

# Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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## As We Gather

Only God himself knows when the Last Day will come. We need to be careful not to be deceived by all the false prophets who try to predict the date when Jesus will come again in glory. Instead of speculating about it or just sitting around waiting, we need to be prepared. We need to trust in Jesus and faithfully work to share his love while we wait for him to fulfill his promise. When Jesus comes, I want him to find me living for him!

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

Stand

## Sharing God's Peace with One Another

**Opening Hymn:** When the Roll is Called up Yonder (Holy, Holy, Holy p. 360)

1. When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more,  
And the morning breaks, eternal, bright and fair;  
When the saved of earth shall gather over on the other shore,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there!

Refrain: When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder,  
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there!

2. On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise,  
And the glory of his resurrection share;  
When his chosen ones shall gather to their home behind the skies,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there! (Refrain)
3. Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun.  
Let us talk of all his wondrous love and care.  
Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done,  
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there! (Refrain)

## Invocation

*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.**

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Brothers and sisters in Christ: God wants us to be holy! But we are all sinners, that is, we have all done wrong and we need God's forgiveness each day. For that reason we come before the Lord now to ask that he wipe away our sins and failures for Jesus' sake.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** We pray together:  
**C** **Lord God, we know that you do not want anything bad, anything unholy, in your presence, in heaven. However, in reality no one is truly holy and clean except you. Sin is in our hearts and we mess up all too often. We think, say, and do what we should not. You are different. You never sin and never fail in your love. Forgive us, Lord, and make us to be more like you. Amen.**
- P** Jesus Christ is the only true holy one, the only true "saint". But he carried our sins and died and rose again for us. Through Jesus we are forgiven. The Bible says that every believer is a saint, not because we have been perfect, but because we have been pardoned. You who trust in Jesus Christ are forgiven, clean, and "saints", and there is a place in heaven set aside for you! In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

Psalm 90 (Bryan Perdue)

You have been our refuge, forever and a day  
Before the land was formed, before the sea was born,  
Forever you are God.

Swept away by water, we are like a dream,  
Like the grass renewed in the morning's dew; By night it fades away.

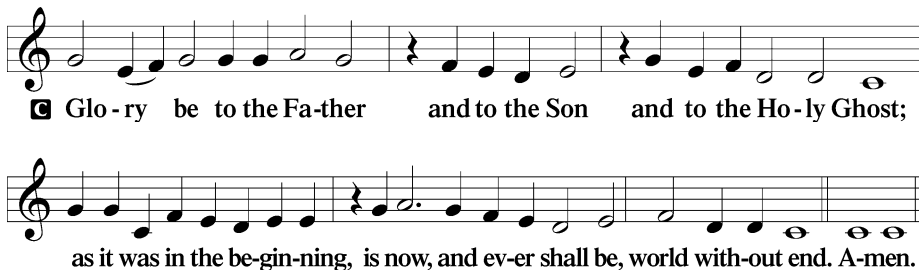
We have seen your anger. We're fearful of your rage.  
As we know your wisdom, we also know our fear And the power of your love.

In your steadfast love, have pity on your children.  
Our sins we lay before you, secrets only you knew. We long for your love.

Return, O child of man; your time of watch is over,  
The ending of your days. It's time to fly away  
To the hands of your God.

Make us glad O Lord, our evil ways behind us.  
Let all your work be shown; let your power be known  
By the kings of this land.

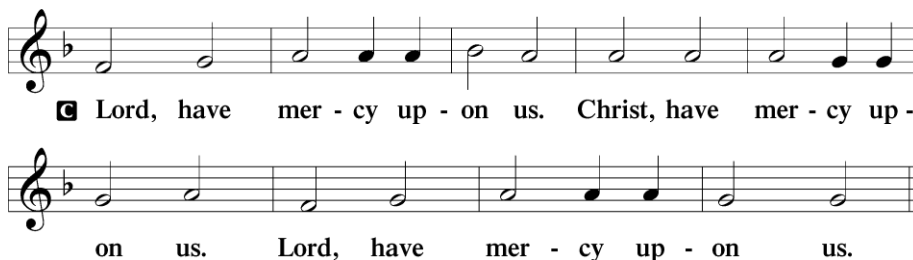
Teach us to live, to turn our hearts to wisdom.  
We'll rejoice and be glad, no longer will be sad.  
Let your love rest on us.



☐ Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie

LSB 186



☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



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



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



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



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



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



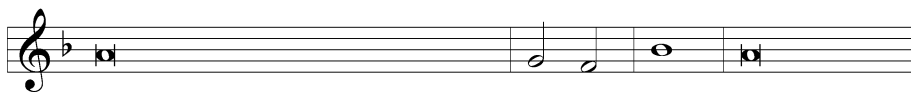
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



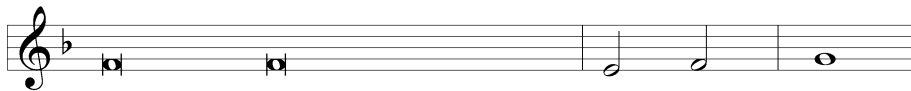
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



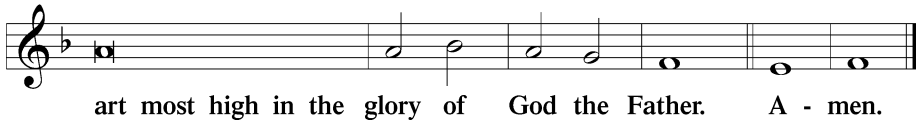
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



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



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Lord God, help us to live every day for Jesus as we wait for him to come again in glory. In Jesus' own name we pray. Amen.**

Sit

### Reading from Revelation

Revelation 22:6–21

*(Jesus is coming soon, so worship God alone and receive his forgiveness.)*

And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

"And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

2 Peter 3:11–18

*(Live for Jesus as you wait for him to come again in glory.)*

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace. And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures. You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## Alleluia

LSB 190



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

## Holy Gospel

Mark 12:1-11

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.
- C** **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

## Holy Gospel

Mark 12: 1-11

*(We will have to give an account to God, the "owner" of our "vineyard" -  
and how have we treated God's Son?)*

And he began to speak to them in parables. "A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and treated him shamefully. And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. Have you not read this Scripture:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes?"

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

Sit

**Song while Children Come to the Front:** Heaven is a Wonderful Place

Heaven is a wonderful place,  
Filled with glory and grace.  
I want to see my Savior's face!  
Oh, heaven is a wonderful place! (I want to go there!)

## Children's Message

## Hymn of the Day

Christ is Surely Coming

LSB 509



1 Christ is sure - ly com - ing Bring - ing His re - ward,  
2 See the ho - ly cit - y! There they en - ter in,  
3 Grace be with God's peo - ple! Praise His ho - ly name!



Al - pha and O - me - ga, First and Last and Lord:  
All by Christ made ho - ly, Washed from ev - 'ry sin:  
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Ev - er - more the same;



Root and Stem of Da - vid, Bril - liant Morn - ing Star;  
Thirst - y ones, de - sir - ing All He loves to give,  
Hear the cer - tain prom - ise From the e - ter - nal home:



Meet your Judge and Sav - ior, Na - tions near and far!  
Come for liv - ing wa - ter, Free - ly drink, and live!  
"Sure - ly I come quick - ly! Come, Lord Je - sus, come!"

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## Sermon

### Living in the End Times

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## Nicene Creed

**☐ 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.

### Offering

The Bible says: "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income." (1 Corinthians 16:2a, NIV). In response to God's great love, as part of our worship we set aside a portion of what he has given us, for the mission and ministry at this congregation and throughout the world.

**Choir Anthem during the Offering** All Good Things-Douglas Wagner

Stand

### Offering Prayer of Dedication

**A** Almighty God, thank you for saving us through Jesus Christ. Bless these offerings and use them to proclaim the name of Jesus in every part of the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Offertory

LSB 192

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it  
 from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-  
 tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it. A-men.

### Prayer of the Church

God's Word tells us that he loves us and hears our prayers, and so we put our problems and concerns before him:

- P** Lord God, thank you for your great love for us! You are with us through thick and thin here on this earth, and you will be by our side forever in glory. Hear us and help us with the challenges we face today. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**
- P** Lord, show your power in our lives. Help us to leave behind our old, selfish ways and to live the new life which you have opened for us. Help us to be more and more like you. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, Rouse your church to action and help us to proclaim your salvation to every human being. Raise up faithful pastors and missionaries and church leaders; strengthen those who are suffering for their faith; and guide all of us Christians to be good witnesses to your love and salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**
- P** Heavenly Father, we bring before you all our needs and problems and worries. For peace and justice in our country, in Israel, in the Ukraine, and around the world, we cry for help to you. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**
- P** Lord God, please help those who are suffering. We pray for those who are sick or lonely or grieving or facing great difficulties, particularly those in our congregation and our friends and family: *(See our prayer list at the end of the bulletin.)* Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**

- P** Heavenly Father, help, protect, and bless our families and especially the children at our church and preschool. Guide and give strength and love to our preschool teachers, our Sunday School teachers, and our youth leaders. Bless the boy scouts who meet here. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**
- P** Dear Jesus, guide and help everyone who serves in your church, especially our brothers and sisters in this congregation who are elders, on the council, Bible study leaders, music ministry leader, church secretary, helping with altar care, running the sound system and internet, cleaning the church and preschool, serving as ushers and acolytes, bringing food, fixing and maintaining everything, or serving in any other way. Encourage them and bless their work! Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer!**
- P** Merciful God, hear our prayers, not only what we have expressed with our lips, but also the requests we have made silently, in our hearts. We trust in you alone. Because of your great love, Lord,
- C** **Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion is one of the precious gifts that God gives to His people, as we receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus, who died on the cross to forgive all of our sins. To prepare for this sacrament, we follow the instruction found in 1 Corinthians 11:28: "*Let each man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks the cup.*" Therefore, we ask that you review and affirm the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner without hope of eternal life, except for God's mercy offered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ?
2. Do I repent of my sins and turn to Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior?
3. Do I believe that the bread and wine I receive is the true body and blood of Jesus, and not just a symbol of it?
4. Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a life that is pleasing to God?

We believe that your "yes" to these questions indicates a common faith with our Christian congregation and, therefore, we invite you to receive Holy Communion with us.

- The light-colored beverage in the center communion cups is non-alcoholic.
- Gluten free wafers are available. Just ask Pastor during distribution.

- Children and those not communing are welcomed to come forward for a blessing, but are not given communion until they have completed basic instruction classes on the Christian faith.

If you are unable to go to the altar, please let an usher know and the Pastor will bring the Lord's Supper to your pew. Please sit close to any of the three aisles in the church. Our Savior's wish is that all Christians receive His body and blood often. Ascension offers gluten free communion wafers for those who are protein/gluten intolerant or may have a wheat allergy. Simply notify the Pastor during communion if you desire a gluten-free wafer.

Please see the Pastor following service if you have any questions.

## Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

- P** Lord God, it is indeed right to give you thanks at every moment and in every place, because you have saved us! We do not deserve anything from you, yet you call us "saints" and give us a place in your heavenly mansion, together with our brothers and sisters who have died believing in you. For

this reason we join with the whole church on earth and with all the choirs of heaven, to proclaim your glory!

## Sanctus

LSB 195



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

- 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  $\text{✠}$  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

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

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

Sit

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

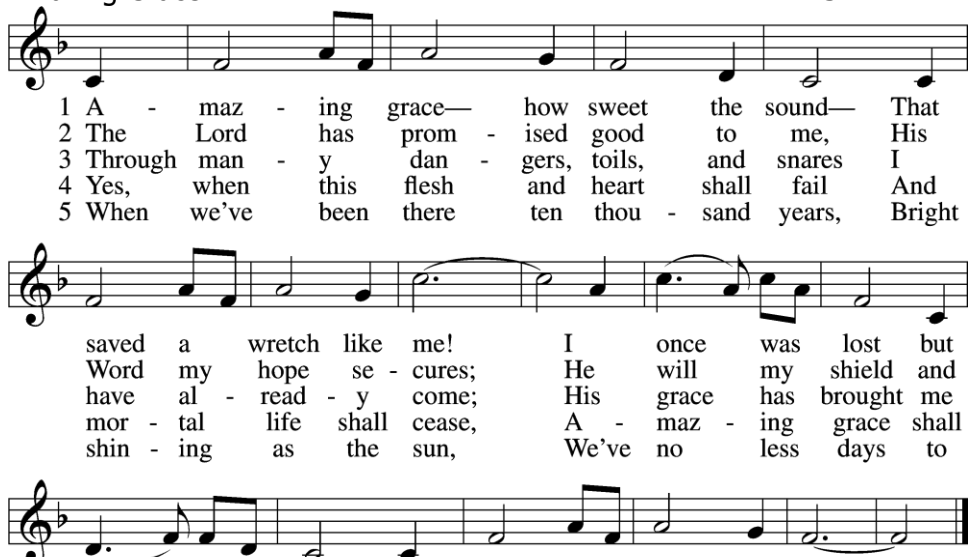
*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

- ☐ The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- ☑ **Amen.**

## Distribution Hymns

### Amazing Grace

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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### Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the  
 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is  
 earth our food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
 nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of  
 scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.  
 near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.  
 Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.  
 tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the  
 In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re -  
 As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in  
 Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -  
 deem - er, hear our plea Where the songs of  
 flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both  
 like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."  
 get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

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# Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

LSB 515



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;  
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near;  
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience Their cross and suf - f'ings bore,  
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Go forth as He ap - proach - es With al - le - lu - ias clear.  
Shall live and reign for - ev - er When sor - row is no more.  
A - rise, O Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing And soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; The gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry The Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; At mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; The Bride - groom is at hand.  
In tri - umph cast be - fore Him Their di - a - dems of gold.  
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That sets Your peo - ple free!

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## Soon and Very Soon (We Pray in Song 704)

1. Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Son and very soon, we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!
2. No more crying there; we are going to see the King.  
No more crying there; we are going to see the King.  
No more crying there; we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!
3. No more dying there; we are going to see the King.  
No more dying there; we are going to see the King.

No more dying there; we are going to see the King.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Stand

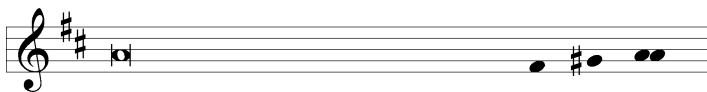
## Nunc Dimittis

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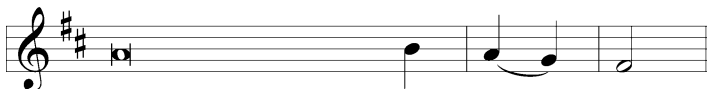
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving

LSB 200



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



**G** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## Closing Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Heavenly Father, I give you thanks and praise because you have strengthened my faith and because you have forgiven me through Jesus Christ your Son. Help me now to live a life worthy of you, founded on your Word and full of your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## Benedicamus

LSB 202



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And with thy spir - it.



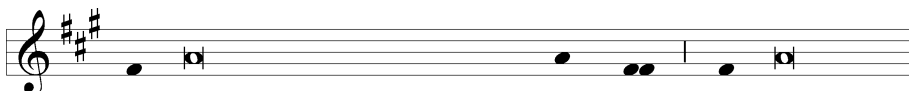
**A** Bless we the Lord.



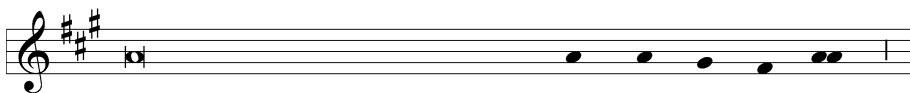
**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

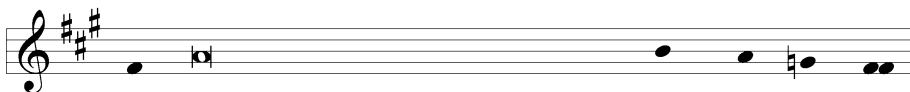
LSB 202



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



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



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



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Hymn: **One Day** (traditional melody)

1. One day when heaven was filled with his praises,  
One day when sin was as black as can be,  
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin,  
Dwelt among men – my example is he!

Refrain: Living, he loved me. Dying, he saved me.  
Buried, he carried my sins far away!  
Rising, he justified freely forever.  
One day he's coming! Oh, glorious day!

2. One day they led him up Calvary's mountain.  
One day they nailed him to die on the tree.  
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,  
Bearing our sins – my Redeemer is he! (Refrain)
3. One day the grave could conceal him no longer.  
One day the stone rolled away from the door.  
Then he arose – over death he had conquered.  
Now he's ascended, my Lord evermore! (Refrain)
4. One day the trumpet will sound for his coming.  
One day the skies with his glories will shine.  
Wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing;  
Glorious Savior – this Jesus is mine! (Refrain)

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### **Worship Leaders**

Pastor: Rev. Richard Schlak

Organist: Ruth Ann Ostergren

Elder: Ron Seiders

Acolyte: Rudy Valdes

Reader: Jan Schlak

Ushers: Team 1

## Ascension News & Notes

**It's time for us to say farewell!**

**We would like to thank you for being so welcoming, supportive, and very generous to us during our time here at Ascension. Mike is being relocated to Colorado. My last day at Ascension will be on Friday November 29, 2024. We enjoyed our time at Ascension and getting to know all the wonderful people in the congregation. Ascension will always have a special place in our hearts.**

**May God ride with you always!**

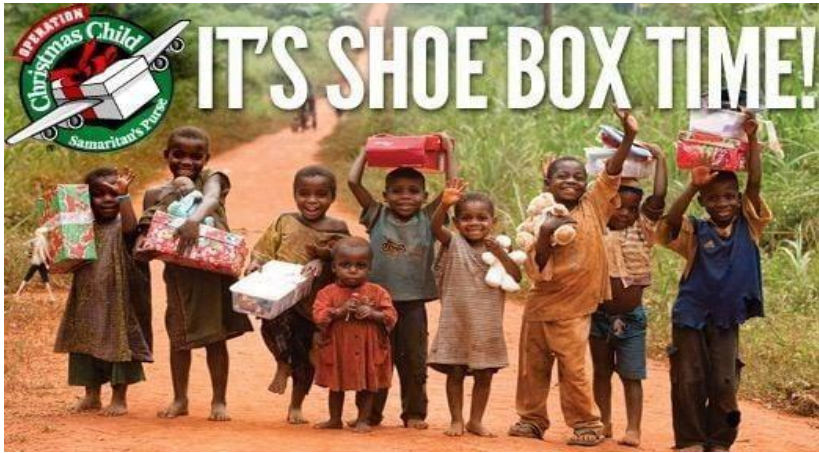
**Mike and Regina Siegel**

## Ronald McDonald House



Please save the **aluminum pull tabs** from canned drinks and bring them to the kitchen area or the church office.

They are used by the Ronald McDonald House to provide a home away from home for hundreds of families with seriously ill children.



**October 13- November 17, 2024**  
**We are accepting shoeboxes until November 17.**

Ladies-Night-  
Out:-  
November.

All-Ladies-of-  
Ascension-  
are-welcome.-  
Once-a-  
month-on-the-  
3<sup>rd</sup>.

Wednesday-  
@6:00-PM-we-  
meet-at-a-  
restaurant-  
and-enjoy-  
food-and-  
fellowship.-  
(Dutch-treat)



Ladies'  
Night out

November-20<sup>th</sup>.  
we-will-be-  
meeting-at:-  
Olive-Garden-  
Italian-  
Restaurant

740-Sunland-  
Park-Dr

For-  
information-  
call-Robin-  
Wiegert-(915)-  
581-5566-or-  
Church-Office.-  
I-hope-you-can-  
join-us!





## THANKSGIVING-FOOD-DRIVE

A food offering is being collected for **Ysleta Lutheran Mission** for Thanksgiving Week. Below is a list of the **items** they have requested:

CORN (Canned)	BEANS (Dry Bags)
Green Beans (Canned)	RICE (Box or Bags)
Mixed Vegetables (Canned)	COOKING OIL
SUGAR (Box or Bags)	CEREAL
FLOUR	PASTA
TOP RAMEN NOODLE SOUP	MACARONI & CHEESE (Box)

Please join us as we celebrate God's provision and thankfulness for His blessings.

**The Food Drive food items can be brought to church**

through Sunday, November 24.

*"For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God."--*

**2-Corinthians 4:15**

**Thrivent Financial Action Team received funding from Thrivent Financial to purchase additional food in the amount of \$250 to supplement what the church members are donating.**

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*Pastoral*   
Installation

Zion has a new pastor.  
Pastor Triplett has accepted  
the call. The Installation  
Service for Pastor Triplett  
will be at Zion on November  
24, 2024 at 3:00pm.



Thanksgiving  
Eve service

Wednesday, November 27

@ 7:00 pm



**IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME!**

**WE NEED ALL HANDS-ON DECK TO HELP IN DECORATING THE  
CHURCH ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2024 @9:00 AM**



**THE ADVENT MIDWEEK SOUP SUPPER IS SET TO BEGIN  
ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4 FROM 6:00 PM-7:00 PM  
AND THEN WORSHIP AT 7:00 PM. DON'T FORGET TO  
SIGN UP! THE SOUP SUPPER DATES ARE 12/4, 12/11,  
AND 12/18.**

# Christmas at Ascension

**Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve**

**Candlelight @ 5:00 PM**

**Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am**

**No bible class Christmas Morning**



**Tuesday, December 31**

**@ 5:00 PM**

**New Year's Eve**

**We will resume our regular  
schedule on Sunday, January 5,  
2025.**







**COME JOIN US AFTER THE NEW YEAR'S EVE WORSHIP SERVICE  
ON TUESDAY 12-31-24 FOR FELLOWSHIP AND DINNER AS WE  
USHER IN THE NEW YEAR! ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**WE HAVE RESERVED SPACE AT THE GREAT AMERICAN  
STEAKBURGER. ADDRESS: 701 S. MESA HILLS DR., EL PASO, TX  
79912 FOR 6:30 PM. PLEASE CALL ROBIN WIEGERT (915)581 -  
5566 OR BILLIE MEITLER (915)328-0778 IF YOU PLAN TO  
ATTEND SO THAT WE CAN GIVE THE RESTAURANT A HEAD COUNT.**



Now collecting \$\$ for  
Poinsettias to decorate the  
Sanctuary for Christmas!

\$10 per plant

See Robin Weigert

or Anita Werner

after worship to donate

(\$\$ Due by Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>h</sup>)



**DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024**  
**TIME: FOLLOWING THE SERVICE**  
**LOCATION: THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

## JOB OPENING

Ascension has an open paid position for an administrative assistant to our pastor and other church staff members.



The position is part time, working four to five hours per day on Tuesdays through Fridays, though some flexibility of schedule may be required.

Anyone interested in this position can contact the church office at [alc6520@swbell.net](mailto:alc6520@swbell.net).



Merry  
Christmas

Ascension Lutheran  
Preschool

Christmas Program

**DECEMBER 12**

**6PM**

\*Guests are limited to 4 per student



**This Week @ Ascension**

**Sunday (November 17)**

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study  
10:00 AM Fellowship  
10:30 AM Worship w/Holy Communion  
11:45 AM Confirmation



**Monday (November 18)**

**Church Office Closed**

**Tuesday (November 19)**

**6:00 PM – 8:30 PM Boy Scouts Meeting (FH)**

**7:00 PM Church Council Meeting (Choir Room)**

**Wednesday (November 20)**

9:00 AM Preschool Chapel  
11:00 AM Sit & Sew (FH)  
6:00 PM Ladies Night Out

**Thursday (November 21)**

9:45 AM Women's Bible Study (FH)  
6:00 PM Choir (S)

**Friday (November 22)**

12:30-2:30 PMPreschool (FH)



## **Prayer Ministry**      **Philippians 4:6-7**

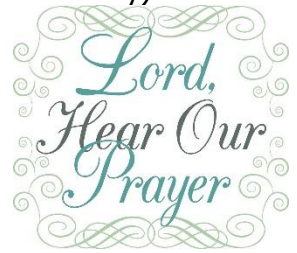
Please call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request for the bulletin.

If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at [oveja6925@aol.com](mailto:oveja6925@aol.com).

The passing of **Eunice Goldsmith**, (pray for peace and comfort for the Holguin Family).  
The passing of **John Bearman**, (pray for peace and comfort for the Walker Family).

### **Illness and Recovery:**

**Barb Spott** (for successful upcoming cataract surgery and recovery); **BJ Schwab** (recovery from hip surgery); **Melissa Reddick** (friend of Barbara Lewis diagnosed with inoperable cancer pray for peace and comfort); **Richard Neal** (husband of Martha Neal recovery from stroke and for peace and strength for Richard and Martha); **Abigail Kailukatis**(friend of Jan Schlak's daughter Elizabeth for effective treatment); **Lupita Burke**(Ascension Preschool Teacher recovery from fracture); **Merle DeMartelaere**(father of David DeMartelaere correct diagnosis and treatment for for Edema and AFib); **Marcy LaFramboise** (friend of Connie Swinney recovery from Multiple Myeloma); **David Kwiatkowski** (friend of Connie Swinney recovery and treatment for brain cancer); **Gilbert Provencio** (for healing and correct diagnosis); **Mary Lou Provencio** (pray for peace and guidance); **Ruby Lugo** ( sister of Jessica Acosta and co-worker of Sally Benitez and Kristal Wade for recovery from heart issues); **Troy Wade** (brother of Kristal Wade who lost his home in the Ruidoso Fire); **Maria Sotero** (mother of Leticia Behl diagnosed with uterine cancer and blood clots); **Jim Werner** (brother of Elliott Werner successful treatment of and healing from cancer); **Tom Wade** (father of Kristal Wade for recovery from surgery and a broken neck); **Brian Stickney** (recovery from cracked ribs); **Rebekah Livesay** (For healing and correct diagnosis); **Barb Spott** (For recovery); **Susanne Warren** (former member of Ascension recovery from surgery for a broken femur); **Joe Karl** (recovery from ACL surgery); **Dick Seiders** (father of Ron Seiders healing from cancer and recovery from hip surgery); **Jesus Rivera** (friend of Elliott Werner diagnosed with non-Hodgkins Lymphoma stage 4); **Mary Spott** (Barb Spott's niece Keighley Spott's mother heart related issues); **Jacob Meraz** (pray for Jacob and family); **Ann Perdue** ( relief from Osteoarthritis); **Amanda Bowser** (friend of the Walker Family recovery from cancer); **Donna Welch** (sister of Candice Gebler heart issues); **Sherri Pfeifer Wilson** (niece of Vicki Pfeifer cancer); **Patty Jones**, (sister of Martha Neal-stage 4 breast cancer); **Robert and Karin Gaudet**, (restoring relationships); **Sean Sweeney**, (brain tumor); **Laurie Sterling**, (colon cancer); **Bruce Walker**, (being treated for Parkinson's); **Coby Clark and family**, continued cancer recovery); **Elizabeth**



**Hinson**, (recovery from brain aneurysm); **Ryan Walker**, (cancer is in remission),  
**Mariella Kraus**, (cancer), **Kathy Kiphart**, **John Weiske**, **Bob Gallagher**, **Linda Seiders**.

If you have an update to the status of those on our prayer list, please contact Jan Schlak or the church office.



