

These things will be added to you

Luke 12:31



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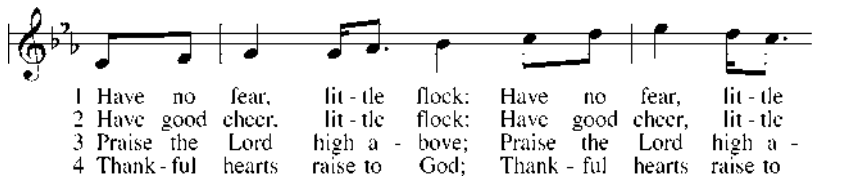
Thoughts as we gather:

The Lord Is Surely Coming to Give You His Kingdom

The Lord Himself was Abraham's shield and great reward. For "the word of the Lord came to him" and sustained the patriarch's faith in the face of death (Gen. 15:4). By divine grace, Abraham "believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6), on account of the holy Seed, Christ Jesus. To that one old man, the Lord granted "descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore" (Heb. 11:12). The Lord is likewise faithful to you. It is His glad desire "to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32). Therefore, "do not be anxious about your life," but instead "seek His kingdom" (Luke 12:22, 31). Set your heart on that treasure. "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning ... for the Son of Man is coming" (Luke 12:35, 40).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

735 Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King-dom; Have no fear, lit-tle flock!
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit-tle flock!
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - hove!
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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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.

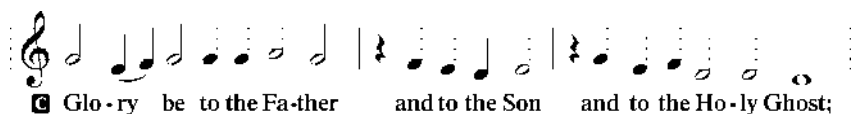
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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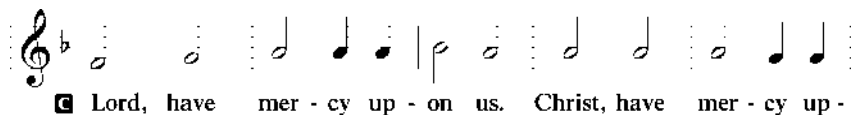
Psalm 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!
He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth;
He makes grass grow on the hills.
He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.
His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor His pleasure in the legs of a man,
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
in those who hope in His steadfast love.
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.
Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!



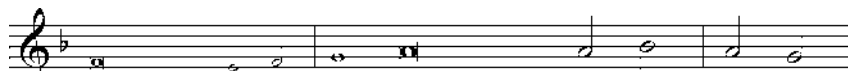
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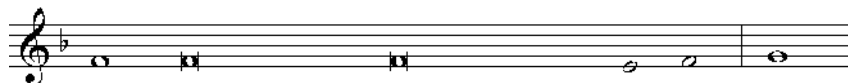


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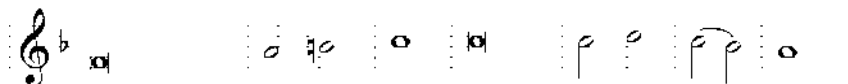
(P) Glory be to God on high: **G** and on earth peace, good - will toward



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



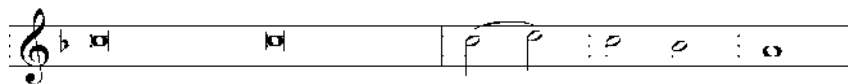
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



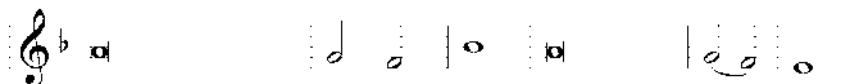
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



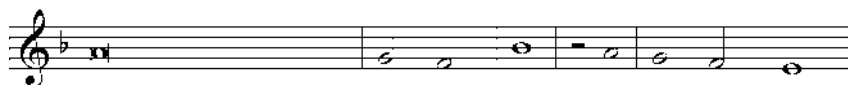
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



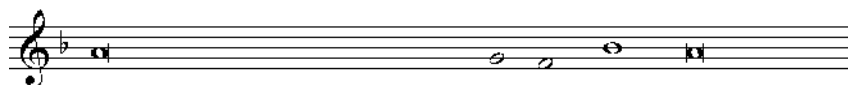
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



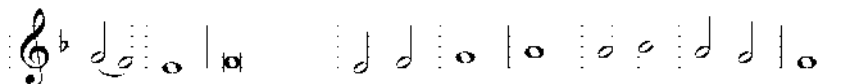
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



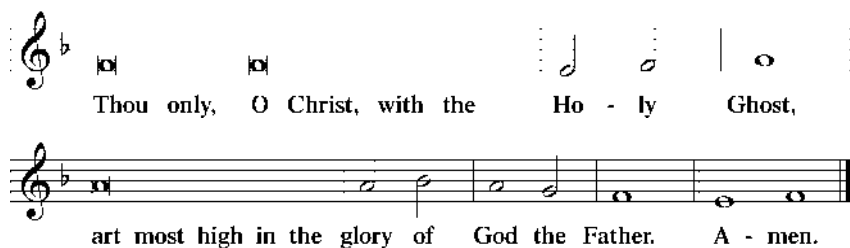
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



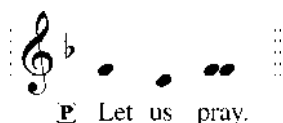
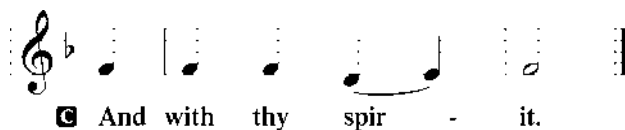
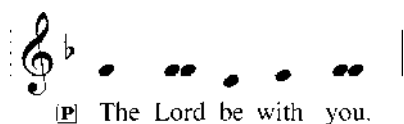
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



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



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will You give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, You have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then He said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 33:12–22; antiphon: v. 20

¹²Blessèd is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

¹³**The Lord looks down from heaven;
He sees all the children of man;**

¹⁴from where He sits enthroned He looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,

¹⁵**He who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷**The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.**

¹⁸Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,
on those who hope in His steadfast love,

¹⁹**that He may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.**

²⁰Our soul waits for the Lord;
He is our help and our shield.

²¹**For our heart is glad in Him,
because we trust in His holy name.**

²²Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we hope in You.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered Him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared for them a city.

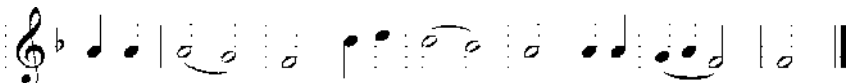
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C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA

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C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

²²[Jesus] said to His disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek His kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

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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.

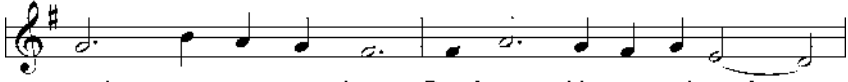
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

Sit

666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe



1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,



seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!



And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y



tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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SERMON

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

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Almighty God, increase our faith in Your wise ways and gracious will. Preserve us from reliance on our own plans and natural powers, that we would ever trust in You and be counted righteous in Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You have clothed us with Your mercy and delivered us from our sins, that we may be Your own and live under You in Your kingdom forever. Place Your blessing upon the proclamation of Your Word, and prosper the work of all pastors and church workers in their various callings. Bless those being called to Your service and those preparing for church-work vocations. We ask especially for You to bless all seminaries and those who teach and learn Your Word therein. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

P Holy Father, You promised great and abundant blessings to Abram, which he believed by faith. Bless the hearts of Christian fathers to prize the gift of their children and to work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, because we are weak and powerless apart from You, defend us against all our enemies and bless our nation and those who lead us, especially our president, governor, Congress, legislature, and all judges and magistrates. Make them wise and endow them with a good heart, that they may seek justice and show mercy, especially on behalf of the unborn and those least able to defend themselves. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, You know our needs before we ask, yet You invite us to pray for health and healing, comfort and consolation, and peace at the last. Deliver those who are sick, and grant Your grace to all who cry to You for mercy [especially _____]. Grant us the perfect consummation of our hope and the full healing of body and soul, when at last Your Son comes in His glory to deliver us to You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Gracious Lord, grant Your Holy Spirit unto Your servants who recline at Your table this day. Enlighten them by Your Word as a lamp unto their feet, that they would be dressed in readiness for the coming of the Son of Man, both now and at the end of days, even as He girds Himself to serve them with His body and blood. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Grant us, O Lord, a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love for You and our neighbors. Although we are not worthy of Your benefits, accept our sacrifice of thanks, together with the offerings that we return to You in faith, that we would not be fruitless or ungrateful but magnify Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You worked the salvation of the world through the death of Your dear Son, and You work out Your holy purposes through the deaths of Your saints. Make us faithful unto death, and so receive the fulfillment of all Your promises; 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.

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.



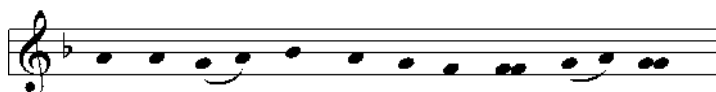
C And with thy spir - it.



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.

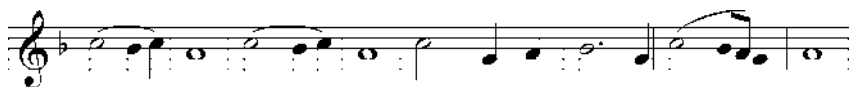


C It is meet and right so to do.

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

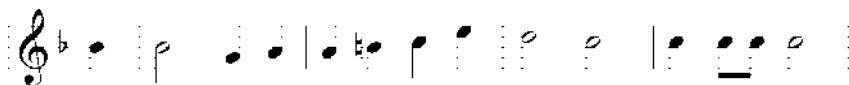
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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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.

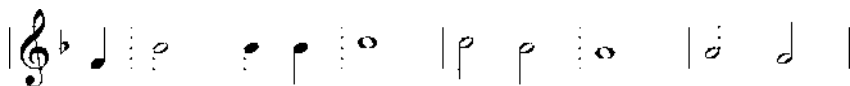


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LORD'S PRAYER

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- 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

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- 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.



- C** A - men.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace
2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



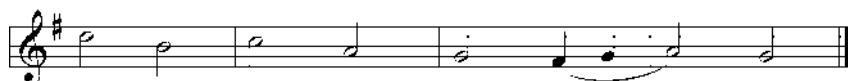
pos - sess You, Let me with ho - ly food be fed,
ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,



In hun - ger I ad - dress You. Pre - pare me well
Your wound - ed hand now feed me. Though wea - ry, sin -
In sor - row and con - tri - tion. Your righ - teous - ness,
O Lord, do not for - sake me. In my dis - tress



for You, O Lord, And, hum - bly by my prayer im - plored,
ful, sick, and weak, Ref - uge in You a - lone I seek,
Lord, cov - er me That I re - ceive You wor - thi - ly.
this com - forts me That You re - ceive me gra - cious - ly,



Give me Your grace and mer - cy.
To share Your cup of heal - ing.
As - sured of Your full par - don.
O Christ, my Lord of mer - cy!

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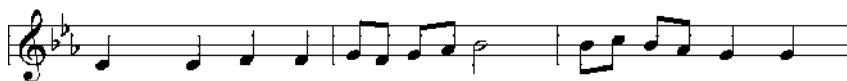
630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling



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 woe.
 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

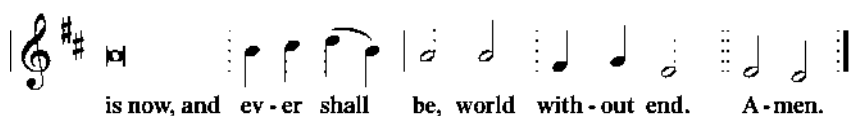
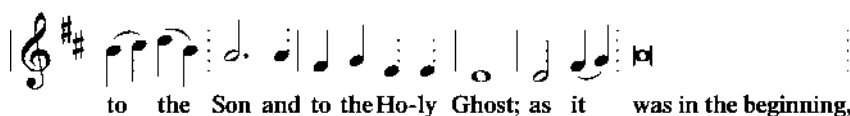
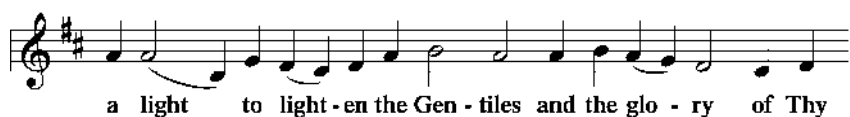
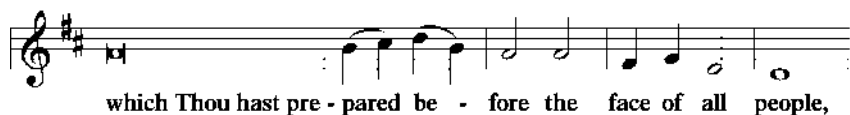
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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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.



THANKSGIVING

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



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

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 A - men.



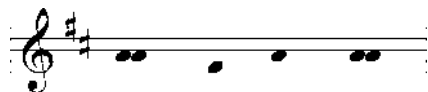
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS

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A Bless we the Lord.



G Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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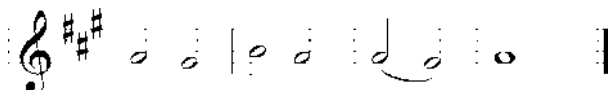
P. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



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



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



G A-men, a-men, a - men.

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



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!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER

Rick Ferrell

HEAD USHER

Bruce Benson

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, August 17,, 2025 are:

Jeremiah 23:16-29

Psalm 119:81-88(antiphon: v. 81)

Hebrews 11:17-31 (32-40); 12:1-3

Luke 12:49-53 (54-56)

August 10 – Proper 14

Luke 12:24 – “Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them.” God feeds the birds of the air, this we know. It’s just that, as one wit put it: God sometimes feeds the birds....to the cats! Yes, crosses and hardships will always come — Christ said that no disciple is above his Master. But through it all, the Lord cares for us and He calls upon us to entrust ourselves to that care. He really is our Father, and He really will guard and keep us through whatever this life has to throw at us. And in the end, we shall receive the gift of eternal life.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (08/10)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study
Mon. (08/11)	10:00 a.m.	Adult Confirmation
Wed. (08/13)	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thurs. (08/14)	6:00 p.m.	NAMI Family to Family and Peer Connections
Sat.. (08/16)	8:30 a.m.	Men's Club
Sun. (08/17)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Service Bible Study Mexican Themed Potluck

ATTENDANCE:

08/03/2025	9:00 a.m.	80
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,197.00	Needed YTD	\$ 130,107.00
Rec'vd. 08/03/2025	<u>\$ 5,972.62</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 131,674.57</u>
Over Weekly	\$ 1,775.62	Over YTD	\$ 1,567.57

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult Confirmation class will be held Monday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m.

NAMI

NAMI will be meeting on Thursday, August 14 at 6:00 p.m. Family to Family is via Zoom only. Peer Connections is in person and via Zoom.

MEN'S CLUB

The next meeting of the Men's Club is on Saturday, August 16 at 8:30 a.m.

MEXICAN THEMED POTLUCK

On Sunday, August 17 at 12:00 p.m., we are having a Mexican Themed Potluck. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Valvo. You can call or text at 760-887-7125. Hope to see you all there.

MARTY HALL

Marty Hall has moved. She is currently in a private care facility. The address is: 15577 3rd Street, Victorville, CA 92395, if anyone would like to visit her or send cards and letters.

COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Ascension's Council will be held on Sunday, August 24 at 1:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom.

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
Tricia Blake
Durfée Family
Gaylon Pastella
Gwen Strasburg
Leeta Amaro
Ascension Church Family
Marilyn Belka
Vivian Bingnam
Sue Boers
Karrie Burke
Marcia Byron
Renee Cates
David Chavez
Robert Coole
William Creek
Julie DeRose
Mary Diaz
John & Ann Duran
Janice Estrick
Lynn Fairgrief
Christian Frash
Faigie Gawn
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Pastor Harris
Justin Hedden
Mike Holtgreffe
Avery Jamison
Jacob Jones
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Anthony Kwesie
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Erin Liedtky
David McDonald
Mayra Micciche
Grace Miskimen
Cesar Morales
Amanda Netzell
Lori O'Neil
Glenn & Nancy Pastella
Esperanza Perez
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Randi
Christian Rhoades
Crystal Roblero
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Sarah Thomas
Stan Thorne
Fran Truslow
Stan Vacek
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Beverly Wilson
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Jennifer Millgate
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Rory Tighe
Brendan Anderson
Mark Baker
Ilona Berecki
Bill & Jan Blanton
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Kyle Burton
Mari Caroland
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Elizabeth Collins
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John Davis
Samuel & Sean Detwiler
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DeSouza Family
Family of Don Park

THANKSGIVING:

Nick DeRose



About the Cover: Jesus points to the beauty of the lilies of the field as a way of reminding us of the graciousness of God to give us what we need for this life. Christ has brought us the kingdom of God by taking up our sin on the cross and clothing us with the robe of His righteousness. Since we are so beautifully clothed in Christ unto eternity in Holy Baptism, we can truly let go of our anxieties over the things of this life.