# Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it

Isaiah 65:8

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#### Thoughts as we gather

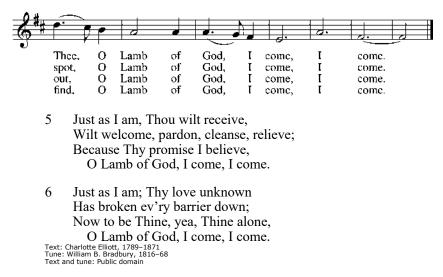
#### Jesus Brings Release from the Bonds of Sin, Death and the Devil

The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands "to a rebellious people" (Is. 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Is. 65:9). For wherever Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living "among the tombs" (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord's house, fully clothed by Christ; He has come in "the fullness of time" (Gal. 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, "you are no longer a slave, but a son" (Gal. 4:7).

# **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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#### 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea



#### Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.



In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

- 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.



Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

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Amen.

Stand

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

# INTROIT

Psalm 71:20–24; antiphon: v. 3

Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.

You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive me again;

from the depths of the earth You will bring me up again. You will increase my greatness

and comfort me again.

I will also praise You with the harp for Your faithfulness, O my God;

I will sing praises to You with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;

my soul also, which You have redeemed.

And my tongue will talk of Your righteous help all the day long, for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to do me hurt.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

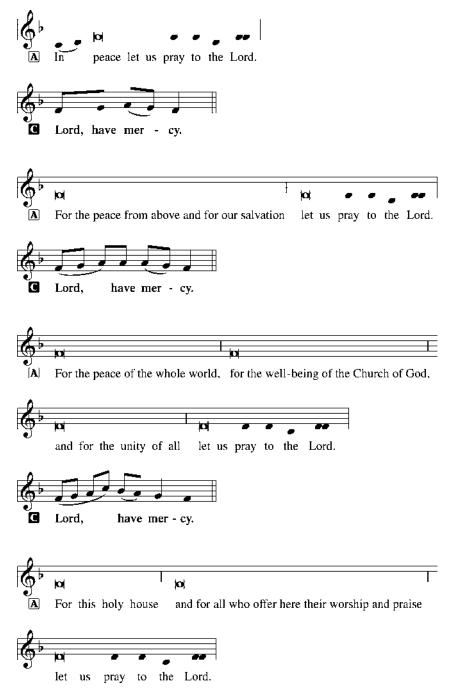
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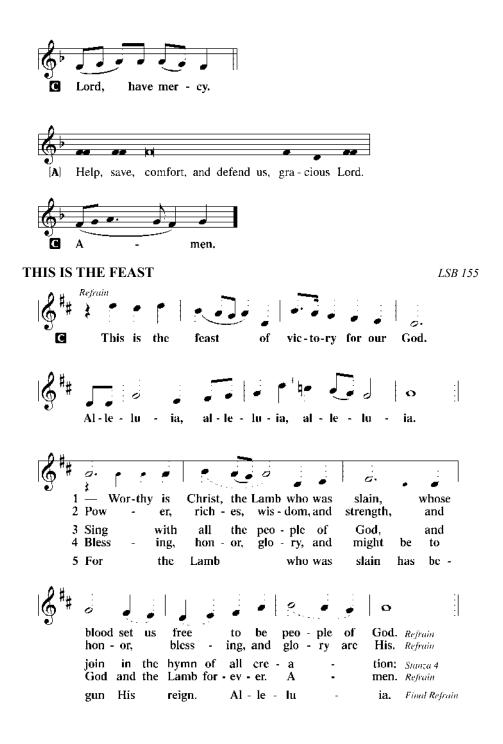
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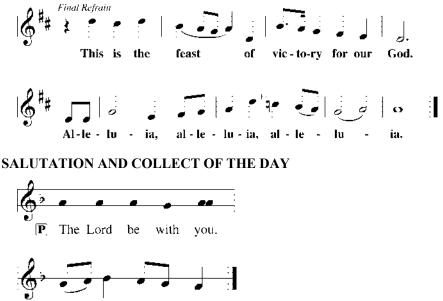
Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;

You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.

**KYRIE** 







C And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by My name. <sup>2</sup>I spread out My hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke Me to My face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to Yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for You." These are a smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. <sup>6</sup>Behold, it is written before Me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom <sup>1</sup>both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted Me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds." <sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for My servants' sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup>I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of My mountains; My chosen shall possess it, and My servants shall dwell there."

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

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me; <sup>2</sup>many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God. <sup>3</sup>But You, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. <sup>4</sup>I cried aloud to the LORD, and He answered me from His holy hill. <sup>5</sup>I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me. <sup>6</sup>I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around. <sup>7</sup>Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! For You strike all my enemies on the cheek; You break the teeth of the wicked.

<sup>8</sup>Salvation belongs to the LORD; Your blessing be on Your people!

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23-4:7

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

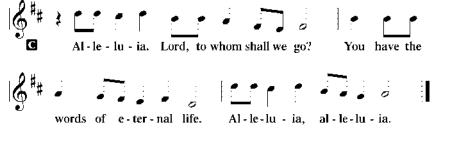
<sup>1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.



This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

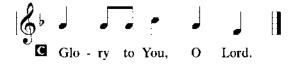
#### ALLELUIA AND VERSE



#### HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

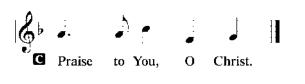
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.



<sup>26</sup>Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met Him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him and said with a loud voice, "What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup>For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

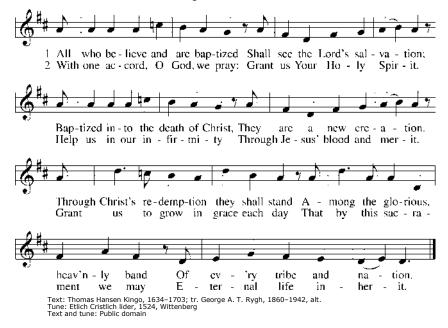
<sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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



Sit

## 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized



#### SERMON

#### **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



#### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**



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

**P** For peace in the world, for peace in the Church, for peace in the home and for peace in our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church of the Augsburg Confession throughout the world, for the faithfulness of all churches to the truth of God's Word, and for the proclamation of the Gospel to all people, let us pray to the Lord:

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

P For Christian homes, that God would keep them safe from discord and evil intention, give faithfulness to husbands and wives, preserve love and respect between parents and children, and make them havens from fear and doubt, let us pray to the Lord:

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

P For the nations and those who govern them, for our own country and leaders, for our cities and communities, for good laws and faithful citizens, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

For the sick and those who suffer, for the grieving in their loss, and for the dying in their last days on earth, <u>[especially</u> \_\_\_\_\_\_,] let us pray to the Lord:

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

IP For all who commune this day, that we would faithfully eat Christ's true body and drink His blood, given as new wine beyond all destruction, and so receive the blessing therein, let us pray to the Lord:

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

▶ For thankful hearts at all of God's gifts and for the grace of giving, that we may return to Him the tithes and offerings He is due, let us pray to the Lord:

# **C** Lord, have mercy.

- P Dear Father, You know the condition of our souls, that we frequently wander into sins, vice and danger. Hear our prayers for the sake of Christ, who defeated legions of demons so that we might receive adoption as sons; 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

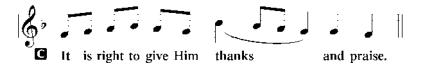
#### **Communion Statement**

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.



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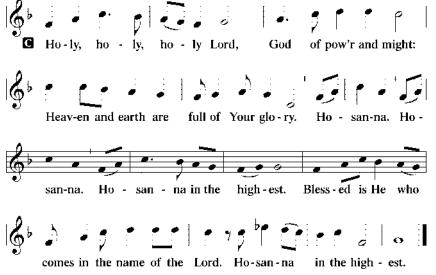


▶ It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



SANCTUS

LSB 161



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- LSB 161
- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# LORD'S PRAYER

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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

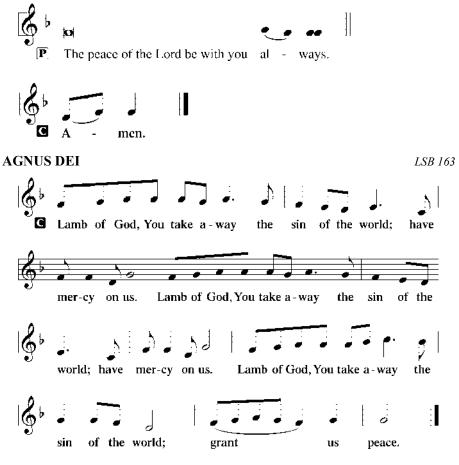
 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

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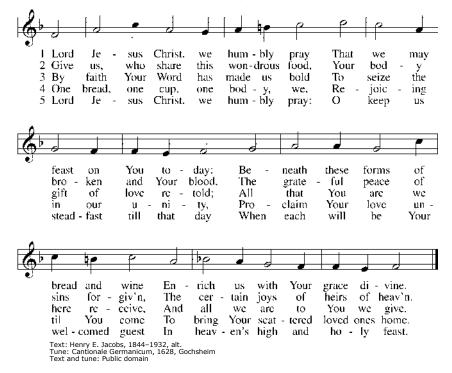


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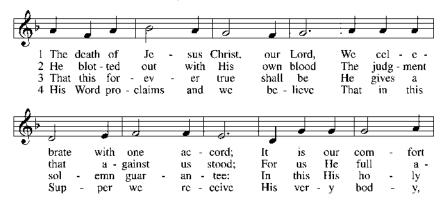
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## 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray



#### 634 The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord



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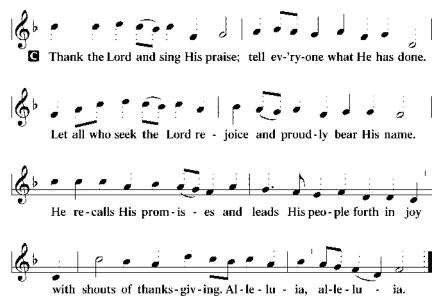
- 5 We dare not ask how this can be, But simply hold the mystery And trust this word where life begins: "Given and shed for all your sins."
- 6 They who this word do not believe This food unworthily receive, Salvation here will never find— May we this warning keep in mind!
- 7 But blest is each believing guest Who in these promises finds rest; For Jesus shall in love remain With all who here His grace obtain.
- 8 Help us sincerely to believe That we may worthily receive Your Supper and in You find rest.

Amen! They who believe are blest. Text (sts. 1-4, 6-8): Haquin Spegel, 1645-1714; (sts. 1-4, 6-8): tr. Olof Olsson, 1841-1900, alt.; (st. 5): composite Tune: Sammung alter und neuer... Melodien, 1742 Text and tune: Public domain

#### Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- 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.

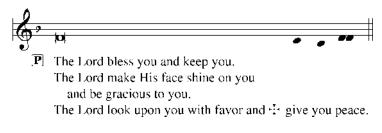


#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**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.









575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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# SERVING SERVICE TODAY:<br/>ELDERRick FerrellHEAD USHERBruce Benson

# SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, June 29, 2025 are:

1 Kings 19:9b-21 Psalm 16 (antiphon: v. 11) Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

#### June 22 – Proper 7

Luke 8:37 – "Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned." The Gerasenes are upset with Jesus because His ministry led to the loss of their pig herd <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> their wealth. They want Jesus to go away before He does any more damage to their bottom line. Their priorities are clear. What about our priorities? Is the work and ministry of Jesus worthy of our support and the sacrifice of some of our wealth?

# THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (06/22)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.		Service Bible Study	
Mon. (06/23)	10:00 a.m.	Ad	lult Confirmation	
Wed. (06/25)	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study		
Thurs. (06/26)	6:00 p.m.	NAMI Peer Connections		
Sun. (06/29)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.		Service Bible Study	
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b> 06/15/2025	9:00 a.m.	62		
OFFERING:				
Needed weekly:	\$ 4,197.00	Needed YTD	\$ 100,728.00	
Rec'vd. 06/15/2025	<u>\$ 2,359.00</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 104,818.39</u>	
Short Weekly	\$ (1,838.00)	Over YTD	\$ 4,090.39	

# **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, June 23 at 10:00 a.m.

#### NOREEN SELLE

Noreen has moved to Wisconsin. For those of you who would like to send her cards or letters, her new address is: N9840 State Rd. 110, Marion, WI 54950.

# NAMI

NAMI's Peer Connections will be meeting on Thursday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and in person.

# FOURTH OF JULY BARBECUE

We are celebrating the 4th on Sunday, July 6, 2025 with a barbecue after Church at 1:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Yes, there are no desserts listed because we are having ice cream sundaes and/or banana splits. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Valvo at 760-887-7125, text or call. 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:

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