A person is sitting on a wooden bench, silhouetted against a bright, golden sunset. The person is facing away from the camera, looking out over a body of water. The sky is a deep yellow, and the water reflects the light. Large, dark tree branches frame the top and left sides of the image. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

When you have
done all that
you were
commanded

Luke 17:10

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:00 a.m. October 5, 2025

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Thoughts as we gather:

We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness

We are surrounded by “*destruction and violence*” (Hab. 1:3) because the Law “*is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth*” (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, “*the righteous shall live by his faith*” (Hab. 2:4). “*Temptations to sin are sure to come*” (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus “*increase our faith*” (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His “*unworthy servants*” (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, “*by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus*” (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings “*life and immortality to light*” (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, “*follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard,*” by which He guards you “*in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus*” (2 Tim. 1:13).

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

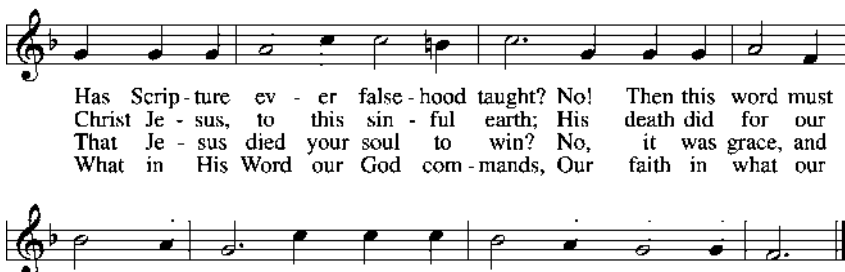
566 By Grace I'm Saved



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip-ture ev - er false-hood taught? No! Then this word must
 Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
 What in His Word our God com-mands, Our faith in what our

true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 sins a - lone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
 God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
 In tribulation's furnace tried,
 By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
 The Father's heart is open wide.
 Where could I help and strength secure
 If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
 In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
 For though I know my heart's condition,
 I also know my Savior's voice.
 My heart is glad, all grief has flown
 Since I am saved by grace alone.

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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 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166

I hope for Your salvation, O LORD,
and I do Your commandments.

**I rejoice at Your word
like one who finds great spoil.**

Seven times a day I praise You
for Your just and righteous decrees.

**Great peace have those who love Your law;
nothing can make them stumble.**

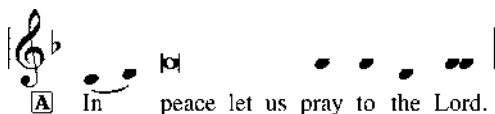
My soul keeps Your testimonies;
I love them exceedingly.

**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.**

I hope for Your salvation, O LORD,
and I do Your commandments.

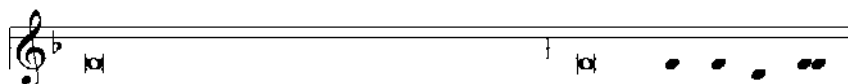
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C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



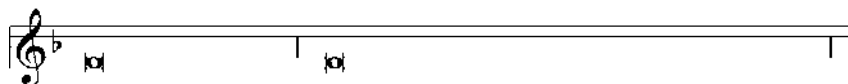
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



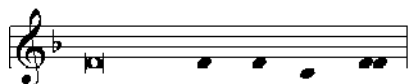
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



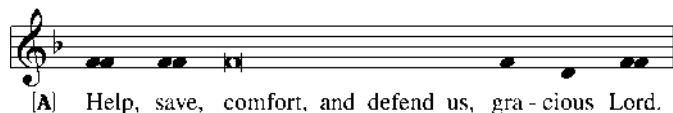
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.

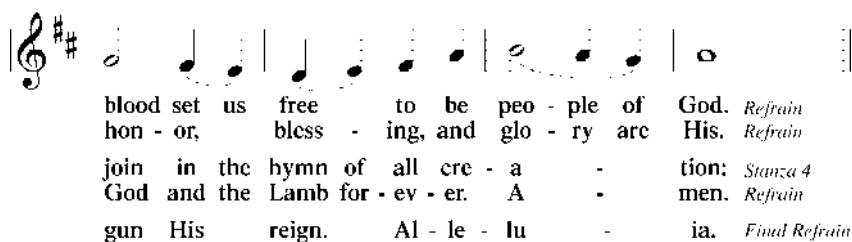
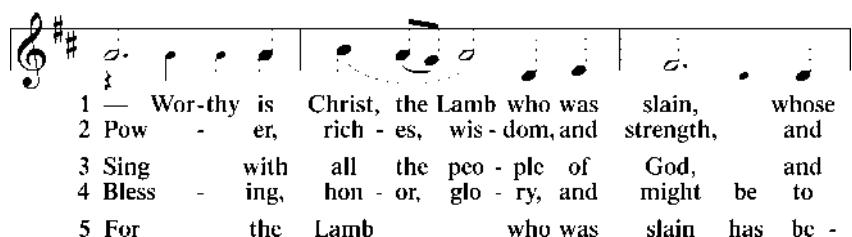
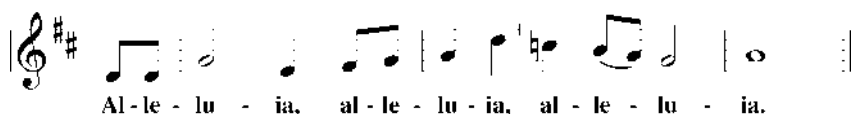


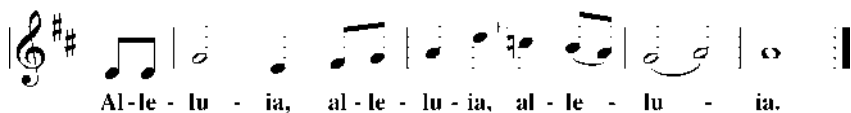
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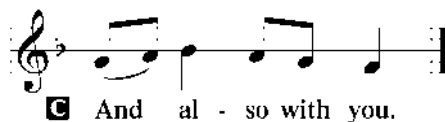
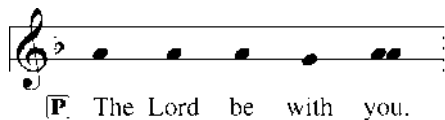
THIS IS THE FEAST

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and You will not hear?
Or cry to You "Violence!"
and You will not save?

³Why do You make me see iniquity,
and why do You idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted.

¹I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what He will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the LORD answered me:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.
If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 62; antiphon: v. 1

¹For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from Him comes my salvation.

²**He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress;
I shall not be greatly shaken.**

³How long will all of you attack a man
to batter him,
like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

⁴**They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.
They take pleasure in falsehood.**

They bless with their mouths,
but inwardly they curse.

⁵**For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from Him.**

⁶He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.

⁷**On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

⁸Trust in Him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before Him;
God is a refuge for us.

⁹**Those of low estate are but a breath;
those of high estate are a delusion;**
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion;
set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

¹¹Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
¹²**and that to You, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.**
For You will render to a man
according to his work.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

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

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:1–10

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] said to His disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

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



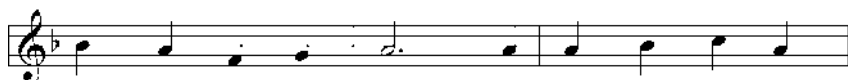
C Praise to You, O Christ.

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857 Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way



1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
 pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
 ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need,
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love,
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

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SERMON

Stand

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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.

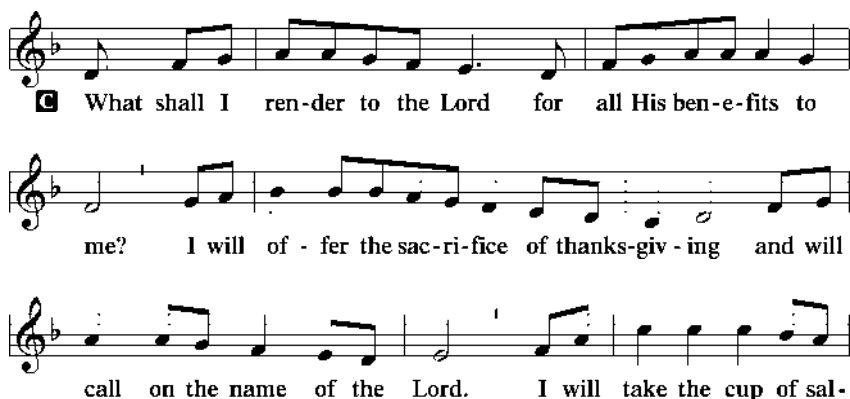
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
 glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission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

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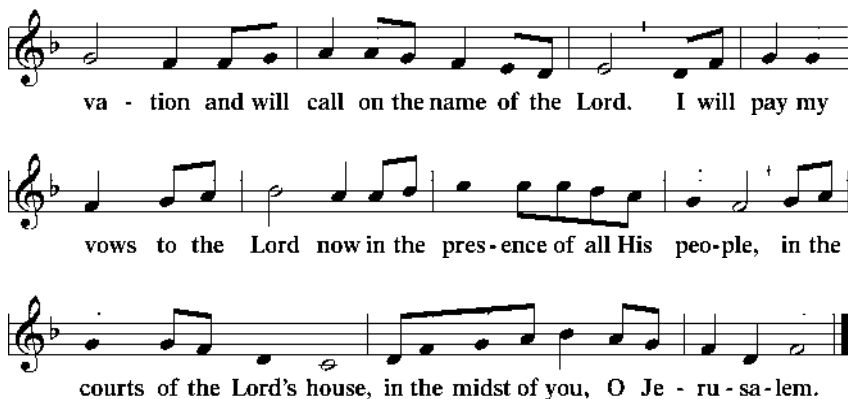
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What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
 me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
 call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Father in heaven, You give to Your people a spirit not of fear, but of power and self-control. Bless Your people with winsomeness and wisdom, that they might confidently speak Your Word in faith and love to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Almighty God, remember our pastors whom You have called to a holy calling. Embolden them in their testimony concerning our Lord Jesus, and strengthen them by Your power to suffer courageously for the Gospel and guard the good deposit entrusted to them. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** Everlasting Father, guide husbands and wives to love and forgive each other, and strengthen them in their life together. Help parents to be faithful examples for their children, and grant that orphans may know the joy of a home to call their own. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** O Lord, hear us on behalf of those who exercise authority over us, who order us according to our laws, who execute justice and who defend us against our enemies. Bless our president; Congress; governor; legislature; and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- P** God, our Rock, grant faith, perseverance and, if it is for their good, healing to those who are suffering from the effects of sin in their bodies or minds [*especially* _____]. Be their refuge so they are not shaken even in times of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful Lord, Your Word became flesh and dwelt among us. This day we rejoice that our sins are forgiven in the washing of Baptism, the declaration of absolution, and the eating and drinking of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continually strengthen our faith through Your Word, and prepare our hearts to faithfully receive this divine gift, which brings the immortal body and blood of Jesus to our very lips. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Faithful God, strengthen us against all temptation and guard our steps, that in our weakness or in our liberty, we do not cause others to sin. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Almighty and everlasting God, deliver us from temptation and the powers of evil, that we may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life. Whether we live or die, we belong to You. Comfort us with this promise, that we may join the company of the saints on Your appointed day and enter into the heavenly places to worship at Your throne on high; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore.
- 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).

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

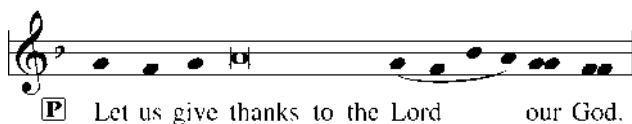
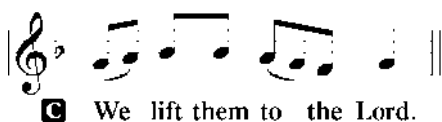
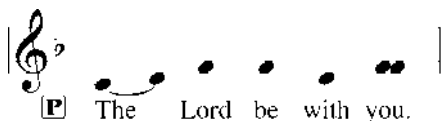
Communion Statement

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

SANCTUS

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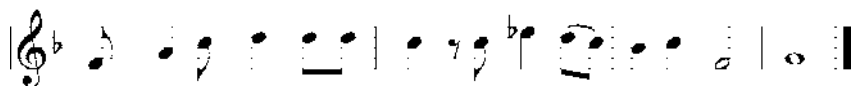
C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- [P]** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

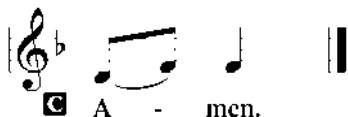
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

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

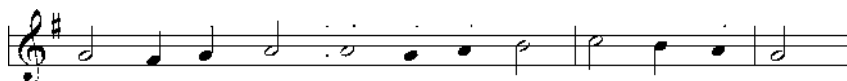


[C] A - men.

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

DISTRIBUTION

625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread



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



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



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



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



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

Text: Johann Rist, 1607-67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806-74, alt.
Tune: Theütsch kirchen ampt, 1525, Strassburg
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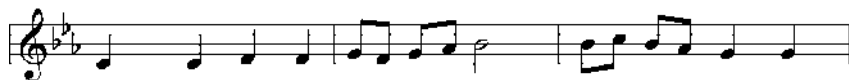
630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling



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



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



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



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

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

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

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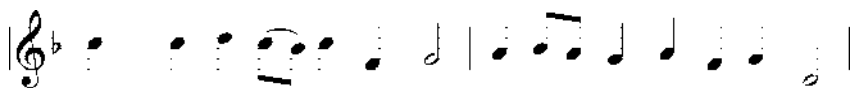
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

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

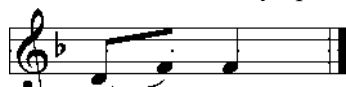


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing, Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

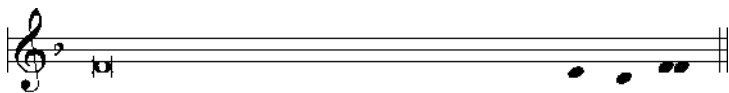
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - - men.

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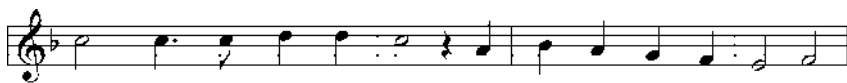
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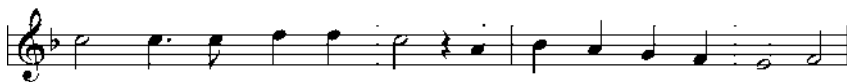
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ¹⁷⁴ give you peace.

*Sit*

895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voice - es.
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en.



Who won - drous things has done, In whom His world re - joice - s;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts, And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count-less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now And shall be ev - er - more.

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SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

ELDER

Joe Yancho

HEAD USHER

Bruce Benson

SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, October 12, 2025 are:

Ruth 1:1-19a

Psalm 111 (antiphon: v. 10)

2 Timothy 2:1-13

Luke 17:11-19

October 5 – Proper 22

Luke 17:10 – “So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’” We can never put God in our debt. Even if we lived in perfect compliance with the Law, we would still only be unworthy servants. Our giving to the Lord’s work in the church is a sign that we recognize our role as servants. Furthermore, we give because we recognize our own need for that work of the Lord in the church. And what a blessing it is to give to the church so that the ministry of His Word and Sacraments may reach all in our community.

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (10/05)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Service Bible Study
Thurs. (10/09)	6:00 p.m.	NAMI Family to Family & Peer Connections
Sun. (10/12)	9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	Service Bible Study Council Meeting

ATTENDANCE:

09/28/2025	9:00 a.m.	60
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OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 4,197.00	Needed YTD	\$ 163,683.00
Rec'vd. 09/28/2025	<u>\$ 3,700.39</u>	Rec'vd YTD	<u>\$158,263.58</u>
Short Weekly	\$ (496.61)	Short YTD	\$ (5,419.42)

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers on the altar today are for the glory of God by Pastor and Eunice Harris in celebration of their anniversary.

CRAFT FAIR

The Craft Fair is starting today through November 30 every Sunday after Church. Our donations this time will be going to Tunnel 2 Towers to support our Veterans and First Responders. If you have anything you would like to add, please let either Kathy Valvo or Kathy Benzow know. We are glad to accept any crafts that you have. Thank you. If you have any questions, feel free to either text or call me (Kathy Valvo) at 760-887-7125.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adult Confirmation Class will be held on Monday, October 6 at 10:00 a.m.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION CLASS

Youth Confirmation Class will be meeting on Monday, October 6 at 4:00 p.m.

NAMI

NAMI's Family to Family and Peer Connections will be meeting on Thursday, October 9 at 6:00. Family to Family is via Zoom only. Peer connections is in person and via Zoom.

OKTOBERFEST

Please mark your calendars for our Oktoberfest celebration on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, feel free to either text me or call me at 760-887-7125. ~ Kathy Valvo. Hope to see you there!

COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of Ascension Lutheran's Council will be held on Sunday, October 12 at 1:00 p.m. in person and via Zoom.

ALL WOMEN

Any women who haven't turned in their name for prayer warriors for 2026, please do so by November 1st. If you need a new slip for your name, please let Lynn or Gaylon know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

GRIEF TALK

There will be a talk on Grief/Loss on Saturday, November 8 beginning at 10:00 a.m. by Lynn Fairgrief in the Fellowship Hall.

OUTREACH

Next Sunday, October 12th, our Thanksgiving food drive begins. We will have a table in the Narthex with cards stating the food items needed for aCORE Solution's Thanksgiving food basket giveaway. If you would like to participate, take one or more cards. There will also be a sign-up sheet if you would like to purchase a store gift card for the families to buy their turkey. All items need to be brought to Church no later than November 9th. See an Outreach Member if you have any questions.

ERNIE SCHMIDT

If anyone is interested, Ernie has available a picnic table and a park bench. You would have to make arrangements to pick them up.

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
 Sistic Beauchamp
 Ilona Berecki
 Sue Boers
 Vanessa Brown
 Gabrielle Butcher
 Renee Cates
 David Chavez
 Robert Coole
 William Creek
 Samuel & Sean Detwiler
 Christine & Christopher Dunne
 Marge Edwards
 Janice Estrick
 Lynn Fairgrief
 Shaunah Forrest
 Chrissie Gates
 Brielle Gondola
 Marty Hall
 Pastor Harris
 Hunter & Justin Hedden
 Mike Holtgreffe
 Maggie Ivy
 Eric Jones
 Kathy Kays
 Emma Kraus
 Anthony Kwesie
 Jeannette Lawler
 Erin Liedtky
 David McDonald
 Daniel Midgely
 Debbie Moore
 Justin Morales
 Dennis & Lee Nelson
 Michelle Nichol
 David Parker
 Seunghee Pastella
 Jose Perez
 Sue Purbrough
 Penny Reese
 Bill Robertson
 Carla Rosen
 Ernie Schmidt
 Margi Segnari
 Ray Shaffer
 Ed Scott Smith
 Barbara Souza
 Janet Surber
 Larry & Robin Thompson
 Stan Thorne
 Fran Truslow
 Mitch & Cassidy Tyska
 Brandon Vess
 Wendy Walsh
 Charlie West
 Stacy Wilson
 Cynthia Yanchou

Mary Beuerle
 Devin Coole
 Jennifer Millgate
 Mildred Sears
 Rory Tighe
 Brendan Anderson
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 James & Leota Lewis
 Pete Maaske
 Dave Meyer
 Grace Miskimen
 Cesar Morales
 Herbert & Elaine Moran
 Lauren Newmann
 Donna Park
 Richard & Alice Pastella
 Esperanza Perez
 Kelley Pulone
 Michele Rawlins
 Dave Riffel
 Linda Roque
 Beth Rubio
 Chris Segard
 Loretta Severson
 Diane Short & Short Family
 Manuel Sousa
 Vanessa Sowders
 Sarah Thomas
 Diana Thornbury
 Joshua Todd
 Sue Twarowski
 Blaise & Lisa Vasey
 Rosa & Paul Wallace
 Sharon Waters
 Beverly Wilson
 Judy Winkler

GRIEF & STRENGTH:
 Family of Betty Whitenack

THANKSGIVING:
 Todd Pennington

SAFE TRAVELS:
 Lynn Fairgrief



About the Cover: At the end of the day, our service to the Lord can never repay Him for our salvation, let alone accomplish it. It is merely our duty to serve and obey Him. Our vocations are the arenas where the Lord works through us to accomplish His purposes. So when we think about all that we have done when the sun sets each day, all the glory goes to God, who has given us the work and, above all, has saved us by Jesus’ redemptive work.