

His face shone,
and they were afraid

Exodus 34:30

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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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Thoughts as we gather:

The Face of Jesus Christ Manifests the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God

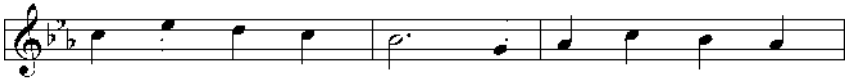
It was “a hard thing” that Elisha asked, but by his persistence he was able to see the prophet Elijah being taken “by a whirlwind into heaven.” Although “chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them,” Elisha received Elijah’s cloak and a “double portion” of his spirit for preaching the Lord’s Word (2 Kings 2:9–11). It was a hard thing, too, for Israel to see Moses and come near to him, when “the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God” (Ex. 34:29–30). Therefore, after “he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai,” Moses “put a veil over his face” (Ex. 34:32–33). Only the Word of the Gospel lifts the veil, and “only through Christ is it taken away” (2 Cor. 3:14). Thus are we able to behold “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ,” who is “the image of God” (2 Cor. 4:4–6). For the Law and the prophets are all fulfilled in Him. Therefore, “listen to Him,” and fix your sights on “Jesus only” (Mark 9:7–8).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here



1	'Tis	good,	Lord,	to	be	here!	Thy
2	'Tis	good,	Lord,	to	be	here,	Thy
3	Ful	fill	er	of	the	past	And
4	Be	fore	we	taste	of	death,	We
5	'Tis	good,	Lord,	to	be	here!	Yet



glo - ry fills the night; Thy face and gar - ments.
 beau - ty to be - hold Where Mo - ses and E -
 hope of things to be. We hail Thy bod - y
 see Thy king - dom come; We long to hold the
 we may not re - main; But since Thou bidst us



like the sun. Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
 li - jah stand, Thy mes - sen - gers of old.
 glo - ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
 vi - sion bright And make this hill our home.
 leave the mount. Come with us to the plain.

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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 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion;

He is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise Your great and awesome name!

Holy is He!

The King in His might loves justice.

You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool!

Holy is He!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

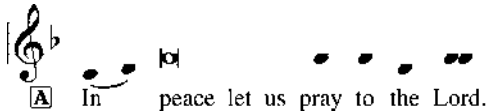
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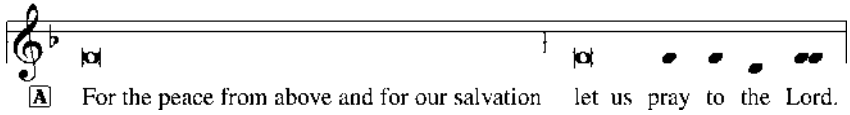
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

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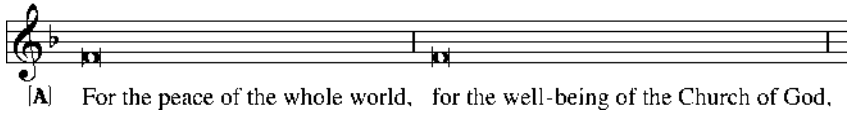




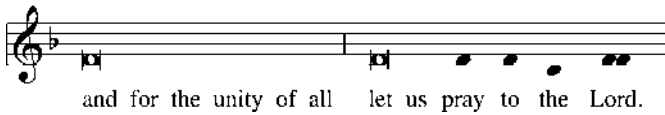
[A] For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.



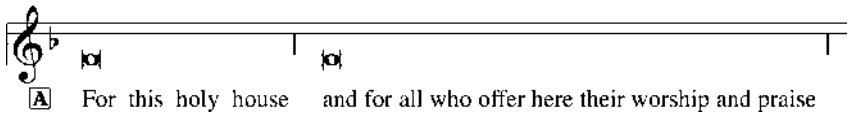
[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.



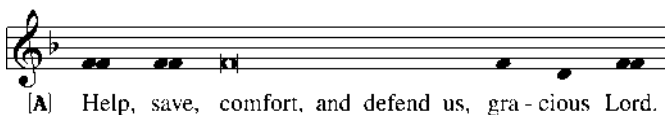
[A] For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



[C] Lord, have mer - cy.

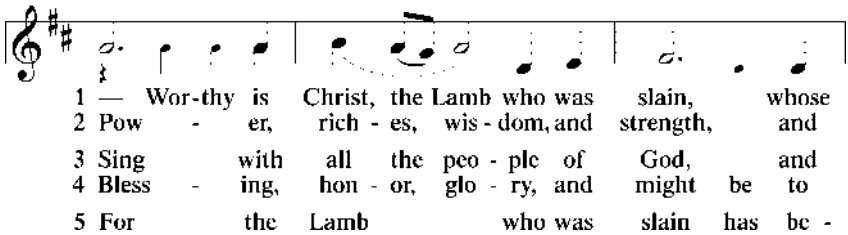
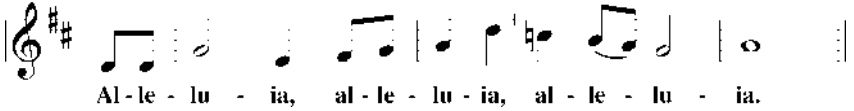
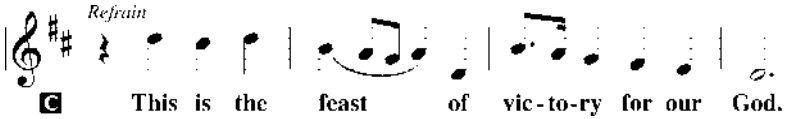


[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

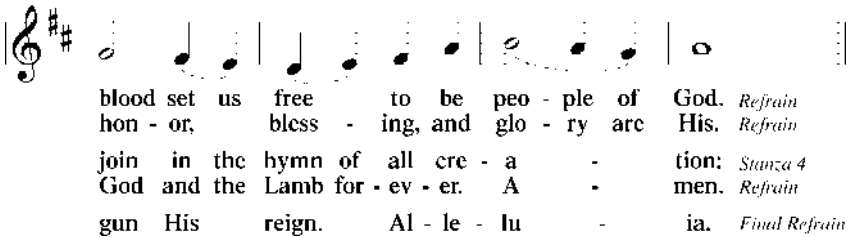


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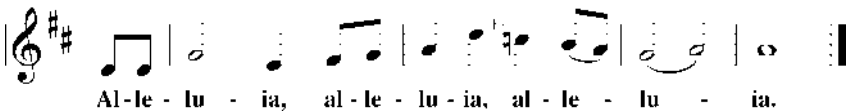
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1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry arc 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*



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 34:29–35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

³⁴Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 50:1–6; antiphon: v. 2

¹The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

³Our God comes; He does not keep silence;
before Him is a devouring fire,
around Him a mighty tempest.

**⁴He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that He may judge His people:**

**⁵“Gather to Me My faithful ones,
who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!”**

**⁶The heavens declare His righteousness,
for God Himself is judge!**

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God’s word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone’s conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as Your servants for Jesus’ sake. ⁶For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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.

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²After six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, ³and His clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for You and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is My beloved Son; listen to Him.” ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, He charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

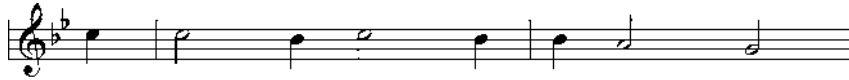
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair



1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 Δ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

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SERMON: The Light of Christ: Bright, Brighter, and Brightest *Exodus 24:29-35*

Stand

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

OFFERING

Stand

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.

Sit

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who are called and ordained to serve in Christ's stead and by His command, that their preaching and teaching would flow from the right understanding that all Holy Scripture testifies of Christ and all that He has done, and continues to do, for our eternal salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Lord's flock here at Ascension Lutheran Church, that we would be granted faithfulness, humility and patience in our various vocations, striving to love God and neighbor in all that we say and do, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For families, that parents would teach the faith to their children and that the forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in all households; and for all expectant mothers, that they and their babies would be kept safe and healthy throughout their pregnancies, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those who have been placed in authority over us, that they would serve with integrity and honor, having the welfare of all in mind; and for our country, that division, conflict and strife would give way to unity, peace and quietness, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who are in need, [*especially* _____,] that God would grant them relief and comfort through the promise of sharing in eternal glory with Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the baptized, that we would heed our heavenly Father's admonition to listen to His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, as He speaks to us through His Holy Word and Sacraments; and that we would, by grace through faith, behold Him in His glory as He continues to tabernacle among us, delivering forgiveness, life and salvation through the same, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember on this day the glorious manifestation of Your Son's divinity on the Mount of Transfiguration. Teach us to listen to Jesus and ever fix our eyes on Him and His innocent suffering and death for our forgiveness. By Your grace and mercy, strengthen us to remain faithful in all circumstances of trial, temptation and persecution. Preserve us to the end, that we may die a blessed death believing in Your beloved Son with whom You are well pleased; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

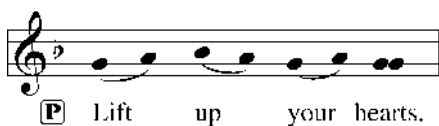
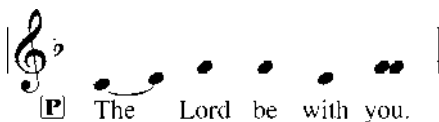
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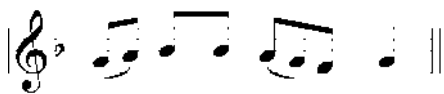
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our 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.

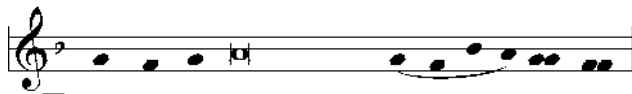
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C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

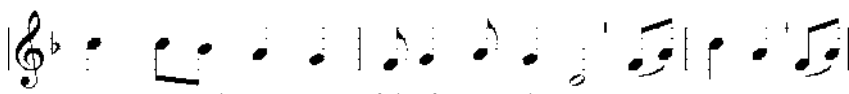
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who at His transfiguration revealed His glory to His disciples that they might be strengthened to proclaim His cross and resurrection and with all the faithful look forward to the glory of 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

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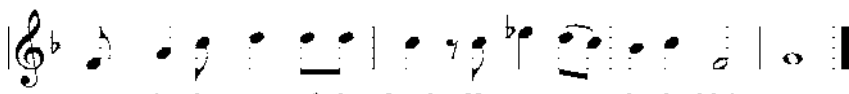
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



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.

LORD'S PRAYER

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- 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

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



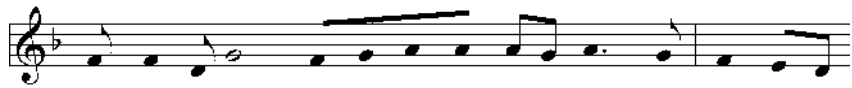
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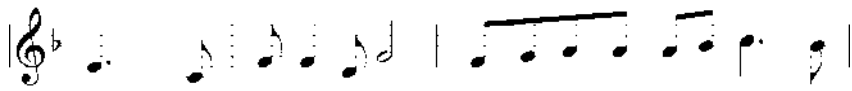
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G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



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

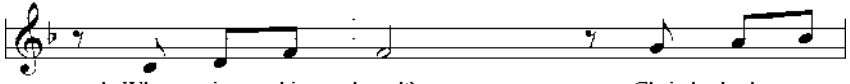


sin of the world; grant us peace.

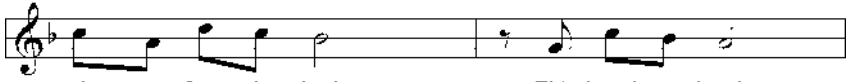
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DISTRIBUTION

629 What Is This Bread



1	What	is	this	bread?	Christ's	bod - y
2	What	is	this	wine?	The	blood of
3	So	who	am	I,	That	I should
4	Yet	is	God	here?	Oh,	yes! By
5	Is	this	for	me?	I	am for -



ris - en	from the	dead:	This	bread	we	break,
Je - sus	shed	for	mine:	The	cup	of
live	and	He	should	die	Un -	der
Word	and	prom -	ise	clear,	In	mouth
giv - en	and	set	free!	I	do	be -
				lieve		



This	life	we	take,	Was	crushed	to	pay	for	our	re -
Brings	His	em -	brace	Of	life	and	love	un -	til	I
My	God,	my	God,	Why	have	You	not	for -	sak -	en
He	makes	us	whole—	Christ,	tru -	ly	pres -	ent	in	this
That	I	re -	ceive	His	ver -	y	bod -	y	and	His



lease.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	peace.
sing!	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	King.
me?	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	free.
meal.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	real.
blood.	O	taste	and	see—	the	Lord	is	good.

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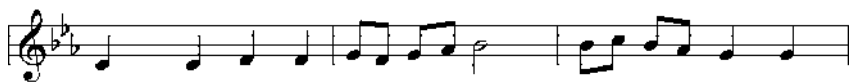
630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling



1 Now, my tongue, the mys - t'ry tell - ing Of the glo - rious
 2 Giv'n for us, and con - de - scend - ing To be born for
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing Mid the Twelve, His
 4 Word made flesh, the bread He tak - eth, By His word His
 Δ 5 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing To the Fa - ther



bod - y sing, And the blood, all price ex - cel - ling,
 us be - low, He with us in con - verse blend - ing
 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,
 flesh to be; Wine His sa - cred blood He mak - eth,
 and the Son, Hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



Which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, Once on earth a -
 Dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, Till He closed with
 Keeps the feast its rites de - mand; Then, more pre - cious
 Though the sens - es fail to see; Faith a - lone the
 While e - ter - nal a - ges run; Ev - er too His



mong us dwell - ing, Shed for this world's ran - som - ing.
 won - drous end - ing His most pa - tient life of woc.
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives Him - self with His own hand.
 true heart wak - eth To be - hold the mys - ter - y.
 love con - fess - ing Who from both with both is One.

Text: Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225–1274; tr. The Hymnal 1940

Tune: Chants ordinaires de l'Office Divin, Paris, 1881

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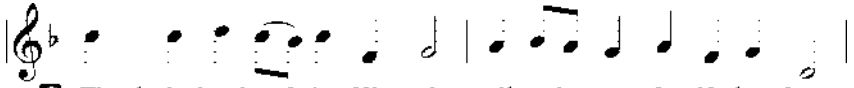
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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- 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

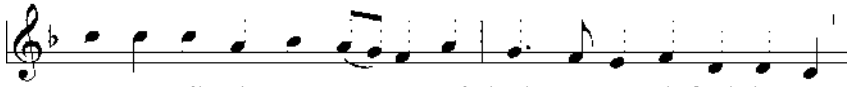
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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

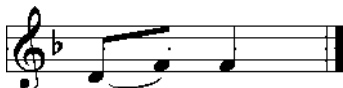


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

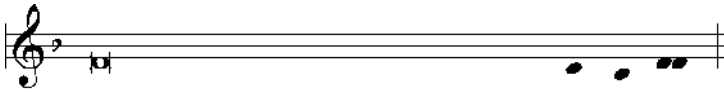
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

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 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.

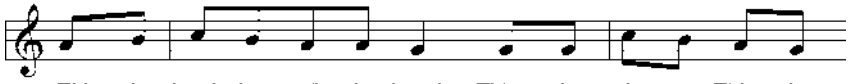
680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise




1	Thine the a - men	Thine the praise	Al - le -
2	Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly	Thine the	the
3	Thine the tru - ly	Thine the yes	Thine the
4	Thine the king - dom	Thine the prize	Thine the
5	Thine the glo - ry in the night	No	more




lu - ias an - gels raise	Thine the ev - er - last - ing	head
prom - ise let there be	Thine the vi - sion	Thine the tree
ta - ble we the guest	Thine the mer - cy	all from Thee
won - der full sur - prise	Thine the ban - quet	then the praise
dy - ing on - ly light	Thine the riv - er	Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread	Thine the glo - ry	Thine the
All the earth on bend - ed knee	Gone the nail - ing	gone the
Thine the glo - ry yet to be	Then the ring - ing	and the
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways	Thine the glo - ry	Thine the
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly	Then the ho - ly	ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Thine the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER	Joe Yancho
HEAD USHER	Bruce Benson
READER	Sharon Waters

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, February 18, 2024 are:

Genesis 22:1-18
 Psalm 251-10 (antiphon: v. 14)
 James 1:12-18
 Mark 1:9-15

February 11 – Transfiguration

Mark 9:6 – “For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.” Soon enough, the disciples’ terror turned into joy, for when Jesus is with us, there is no need to fear. He loves us and cares for us and will never abandon us. That assurance is the basis of all generosity — for only those who are set free from worry can learn the joy of giving.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (02/11)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Worship Bible Study
Tues. (02/13)	9:00 a.m.	Comfort Quilters
Weds. (02/14)	11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Bible Study Ash Wednesday Service
Sat. (02/17)	8:30 a.m.	Men's Club
Sun. (02/18)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Worship Bible Study Council Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

02/04/2024	9:00 a.m.	63
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,123.00	Needed YTD	\$ 20,615.00
Rec'vd. 02/04/2024	<u>\$ 4,896.73</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 21,426.10</u>
Over	\$ 773.73	Over	\$ 811.10

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome you and invite you to join us for coffee in the Fellowship Hall after service. Be sure to check in with Debbie in the Narthex before service. 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.

COMFORT QUILTERS

Comfort Quilters will be meeting on Tuesday, February 13, at 9:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our Wednesday Bible Study will be meeting at 11:30 a.m. starting with Ash Wednesday and continuing through Lent.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Ascension Lutheran Church's Council will be held on Sunday, February 18 in Room 4 and will also be available via Zoom.

UNDIE SUNDAY

Again this year Ascension will be partnering with PSD LWML to participate in a Gifts from the Heart Ingathering for UNDIE SUNDAY scheduled for today, **February 11, 2024**. Cash donations are most welcome to help deliver your gifts and may be made payable to Orphan Grain Train and sent to Steve Rice, 42217 55th St. W., Lancaster, CA 93536.

MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Men's Club will be held on Saturday, February 17 at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

There will be an Evangelism Committee meeting on Sunday, February 25 for whom-ever can come right after church in the pews. All are welcome.

AFTERNOON TEA

Dear Sisters in Christ, you are cordially invited to attend an Afternoon Tea on Saturday, May 18, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Ascension's Social Hall. There will be prizes, games, food, and laughter. Please let Lynn Fairgrief know how many will be attending—765-418-0368.

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The next session of the Adult Confirmation Classes will be held on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. beginning on February 26, 2024. All are welcome.

DURFEE FAMILY

The Durfee family will be moving at the end of this month to Orange County. This is so we can be closer to our younger son and family for their support. We will miss our wonderful Church Family and want to thank all of you for your prayers, love, and support. God's Blessings. ~Fritz, Connie, & Francis

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. Otherwise, names will be removed after two months.

ACCORDING TO THEIR NEED:

Angela Alder	Mary Beuerle	Charles Blake
Tricia Blake	Devin Coole	Judy Cutler
Francis Durfee	Gamas Family	Jan Harke
Jennifer Millgate	Beverly Moglich	Gaylon Pastella
Mildred Sears	Kevin Smith	Gwen Strasburg
Rory Tighe	Brendan Anderson	Tiffany Anderson
Ray Beauchamp	Marilyn Belka	Tara Brown
Karrie Burke	Sherry Burke	Kyle Burton
Cindy Celaya	Jackie Clinton	Dick Connors
Beth Craig	Larry Cramins	William Creek
Kathy Davis	Rusty DeWitt	Mary Diaz
Oscar Duenas	Christine Dunne	Carol Emerson
Janice Estrick	Lynn Fairgrief	Scott Fales
Christian Frash	Don Garcia	Chrissie Gates
Faigie Gawn	Chris Gibson	Grace Glass
Government	Jay & Becky Graham	Amanda Gregg
Christy Grube	Kurt Gutowsky	Steve Hale
Marty Hall	Roger Hall	Pastor Harris
Sokha Harris	Jeanne Hecksel	Hedden Family
Harry Heike	Marion Higgins	Dan Hook
Dawn Husel	Denise Jackman	Jim Jorgensen
Linda Kaufman	Chris Kelly	Linda Kienle
Emma Kraus	Anthony Kwesie	Debbie Lange
Rylee LaTrace	Melody LeGray	Daniel Legerton
Doug & Corky Lumley	Chuck Maaske	Steve & Debbie Martines
Victoria Matthews	Al & Betty Lu Mayer	Bob Mayer
David McDonald	Judy Meadows	Dave Meyer
Daniel Midgely	Military	David Miller
Jay Miner	Debbie Moore	Renee Moore
Justin Morales	Herbert Moran	Janet Mowery
Nelson Family	Amanda Netzell	Lauren Neumann
Michelle Nichol	Lori O'Neil	John Ethan Oros
Jessie Oswald	Glenn & Nancy Pastella	Seunghee Pastella
Tim & Marguerite Pastella	Jose Perez	Heidi Perry
Michell Peterson	Ken & Lynda Porter	Grace Preston
Kelley Pulone	Charlotte Ramirez	Lupe Rankin
Michele Rawlins	Dave Riffel	Crystal Roblero
Linda Roque	Beth Rubio	Sandy
Ernie & Carol Schmidt	Jeff Scott	Chris Segard
Noreen Selle	Loretta Severson	Ray Shaffer
Short Family	Ashley Skiffington	Manuel Sousa
Ron Stark	Marky Stein	Pastor Gene Stranton
Dave Tamer	Carol Thomas	Ora Thomas
Matthew & Tina Thorn	Diana Thornbury	Trudi Tucker
Doug Tullis	Stan Vacek	Pat Van Strien
Blaise Vasey	Tammy Wall	Rosa & Paul Wallace
Sharon Waters	Jerrilynn Westendurf	Nancy Williams
Steve & Wilma Wilson	Judy Winkler	Cynthia Yancho
Larry Young	Ray Zayas	



About the Cover: After being in the presence of God, the shining face of Moses, the lawgiver, brought fear to all of Israel. However, when Jesus’ face shone at His transfiguration, it was not simply because He was in the presence of God. He is God in the flesh, the source of light. Furthermore, Jesus is not another lawgiver. He is the one who has fulfilled the Law by dying on the cross for our sins.