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the mediator
of a new covenant

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Thoughts as we gather

The Cross of Christ Is the Way into the Kingdom of God

With the cross of Christ, the time has come “to gather all nations and tongues” (Is. 66:18). The sign of the cross is set forth in the preaching of the Gospel, the declaration of the Lord’s glory “among the nations” (Is. 66:19). Many “will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God” (Luke 13:29), but only by the narrow way of the cross. Those who refuse to follow Christ crucified will ultimately find only “weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Luke 13:28), whereas Christ’s disciples, called from all the nations, will eat and drink with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of God. They will come into “the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem” (Heb. 12:22)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION


508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al-
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be
treasures! With shame and trem-bling they will stand And at the

flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.
might - y, bound-less pow'r, Be changed at His com-mand - ing.
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.
judge - e's stern com-mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18

Splendor and majesty are before Him;
we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

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.

Splendor and majesty are before Him;
we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

Praise the LORD!



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

¹⁸“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see My glory,
¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard My fame or seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. ²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²²“For as the new heavens and the new earth
 that I make
 shall remain before Me, says the LORD,
 so shall your offspring and your name remain.

²³From new moon to new moon,
 and from Sabbath to Sabbath,
 all flesh shall come to worship before Me,
 declares the LORD.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 50:1–15; antiphon: v. 23

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁷“Hear, O My people, and I will speak;
 O Israel, I will testify against you.
 I am God, your God.

⁸**Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
 your burnt offerings are continually before Me.**

⁹I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.

¹⁰**For every beast of the forest is Mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is Mine.

¹²**“If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are Mine.**

¹³Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,**

¹⁵and call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Hebrews 12:4–24

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by Him.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one He loves,
and chastises every son whom He receives.”

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees,
¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] went on His way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to Him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And He said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then He will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But He will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from Me, all you workers of evil!’ ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West



1 A mul - ti - tude comes from the east and the west
2 O God, let us hear when our Shep - herd shall call
3 All tri - als shall be like a dream that is past,
4 The heav - ens shall ring with an an - them more grand



To sit at the feast of sal - va - tion
In ac - cents per - sua - sive and ten - der,
For - got - ten all trou - ble and mourn - ing.
Than ev - er on earth was re - cord - ed.



With A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob, the blest,
That while there is time we make haste, one and all,
All ques - tions and doubts have been an - swered at last,
The blest of the Lord shall re - ceive at His hand



O - bey - ing the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion.
And find Him, our might - y de - fend - er.
When ris - es the light of that morn - ing.
The crown to the vic - tors a - ward - ed.



Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!

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SERMON

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, grant us repentant faith to strive to enter ever more deeply into Your blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation. By the witness of Your saints, gather many from the very corners of this world to enter Your kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, prosper Your Church, the preaching of the Word, and the work of all pastors and church workers. Guide and strengthen the catechumens and all who teach and learn Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called fathers to bring up their children in Your fear and love. Sanctify and sustain them through Your Word, that they would lovingly discipline their children and so show forth Your own divine care for Your baptized children. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Eternal King, the kingdoms and nations of this world rise and fall while Your Church remains before You. Give Your Church a holy confidence in Your eternal life so she fears no worldly threat and ministers to the nations boldly and faithfully. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, bless all those who care for the sick and attend to the dying; all those who care for our children; and our police, firefighters, emergency personnel and disaster-relief workers. Increase our generous support of those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind or heart, the grieving in their sorrow, and the dying in their last days on earth [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, bring together all who come from east and west and from north and south to recline at Your table this day to feast upon the body and blood of Jesus, the Mediator of the New Testament, that the speaking of Your Word would strengthen and sustain them in the one true faith. Grant them Your abundant blessing in the kingdom of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, we give thanks to You for St. Bartholomew and for Your prophets, apostles and faithful people in every age. Have mercy on us and keep us steadfast in their fellowship to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, You have drawn to Yourself believers from all nations and sanctified them in Holy Baptism as priests and Levites in Your Church. Fortify their faith and embolden their witness, that many may be gathered into the new heavens and new earth; through 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.

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

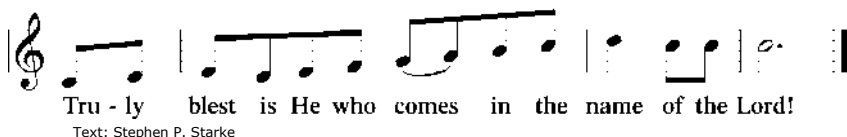
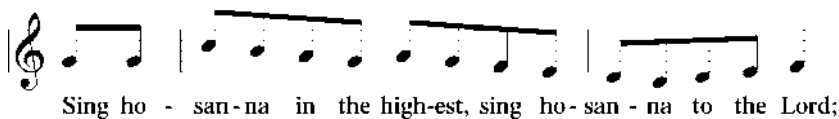
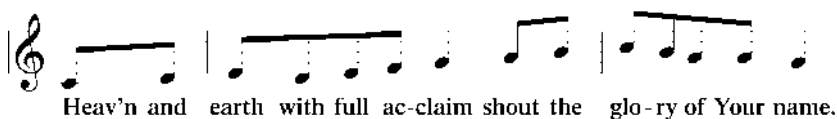
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

☐ 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."

PAX DOMINI


☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
☐ Amen.




1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

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.

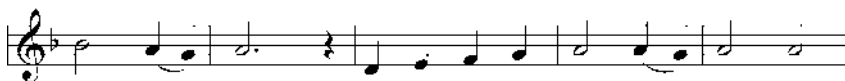
10 Let this food your faith so nourish
That its fruit of love may flourish
And your neighbor learn from you
How much God's wondrous love can do.

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621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand: Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia. Lord Most High!"

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Stand

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.

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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

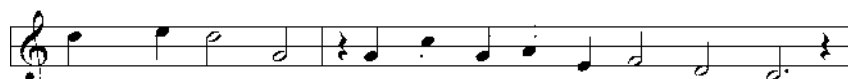
C Amen.

Sit

516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



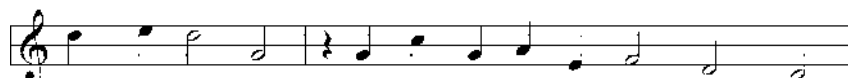
1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch-men on the
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, And all her heart with
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom,
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



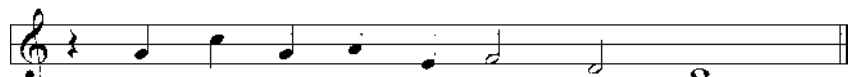
cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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ZONE 20 FALL CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

10:00AM (REGISTRATION 9:30 AM)

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

329 S MILLS ST, TEHACHAPI CA 93561

COST \$10.00 AT THE DOOR

GUEST SPEAKER: LYNN FAIRGRIEF

"GOD'S CLOTHING"

ISAIAH 61:10

**INGATHERING: CASH DONATIONS FOR
REV DR WALTER & ROBYN STEEL IN SUPPORT
OF PASTORAL/DEACONESS RESOURCES IN THE
PHILIPPINES.**



THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (08/24)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Service Bible Study Council Meeting
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Mon. (08/25)	10:00 a.m.	Adult Confirmation
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Wed. (08/27)	11:30 a.m.	Bible Study
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Sun. (08/31)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study
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ATTENDANCE:

08/17/2025	9:00 a.m.	67
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,197.00	Needed YTD	\$ 138,501.00
Rec'vd. 08/17/2025	<u>\$ 2,252.10</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$ 137,715.50</u>
Short Weekly	\$ (1,944.90)	Short YTD	\$ (785.50)

SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER	Rick Ferrell
HEAD USHER	Bruce Benson
READER	Cyndy Todd

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, August 31, 2025 are:

Proverbs 25:2-10
Psalm 131 (antiphon: v. 2)
Hebrews 13:1-17
Luke 14:1-14

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 25 at 10:00 a.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

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

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who helped make our Mexican Potluck a success – all those who supplied the yummy food, those that helped set-up and to those who helped with the clean-up. Thanks again to all who helped make the Mexican Potluck a success. ~ Kathy Valvo

SEPTEMBER POTLUCK

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 14 at 12:00 (after Church and Bible Study). We are having a special potluck. No sign up needed. Just bring your favorite dish you had sometime during your childhood. This should be lots of fun. Hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, please free to call or text Kathy Valvo—760-887-7125.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

We're having ladies' Bible Study with a video series called Unshakable by Donna Snow. I hope you all can make it! We only started last time, so please join us! More books will be arriving next Sunday so please see Eunice if you would like one. See you there! Fruit, baked goods, and coffee provided by Lynn and Nancy.

August 24 – Proper 16

Luke 13:26 – “Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.'” Proximity to Jesus and the things of faith is not faith itself. Many Pharisees heard His Word but ignored it and refused to believe in it. We want to be not only hearers, but also doers of Jesus' Word. We want not only proximity to Jesus, but true communion with Him. We want to hear Him, follow Him, praise Him and return thanks

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
Durfee Family
Gaylon Pastella
Gwen Strasburg
Leeta Amaro
Ascension Church Family
Marilyn Belka
Vivian Bingnam
Sue Boers
Karrie Burke
Marcia Byron
Renee Cates
David Chavez
Pearl Coole
Della Cowie
John Davis
Samuel & Sean Detwiler
Christine Dunne
Marge Edwards
Heidi Evans
George & Vonnie Filkins
Don Garcia
Brielle Gondola
Raquel Gudino
David Hanson
Jace Haynes
Harry Heike
Bill Huff
Avery Jamison
Jacob Jones
Chris Kelly
Steve Kuhn
Debbie Lange
James & Leota Lewis
Pete Maaske
Dave Meyer
Military
Renee Moore
Herbert & Elaine Moran
Michelle Nichol
David Parker
Tim & Marguerite Pastella
Heidi Perry
Marilyn Quade
Penny Reese
Bill Robertson
Carla Rosen
Josh Seau
Noreen Selle
Bea Shelby
Shirley Smith
Richard Souza
Carol Thomas
Diana Thornbury
Joshua Todd
Mitch & Casidy Tyska
Brandon Vess
Wendy Walsh
Nancy Williams
Wilma Wilson
Ray Zayas

Mary Beuerle
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Jennifer Millgate
Mildred Sears
Rory Tighe
Brendan Anderson
Mark Baker
Ilona Berecki
Bill & Jan Blanton
Tiffany Brown
Kyle Burton
Mari Caroland
Lane Ceballos
Tracy Cole
Robert Coole
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Janet Surber
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Sue Twarowski
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Rosa & Paul Wallace
Sharon Waters
Stacy Wilson
Cynthia Yanchow

Grief & Strength:

Family of Steve Brunette
Family of Ron Miller
Family of Evelyn Stansberry



About the Cover: Our crucified and risen Lord has ascended to the right hand of the Father and is “the mediator of a new covenant.” His intercession is perfect because He is the perfect Son of the Father. He intercedes for us on the basis of the blood that He shed once for all on the cross (Hebrews 10:10). Because of Him and Him alone, we have confidence that we stand righteous before God today and forever.