

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

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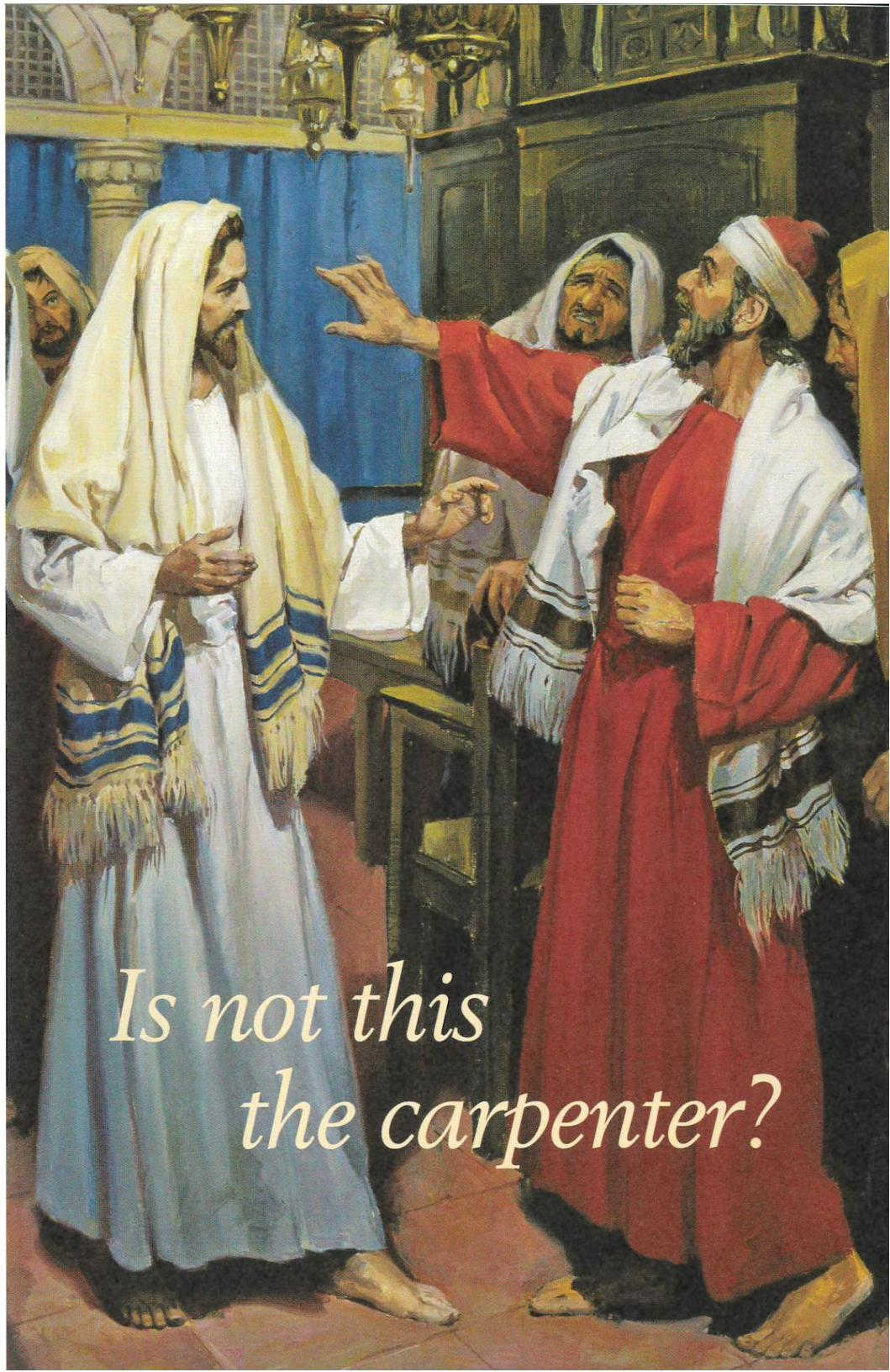
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#### GRIEF & STRENGTH:

Family of Dottie Harrison



**About the Cover:** It is not exactly a welcome homecoming when Jesus' own town of Nazareth chooses to see Him only according to what they know. Their unbelief prevents them from listening to His Word. By God's grace, Christ has welcomed us into the city of God by giving us ears to hear His Word and trust in Him. We are eternal citizens of His kingdom now because Christ has adopted us into the family of God by His cross and resurrection.



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### **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**9:00 a.m. Drive-In & Inside Service July 4, 2021**

**93.5 FM**

**COWBOY WORSHIP**

### **THOUGHTS AS WE GATHER**

In this week's *Psalm*, the psalmist pleads, "Have mercy upon us, O Lord" (Ps 123:3), and the sermon will emphasize God having mercy on people. In the *Epistle*, Paul highlights the grace of God—God's undeserved kindness, His unmerited favor, and the gifts that come from His grace. The sermon will also emphasize God dealing with people in His grace. Finally, the *Gospel* reports how Jesus taught in Nazareth and other villages, and that He sent out the twelve apostles to teach and preach. The sermon will emphasize this too—the proclamation of the Word of God, Scripture.

## **CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION**

### **Because He Lives**

*Instrumental*

God sent His son

They called Him Jesus

He came to love, heal and forgive

He lived and died to buy my pardon

An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

*Carrie Underwood*

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow

Because He lives, all fear is gone

Because I know He holds the future

And life is worth the living just because He lives

How sweet to hold a newborn baby

And feel the pride and joy he gives

But greater still the calm assurance

This child can face uncertain days because He lives

## **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.*

### **SOLAR REFUND**

Because of our solar use, we have received a refund from Edison through the Town of Apple Valley in the amount of \$881.26!

### **ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN**

Thank you to everyone who donated last week to Orphan Grain Train. We were able to send a check in the amount of \$966.00! And we collected numerous hygiene products! Again, thank you!!

### **OFFICE CLOSURE**

The Church office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of the 4th of July holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, July 6th.

### **KITCHEN CUPBOARD CLEAN-UP**

We are looking for volunteers to help clean up the cupboards in the kitchen on Monday, July 12. Please contact Jean Coburn for more details. Thank you.

## THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

|                     |               |                           |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Sun. (07/04)</b> | 9:00 a.m.     | Drive-In & Inside Worship |
| <b>Mon. (07/05)</b> | Office Closed | 4th of July Observance    |
| <b>Wed. (07/07)</b> | 9:00 a.m.     | Bible Study               |
| <b>Sun. (07/11)</b> | 9:00 a.m.     | Drive-In & Inside Worship |

### **ATTENDANCE:**

06/27/2021            9:00 a.m.            77

### **OFFERING:**

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Needed weekly:    | \$ 3,737.00        |
| Received 06/27/21 | <u>\$ 1,806.00</u> |
| Short             | \$ (1,931.00)      |

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives, all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives  
Ooh yeah, yeah, yeah

Because He lives, because He lives  
Because He lives, because He lives  
Because He lives, because He lives  
Because He lives, because He lives

### **Blessed Assurance**

#### *Instrumental*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
Praising my Savior all the day long

*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*

## CONFSSION 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.

## ABSOLUTION

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**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.  
O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| <b>ELDER</b>      | Mark Amer    |
| <b>HEAD USHER</b> | Bruce Benson |

### SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, July 11, 2021 are:

Amos 7:7-15  
Psalm 85 (1-7) 8-13 (antiphon: v.7)  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:14-29

From the lakes of Minnesota  
To the hills of Tennessee  
Across the plains of Texas  
From sea to shining sea  
From Detroit down to Houston  
And New York to L.A.  
Well, there's pride in every American heart  
And it's time we stand and say

That I'm proud to be an American  
Where at least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the men who died  
Who gave that right to me  
And I'd gladly stand up  
Next to you and defend her still today  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land  
God bless the USA

And I'm proud to be an American  
Where at least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the men who died  
Who gave that right to me  
And I'd gladly stand up  
Next to you and defend her still today  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land (love this land)  
God bless the USA

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Ezekiel 2:1–5*

<sup>1</sup> He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” <sup>2</sup> And as He spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> And He said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD.’ <sup>5</sup> And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

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

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## PSALM

*Psalm 123; antiphon: v. 1*

<sup>1</sup>To You I lift up my eyes,  
O YOU who are enthroned in the heavens!  
<sup>2</sup>**Behold, as the eyes of servants  
look to the hand of their master,**  
as the eyes of a maidservant  
to the hand of her mistress,  
**so our eyes look to the LORD our God,  
till He has mercy upon us.**  
<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.  
<sup>4</sup>**Our soul has had more than enough  
of the scorn of those who are at ease,  
of the contempt of the proud.**

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

## EPISTLE

*2 Corinthians 12:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. <sup>2</sup>I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—<sup>4</sup>and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. <sup>7</sup>So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup>But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup>For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

*Stand*

## Amazing Grace

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've 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, oh, but now I see, I see

## God Bless the USA

*Instrumental*

If tomorrow all the things were gone  
I'd worked for all my life  
And I had to start again  
With just my children and my wife  
I'd thank my lucky stars  
To be livin' here today  
‘Cause the flag still stands for freedom  
And they can't take that away

And I'm proud to be an American  
Where at least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the men who died  
Who gave that right to me  
And I'd gladly stand up  
Next to you and defend her still today  
‘Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land  
God bless the USA

*Instrumental*

*Reba McEntire*

*Lee Greenwood*

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:1–13

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. <sup>2</sup>And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying, “Where did this Man get these things? What is the wisdom given to Him? How are such mighty works done by His hands? <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” And they took offense at Him. <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” <sup>5</sup>And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. <sup>6</sup>And He marveled because of their unbelief.

And He went about among the villages teaching.

<sup>7</sup>And He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—<sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>And He said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
 3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
 4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
 5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with

those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
 lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
 find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
 wan - d'rous to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
 won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to

hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
 in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
 sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
 walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
 You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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*Sit*

## 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.

## 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  $\ddagger$  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  $\ddagger$  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  $\ddagger$  in peace.  
**C** Amen.

**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:

## 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:

**SERMON TEXT:** **Ezekiel 2:1-5**

**SERMON THEME:** **God and a Rebellious People**

**ROOM FOR SERVICE NOTES:**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

**P** For endurance as our Lord leads us through a hostile world that rejects His Christ and shows no honor to His wisdom or Church; that we would not lose heart; that the Holy Spirit would steel us for opposition; and that we may rest confidently on what God has said, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all preachers and hearers of God's prophetic Word, that the great and mighty work of God to create faith in Christ's eternal blessings by His Holy Spirit would continue; that God would remove all stubborn ears from our midst; and that Christ would not leave us without His Word, but make His home among us and restore the joy of His salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the home, that God would soften obdurate hearts, turning parents and children toward each other in love and patience; and that He would banish the spirit of impudence, stubbornness and rebellion from all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our nation, that it may be defended against its enemies; for our leaders, that they may be preserved from temptation; and for the work of all civil authorities, that we may be enabled to live quiet and peaceable lives according to His Word, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those whose pain is chronic, whose sustained suffering is unknown, who wrestle with difficult thorns in body or mind, or who are tempted to despair, that they may know that in their weakness they are strong for the sake of Christ, whose grace is sufficient for every need, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** And for courage in weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities, to boast in Christ and His cross, by which we and our sufferings are sanctified, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all who commune this day, that in repentance and faith they may taste and see that their Lord is good in the abundant blessing of Christ's true body and blood, 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.**

*Sit*

## 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.

*Stand*

### 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.**