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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.

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.

6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strengthen;
With joy our spirits bless
Until we see the ending
Of all our life's distress.
And so throughout our lifetime
Keep us within Your care
And at our end then bring us
To heav'n to praise You there.

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SERMON THEME: Strains, Pains, and Gains

SERMON TEXT: Mark 6:45-56

ROOM FOR SERVICE NOTES:

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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 glo-
rified,
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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P In great praise to Him who rules earth, sea and sky, and in thanksgiv-
ing for the blessings of creation and life that come from His abundant
goodness, that God would give us boldness to speak of His awesome
deeds and sing always of His righteousness, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, that our Lord, who is able to do far more abundantly
than all that we ask or think, would be glorified in His Church and in
Christ Jesus; and that He would ground us in love, give us a faith root-
ed in Christ's promises, and strengthen us to comprehend with all the
saints His love that surpasses knowledge, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P To the Father from whom every family in heaven and on earth is
named, that He would bless our families even as He blessed Noah,
bringing forth new life under His promises; for all marriages, that He
would make them strong and fruitful according to His will; and for
every home, that God's Word would rule there, uniting it in for-
giveness and causing Christ to dwell in every heart through faith, let us
pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our country, that the Lord of might would spare us and future gen-
erations from wickedness; for our leaders, that by God's blessing they
would rule according to His good pleasure; and for God's protection
over our armed forces, police and all public servants, let us pray to the
Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick and those in need, [*especially* _____], that God
would give healing and protection, encouraging them in this life by the
recognition of His Fatherly providence known through Christ, our Sav-
ior, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune, that God would not allow our hearts to become
hardened by indifference or any frustration in this world, but that He
would lead us to His blessed Sacrament with repentance and faith to
receive there the forgiveness of sins and confidence according to
Christ's New Testament, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

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.

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