

WHEN I WANT TO DO RIGHT,
EVIL LIES CLOSE AT HAND

Romans 7:21

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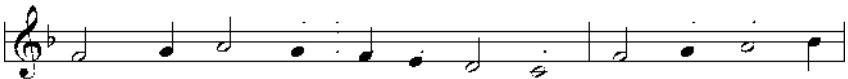
Thoughts as we gather:

Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Is Our True Peace and Sabbath Rest

Though we have died with Christ in Holy Baptism, and we are raised to new life in Him, we find “another law waging war” in our body and life, that is, between our old Adam and the new man (Rom. 7:23). By the Spirit of Christ, we “desire to do what is right,” but we are not able to do so because “nothing good” dwells in our sinful flesh (Rom. 7:18). “Thanks be to God,” therefore, “through Jesus Christ our Lord,” who delivers us from “this body of death” (Rom. 7:24–25). We rejoice in Him, our gentle King, who comes “righteous and having salvation” (Zech. 9:9). He speaks peace to our embattled hearts, and by His blood of the New Testament He sets us “free from the waterless pit,” and He returns us to the stronghold of our Baptism (Zech. 9:10–12). Though we “labor and are heavy laden,” He calls us to Himself and gives rest to our souls through His free and full forgiveness (Matt. 11:28), not because we are “wise and understanding,” but by the “gracious will” of God the Father, whom “the Son chooses to reveal” in love (Matt. 11:25–27).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

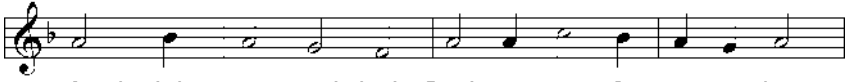
347 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People



1 “Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace,” thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
3 Hark, the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



saith our God; "Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness, Mourn-ing
dark mis-deed; All that well de-served His an-ger He no
far and near, Call-ing sin-ners to re-pen-tance, Since the
plac-es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum-ble, As be-



'neath their sor-rows' load. Speak ye to Je-ru-sa-lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf-fered man-y a day,
King-dom now is here. O that warn-ing cry o-bey!
fits His ho-ly reign. For the glo-ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a-way; God will change her
Now pre-pare for God a way; Let the val-leys
Now o'er earth is shed a-broad. And all flesh shall



sins I cov-er And her war-fare now is o-ver."
pin-ing sad-ness In-to ev-er-spring-ing glad-ness.
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
see the to-ken That His Word is nev-er bro-ken.

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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 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—

**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.**

**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.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



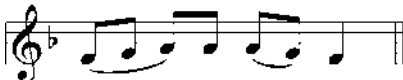
C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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 are 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*

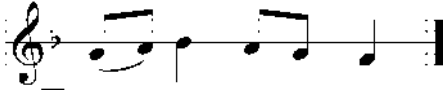
Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

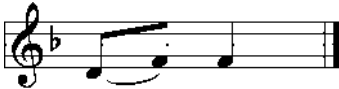
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; 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.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is He,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and He shall speak peace to the nations;
His rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of My covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- ¹I will extol You, my God and King,
and bless Your name forever and ever.
- ²**Every day I will bless You
and praise Your name forever and ever.**
- ³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴**One generation shall commend Your works to another,
and shall declare Your mighty acts.**
- ⁵On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- ⁶**They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds,
and I will declare Your greatness.**
- ⁷They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.
- ⁸**The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- ⁹The LORD is good to all,
and His mercy is over all that He has made.
- ¹⁰**All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
and all Your saints shall bless You!**
- ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom
and tell of Your power,
- ¹²**to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.**
- ¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.
**The LORD is faithful in all His words
and kind in all His works.**
- ¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 7:14–25a

- ¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.
- ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.
- ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.
- ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my

members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was Your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

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SERMON

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.

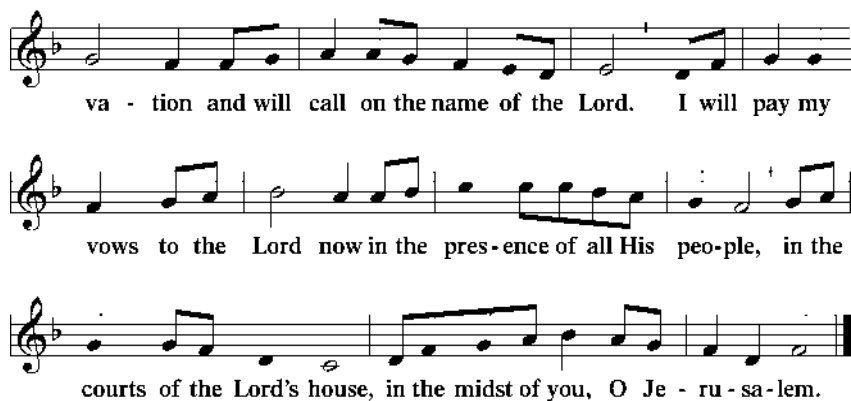
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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

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C 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

- P** That we may find rest in the work of Christ alone, and be encouraged by the knowledge of eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For pastors who faithfully proclaim the things that the Lord has hidden from the wise and understanding, that His Word would continue to grow and flourish in us, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For our homes, that our heavenly Father would be the companion of those who are alone, the strength of husbands and wives, and the blessing of parents as they catechize their children; and that He would preserve our families from every plague and evil, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For the United States of America as she celebrates 250 years of independence and nationhood, that God would grant her good and wise government and sustain her in peace and security, especially so that the Holy Gospel may be confessed openly and received gladly, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the celebrations of this milestone, that they may unite our country as a people and cause us to renew our commitment to the public good; and that all Christians would give respect, honor and love where each is due, as servants of Christ in this world whose eternal citizenship is in heaven, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those weary and heavy-laden with tribulations or illnesses, [*especially* _____,] that they would be blessed with the knowledge of His easy yoke and light burden and find rest in the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who receive the Sacrament, that with penitent hearts and a common confession of faith, they may be freed by the blood of His eternal covenant, let us pray to the Lord:

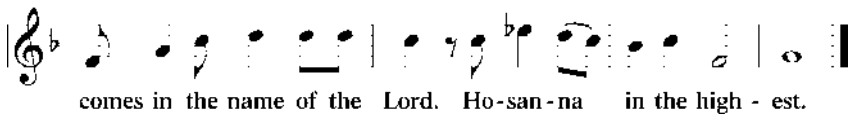
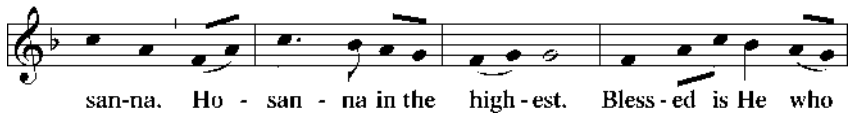
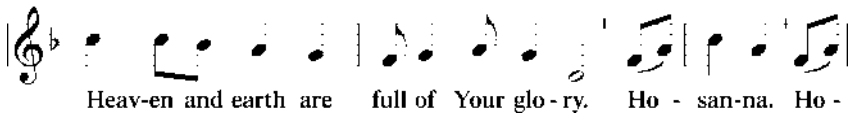
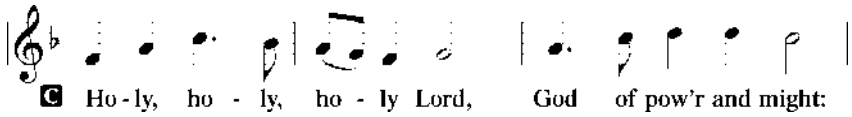
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C **Amen.**

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).

Sit



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- 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.

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.”

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

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

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C A - - men.

Musical notation for the word 'Amen' in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of a half note 'A', a dotted half note 'men', and a double bar line.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

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

Musical notation for the first line of the 'Agnus Dei' in G major, 4/4 time. It starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (F major). The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the

Musical notation for the second line of the 'Agnus Dei' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody continues: C4 (half), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

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

Musical notation for the third line of the 'Agnus Dei' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody continues: C4 (half), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

sin of the world; grant us peace.

Musical notation for the fourth line of the 'Agnus Dei' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody continues: C4 (half), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (half).

DISTRIBUTION

627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way God's
 2 As His pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre - cious
 3 Je - sus here Him - self is shar - ing; Heed then how you
 4 Praise the Fa - ther, who from heav - en To His own this



wrath for - ev - er; By His bit - ter grief and woe
 food sup - ply - ing, Gives His bod - y with the bread,
 are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be - lieve,
 food has giv - en, Who, to mend what we have done,



He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 And with the wine the blood He shed.
 His judg - ment then you shall re - ceive.
 Gave in - to death His on - ly Son.

- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the sick who are distressed,
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 6 Agony and bitter labor
 Were the cost of God's high favor;
 Do not come if you suppose
 You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,
 And receive My grace and favor:
 Those who feel no pain or ill
 Need no physician's help or skill.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying
 If not for your justifying?
 And what use this precious food
 If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes
 And your mouth your sin confesses,
 You will be your Savior's guest,
 Be at His banquet truly blest.

10 Let this food your faith so nourish
 That its fruit of love may flourish
 And your neighbor learn from you
 How much God's wondrous love can do.

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641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart With gift of fin-est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They know and
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to You Our praise and
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of
 4 The mys - t'ry of Your pres - ence, Lord, No mor - tal
 5 You give Your - self to us, O Lord; Then self - less

heed his voice; So when You call Your
 grat - i - tude That You should count us
 Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
 tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
 let us be. To serve each oth - er

Refrain

fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice,
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in Your name In truth and char - i - ty.

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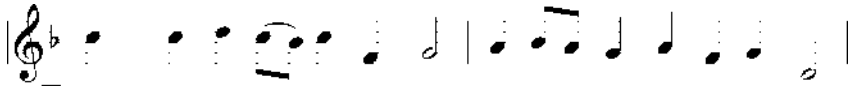
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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- 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 - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



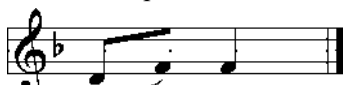
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



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

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.

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

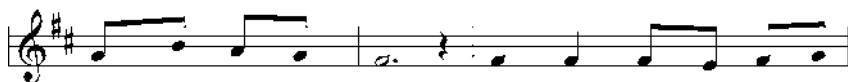


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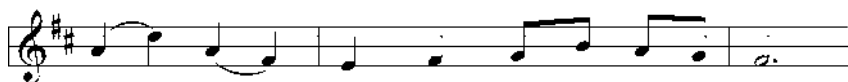
711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us. Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



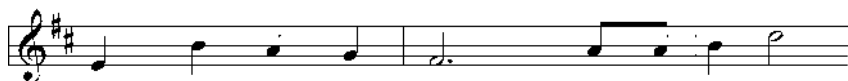
need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus. Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER	Joe Yancho
HEAD USHER	Bruce Benson
READER	Joshua Harris

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, July 12, 2026, are:

Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13 (antiphon: v. 5)

Romans 8:12-17

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 5 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 11:28 – “**Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**” Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose — His light yoke is not a burden to bear, but a joy!

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (07/05)	9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Service Annual Summer BBQ
Wed. (07/07)	11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Bible Study Adult Confirmation
Thurs. (07/09)	6:00 p.m.	NAMI Family to Family And Peer Connections
Sat. (07/11)	9:00 a.m.	Ladies Bible Study
Sun. (07/12)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study

ATTENDANCE:

06/28/2026	9:00 a.m.	64
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,501.00	Needed YTD	\$ 117,026.00
Rec'vd. 06/28/2026	<u>\$ 3,815.00</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 118,069.76</u>
Short Weekly	\$ (686.00)	Over YTD	\$ 1,043.76

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.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Adult Confirmation Class will be held on Wednesday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m.

SUMMER BBQ POTLUCK

Today, we are having our summer BBQ potluck at about 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Meat and buns will be provided but we need lots of side dishes, salads, fruit, chips, etc. We are inviting local veterans to join us. There will be a pie eating contest and a fun game to play. Hope to see you there.

LWML 80 PROJECT

To celebrate the Pacific Southwest District LWML's 80th birthday, we could take a picture of 16 of us, each with a purple \$5 bill. That would make a great 80 project picture! If you are interested, please come with a \$5 bill and your best smile Sunday, July 12th after church in the nursery room at the back of the Church. The more the merrier! Thank you. ~ Eunice Harris

COUNCIL MEETING

The next Ascension Lutheran Church's Council meeting will be held on Sunday, July 19th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees are purchasing two new boilers to replace the existing 20-year-old units for heating the Church. Normal expected life is 15 years. The cost is approximately \$8,000. We are asking the congregation for help in defraying the cost of these new units. The trustees will do the installation (saving \$2,000). Special envelopes are available for your donation. Thank you for your support.

UPCOMING *Events*

Sunday, July 5th – Annual Summer BBQ at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, September 5th - Parish Nurse event “Fall into Cleanliness”

Saturday, September 26th—LWML Zone Celebration at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 18th – Oktoberfest Potluck at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 29th – Advent by Candlelight - immediately after service at approximately 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 13th – Congregational Christmas Party- at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

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
Durfee Family	Jennifer Millgate	Beverly Moglich
Gaylon Pastella	Mildred Sears	Kevin Smith
Gwen Strasburg	Rory Tighe	Mike Adams
Adriana	Bob Albert	Brendan Anderson
Dave Anderson	Greg Arida	Red & MaryAnn Beck
Marilyn Belka	Vivian Bingham	Bill Blanton
Grayson Blomberg	Sue Boers	Marcia Bowren
Crista Brenden	Karrie Burke	Kyle Burton
Gabrielle Butcher	Marcia Byron	Mari Caroland
Dan Catherwood	Lane Ceballos	Maddie Cervantes
Carolyne Chaney	David Chavez	Christy
Cathy Connors	Patrick Coole	Robert Coole
Scott Crawley	William Creek	John Davis
Kathy Davis	Nick & Julie DeRose	Matt DeWitt
Mary Diaz	Christine Dunne	Kelley Dunne
John & Ann Duran	Egger Family	Don Eliason
Heidi Evans	Lynn Fairgrief	Eleanor Fetterman
Charity Frash	Christian Frash	Jillian Garcia
Chrissie Gates	Faigie Gawn	Zoey Gilman
Grace Glass	Government	Raquel Gudino
Roger Hall	Pastor Harris	Kelly Havens
Jace Haynes	Jeanne Hecksel	Justin Hedden & Family
Harry Heike	Stephen Hodges	Kareem Jacobs
John	Beverly Johnson	Billy K
Emma Kraus	Steve Kuhn	Randy Lam
Addison Lange	Debbie Lange	LaPria & Family
Melody LeGray	Frank Liedtky & Family	Anthony Lopez
Kelly Marscheider	Epris Martin	Debbie Martinez
Tom & Joan Mason	David McDonald	Brian McMahan
Mr. McMahan	Linda Merkle	Dave Meyer
Military	Grace Miskimen	Belita & Richard Nash
Adam Nieto	Park Family	David Parker
Glenn & Nancy Pastella	Richard & Alice Pastella	Seung-Hee Pastella
Tim & Marguerite Pastella	Mel & Mary Quecke	Michele Rawlins
Dave Riffel	Riley Family	Bill Robertson
Noreen Selle	Bea Shelby	Short Family
Ashley Skiffington	Barbara Sosa	Georgina Soto
Caleb Svede-Holling	Larry & Robin Thompson	Cyndy Todd
Joshua Todd	Richard Torres	Sheryl Truslow
Denise Turner	Brandon Vess	Phyllis Walton
Joni Wangeman	Donna Wagers	Joe Waters
Phyllis Wheaton	Curtis Wise	John Worstell
Cynthia Yancho		

Grief & Strength:

Amaya & Amora
 Family of Red Beck
 Family of Chris Giel

Thanksgiving:

Diane Staff



About the Cover: By God’s Word, we have new life by faith in Jesus. At the same time, our old sinful nature still presses in upon us. Paul knew the struggle of the Christian life. But there would be no struggle unless the new life of the Gospel had taken root by the work of the Holy Spirit. We must always go back to the source of our new life: Jesus Christ, our crucified and raised Lord, in whom there is “now no condemnation” (Romans 8:1).