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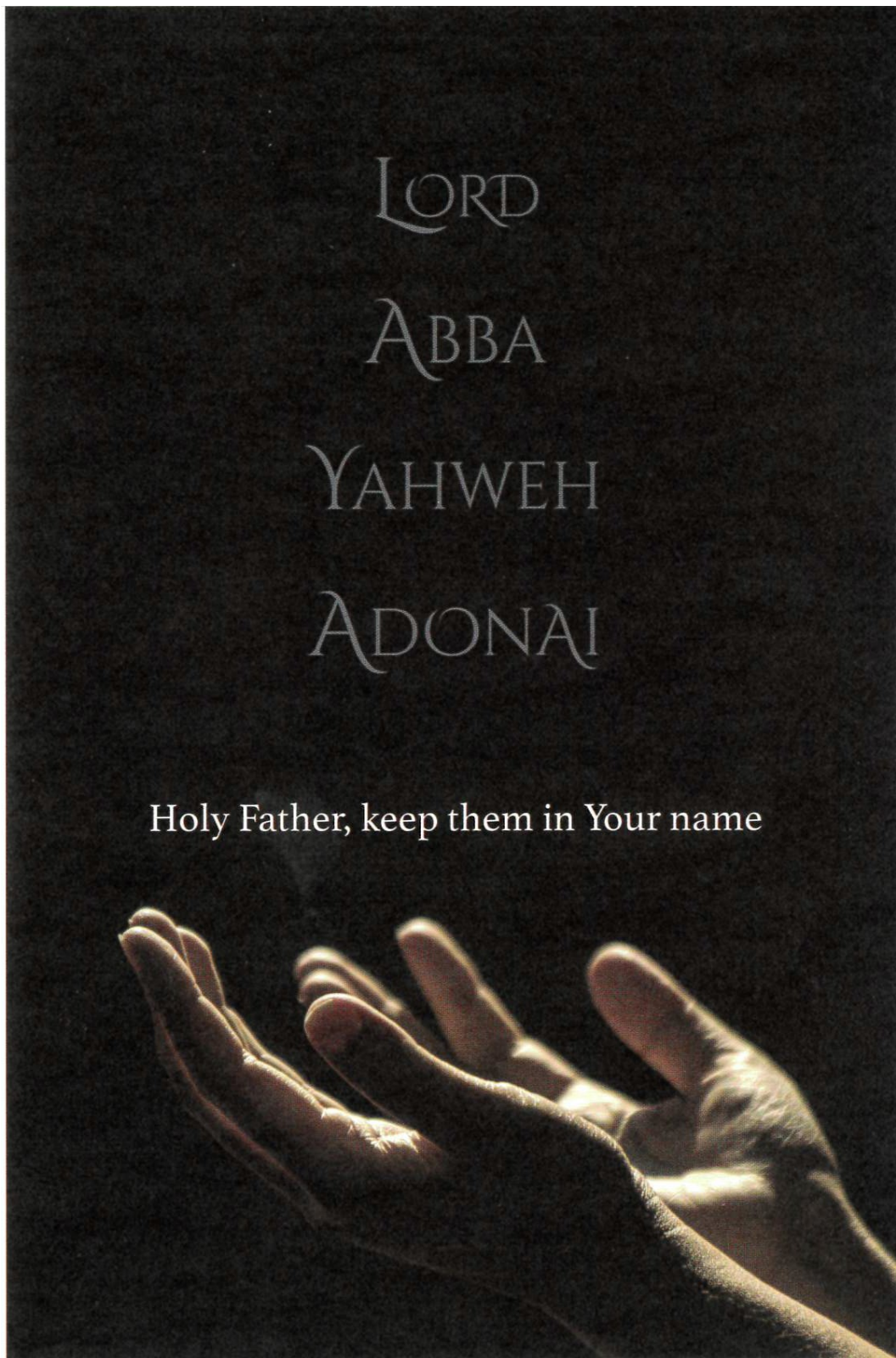
GRIEF & STRENGTH:

Family of Terry Strey



Easter

About the Cover: Jesus prays to the Father for His disciples. Just as He kept and guarded the Eleven, so He intercedes for us too. We are in His hands. The nail marks in those prayerful hands reveal where sin-cleansing blood was poured out for us. Our intercessor, Jesus, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, continues to intercede for us this day. This gives us confidence because His prayers are always heard by our Father in heaven.



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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Service May 16, 2021

93.5 FM

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Thoughts as We Gather

The *Gospel* for the Seventh—and final—Sunday of Easter is the middle section of Christ's high priestly prayer. Before His death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus prayed to His heavenly Father to protect His believers and to unify them as one just as He and God the Father are One. Not long after this prayer, Jesus was betrayed and went through the excruciating death on the cross. He will rise, but then He will be visibly parted from the disciples by ascending back to heaven. The Gospel message is clear: Christ will not abandon His followers as orphans, but rather He entrusts them to the care of His Father in heaven. Next Sunday will start the season of Pentecost, and the intimate relationship among the persons of the Trinity can be seen. It seems Pentecost is the immediate answer to the high priestly prayer of Christ. The Holy Spirit came to protect and preserve the believers. Moreover, through faith in Christ, the believers were truly unified.

The other Propers also encourage Christ's people who remain in this sinful world after His ascension. The *Psalms* pictures God planting trees (people) along canals of water, enabling them to stand firm even in the midst of opposition and persecutions of "scoffers." Through God's Word, the faith of a believer is preserved. The *Epistle* encourages Christians to hold fast to the testimony of God, which, whatever the earthly circumstances, promises eternal life to those who believe in Christ. The *First Reading* is the last event before Pentecost, selecting a successor to Judas, so that the Spirit can send a full complement of apostles into the world.

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.

COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Council Meeting today following the clean-up of the church after service.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be an Evangelism Committee meeting next Sunday, May 23, following the clean-up of the church after service.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (05/16)	9:00 a.m. After Church	Drive-In & Inside Worship Council Meeting
Wed. (05/19)	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Sun. (05/23)	9:00 a.m. After Church	Drive-In & Inside Worship Evangelism Committee Mtg.

ATTENDANCE:

05/09/2021 9:00 a.m. 85

OFFERING:

Needed weekly: \$ 3,737.00
Received 05/09/21 \$ 2,878.20
Short \$ (858.80)

SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER Ken Porter
HEAD USHER Bruce Benson

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, May 23, 2021 are:

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 139:1-12 (13-16) (antiphon: v.17)
Acts 2:1-21
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

STEWARDSHIP: May 16 – Easter 7

1 John 5:12 – “Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.” Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning, and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. We are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, and to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world! But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

644 The Church's One Foundation

sts. 1-5



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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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 27:1a, 4-5, 10, 14; antiphon: v. 7

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
 be gracious to me and answer me!

**The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom shall I fear?**

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
 that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to
 gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble;

**He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me
 high upon a rock.**

For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
 but the LORD will take me in.

Wait for the LORD;

be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

**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.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
 be gracious to me and answer me!



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in
 That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless
 But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con-science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.
 The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.
 Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.
 And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

5 Let me depart this life
 Confiding in my Savior;
 By grace receive my soul
 That it may live forever;
 And let my body have
 A quiet resting place
 Within a Christian grave;
 And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
 When all the dead are waking,
 Stretch out Your mighty hand,
 My deathly slumber breaking.
 Then let me hear Your voice,
 Redeem this earthly frame,
 And bid me to rejoice
 With those who love Your name.

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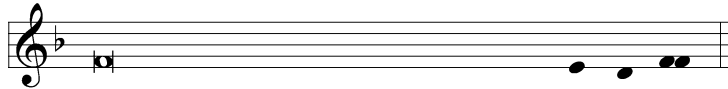
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

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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 A - men.

696 O God, My Faithful God



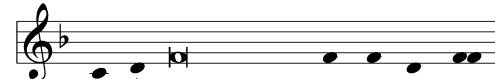
1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing;
 What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;
 Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;
 And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.

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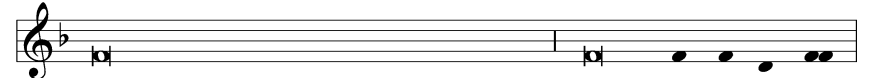
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



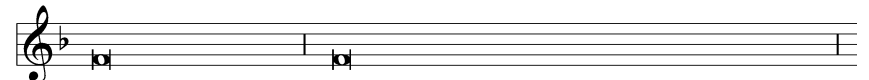
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



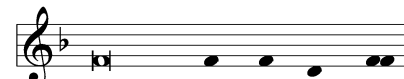
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



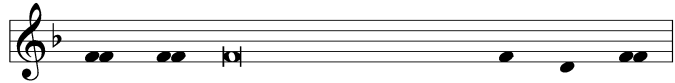
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark-ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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

C Amen.

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



C 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.

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

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mor-tal flesh keep si-lence And with fear and
 2 King of kings yet born of Mar-y, As of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en Spreads its van-guard
 4 At His feet the six-winged ser-aph, Cher-u-bim with
 trem-bling stand; Pon-der noth-ing earth-ly-mind-ed,
 earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu-man ves-ture,
 on the way As the Light of Light, de-scend-ing
 sleep-less eye, Veil their fac-es to the pres-ence

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so with you.

P Let us pray.
 O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heav-
 ens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth
 whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with
 Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A-men.

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“‘May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“‘Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

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

PSALM

Psalm 1; antiphon: v. 6

¹Blessèd is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
**nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;**
²but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

³**He is like a tree
planted by streams of water**
that yields its fruit in its season,

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

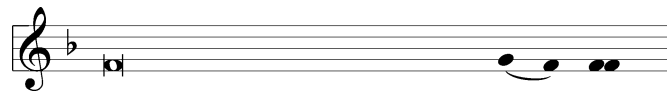
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

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

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163



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



C A - men.

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 after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine 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:

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

LSB 161

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.

and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.

**⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**⁶for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 5:9-15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that He has borne concerning His Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning His Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 156



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.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are One. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in Your name, which You have given Me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. ¹⁸As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

539 Christ Is the World’s Redeemer



1 Christ is the world’s Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,
 2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,
 3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,
 △ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav’n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,
 Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.
 And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.
 All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Statement

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.



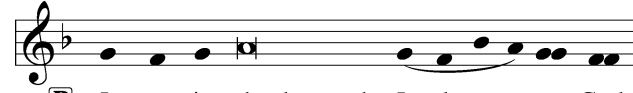
C And al - so with you.



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.

OFFERTORY

LSB 159



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.



The ar-mor of His sol-diers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Then Christ the cross as-cend-ed To save a world un-done
And now, to heav'n as-cend-ed, He sits up-on the throne
And to the Ho-ly Spir-it— The per-fect Trin-i-ty.



Our health while we are liv-ing, Our life when we shall die.
And, suf-f'ring for the sin-ful, Our full re-demp-tion won.
Whence He had ne'er de-part-ed, His Fa-ther's and His own.
Let all the worlds give an-swer: A-men! So let it be.

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SERMON TEXT: John 17:11b-19

SERMON THEME: Our Praying Savior

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 Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all
people according to their needs.

Lord God, heavenly King, once again You have gathered us before
Your presence. Grant that we may dwell in Your house all the days of
our lives and gaze upon Your beauty manifested here in Your Word
and Sacrament. Graciously hear our prayers as we now inquire in Your
temple. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of the Church, You led Your apostles to choose Matthias to re-
place Judas. Guide Your Church on earth as she calls and chooses men
to serve in the apostolic office, that Your Word would continue to
grow and bear fruit. Keep these men faithful and bless their ministry.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord, our Protector and Savior, look in mercy upon those suffering
persecution for the sake of Your name. Many have been forsaken even
by father, mother and friend. Take them into Your keeping, hear their
cries and do not let them be afraid. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of all nations, since it is Your will that we would pray for all in
authority, we believe with confidence that You hear our prayers on
behalf of our president, governor, Congress, legislature and judges.
Teach them the testimony of truth, that they may be wise and effective
in their offices. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Eternal Father, You have testified that eternal life is given in Your Son
and that whoever has Him has life. You also promised that You will
hear whatever we ask according to Your will. Hear now our prayers for
all who are sick and in distress [*especially*]. Heal
them and give life to all those who hold Your Son in faithful hearts.
Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious God, as we eat and drink our Savior's body and blood, give
us Your light and salvation, strong and courageous hearts, and never-
failing hope, that we may wait steadfastly for You and Your final de-
liverance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy Father, accept the prayers we offer through Your Son, our Savior,
and keep us forever in Your name and Word, that we may be one, just
as You are one. Sanctify us in the truth; Your Word is truth, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.