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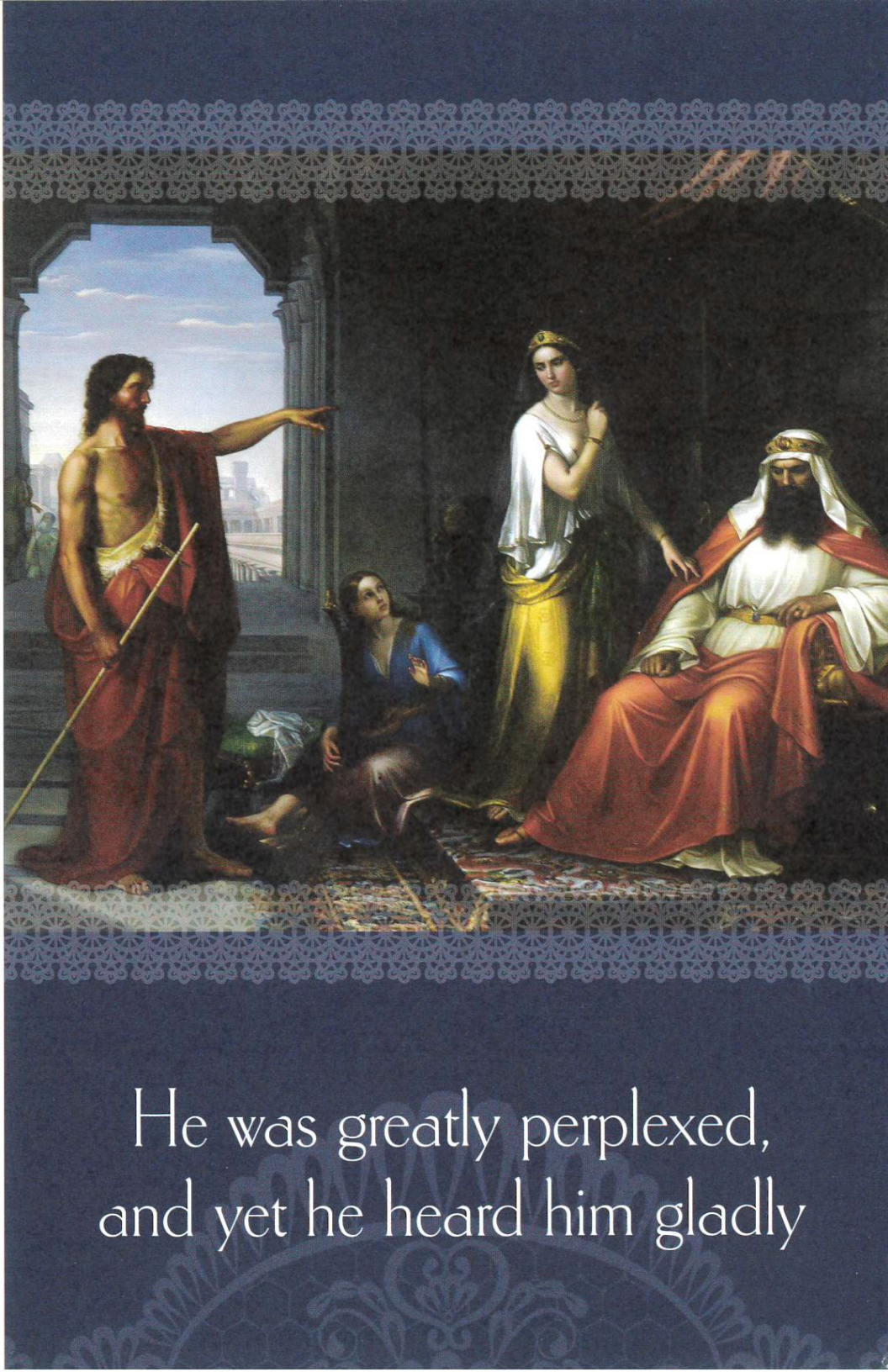
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About the Cover: When Jesus begins His public ministry, Herod fears that John the Baptist has been raised. Though Herod had heard John gladly (yet was perplexed), he had put him to death because of a foolish oath and a desired perception in front of his guests. John, however, was the forerunner of Jesus. Jesus, too, died. However, He rose to never die again. Jesus’ preaching rings true today as He calls us to repentance and faith in His saving work.



He was greatly perplexed,
 and yet he heard him gladly

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Service July 11, 2021

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Thoughts As We Gather

The *Old Testament Reading* (Amos 7:7–15) correlates with the *Gospel* (Mk 6:14–29), the account of the beheading of John the Baptist by King Herod. Amos 7 illustrates the opening sentence of the *Collect*: “O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance.” The goal is to pray what the appointed *Psalms* prays: “Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly” (Ps 85:8).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er

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.

MISSING

The small picture easels that are used to display photos at funerals are missing. If you have seen them, please contact the Benzows or the Coburns. Thank you.

MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Men's Club is scheduled for Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. All men are welcome.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (07/11)	9:00 a.m.	Drive-In & Inside Worship
Wed. (07/14)	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Thurs. (07/15)	10:30 a.m.	Adult Confirmation Class
Sat. (07/17)	8:30 a.m.	Men's Club
Sun. (07/18)	9:00 a.m.	Drive-In & Inside Worship

ATTENDANCE:

07/04/2021 9:00 a.m. 59

OFFERING:

Needed weekly: \$ 3,737.00
 Received 07/04/21 \$ 4,214.26
 Over \$ 477.26

SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER Mark Amer
HEAD USHER Bruce Benson

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, July 18, 2021 are:

Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Psalm 23 (antiphon: v.6)
 Ephesians 2:11-22
 Mark 6:30—44

STEWARDSHIP: July 11 – Proper 10

Amos 7:8 – “And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line.’ Then the Lord said, ‘Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will never again pass by them.’ ”

In the book of Amos the Lord condemns the people for their lack of kindness, charity, and generosity toward the weak and lowly. God takes great offense at this because his activity toward us is built on kindness, charity, and generosity. He wants us to respond in kind.



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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 of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 143:1-2, 8a; antiphon: v. 11

For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
 In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!
 Enter not into judgment with Your servant,
 for no one living is righteous before You.
Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love,
for in You I trust.
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.
 For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
 In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

KYRIE

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☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

1 The Gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who sent His
 2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who made the a -
 3 It brings the Sav - ior's righ - teous - ness To robe our
 4 It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and

Son to save our race, Pro - claims how Je - sus
 ton - ing sac - ri - fice, And calls the souls with
 souls in roy - al dress; From all our guilt it
 Sa - tan and the grave; It works the faith which

lived and died That we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
 guilt op-pressed To come and find e - ter - nal rest.
 brings re - lease And gives the trou - bled con-science peace.
 firm - ly clings To all the trea - sures which it brings.

- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad
 And bids their hearts no more be sad;
 The weary, burdened souls it cheers
 And banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn
 Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
 May we in faith its truth confess
 And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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P Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS

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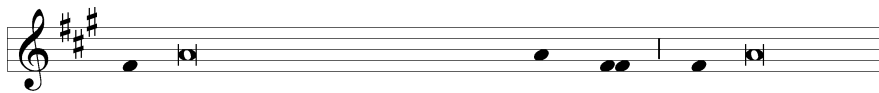
A Bless we the Lord.



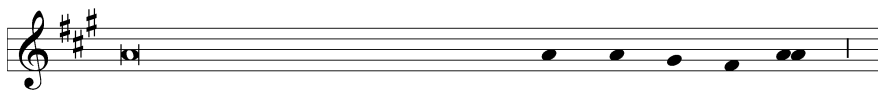
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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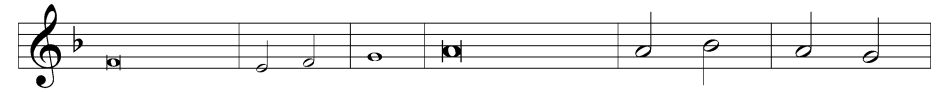
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

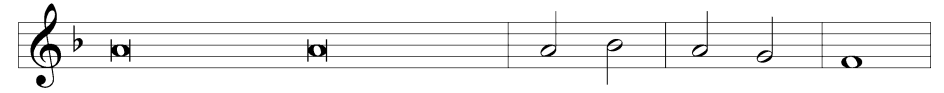
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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



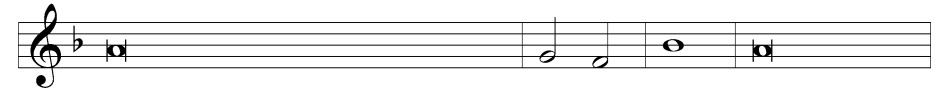
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

P O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G A - men.

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

G and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Sit

637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord



1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,



And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.



Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow



Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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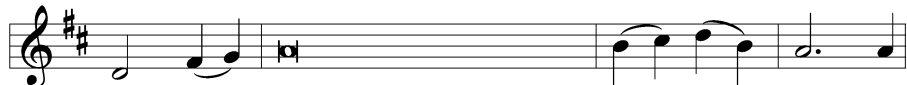
P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

"Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 85:8-13; antiphon: v. 7

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

⁹**Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.**

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

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

LSB 197



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



C A - men.

od, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a
 grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod
 feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe.
 When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his
 nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²²For when Herodi-
 as's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king
 said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³And he
 vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom."
²⁴And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said,
 "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵And she came in immediately with haste to the
 king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist
 on a platter." ²⁶And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his
 guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent an
 executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the pris-
 on ²⁸and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to
 her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it
 in a tomb.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven

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

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

Sit

743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my

P It is truly meet, 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 194



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

- 5 Evil world, I leave thee;
 Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
 Sin that once did blind me,
 Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
 Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
 Leave thee now forever.
- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
 For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
 Those who love the Father,
 Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er
 I here must bear,
 Thou art still my purest pleasure,
 Jesus, priceless treasure!

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SERMON THEME: What the Lord Has to Say

SERMON TEXT: Amos 7:7-15

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the Church, that the Lord would preserve her for His name's sake, in His righteousness and answering in His faithfulness, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the testimony of Christ's Word, opposed by the world; and for conviction and confidence in our confession that salvation is found in the forgiveness of sins through Christ Jesus alone, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For the preachers God sends, that they would be bold to proclaim His Law against sin; for the work of the Spirit to humble the proud and bring them to repentance for the sake of forgiveness; for all who suffer while continuing steadfast in their callings, that God would vindicate them and sustain them; and that He would keep us all from despising His Word of correction, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the blessed estate of marriage, that God would cause chastity to be prized among His Christians and honored also in the world; for husbands and wives, that God would bind them together in love and forgiveness; and for parents, that God would equip them by His Spirit with every good gift to care for and teach the children He gives, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For our nation and its leaders, that God would spare them; for our civil servants and our people, that their conduct would be wise, just and honorable in accord with the Lord's revealed will; and even for those who oppose God, that the Lord would be merciful to them for the sake of Christ, remembering that He desires all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the needy in body and soul, [*especially* _____] that He would lavish the riches of His grace on them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For all who commune today, blessed in the Beloved, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, that as He has sealed us with the promised Holy Spirit, He would now strengthen us through Christ's body and blood to life everlasting, 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.