

# Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

## Prayer in Jesus' Name

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### **As We Gather**

Jesus is the fullness of God (Colossians 2:9). He is the fulfillment of all of the Old Testament worship (Colossians 2:16-17). And yet he became a human being like us, in order to suffer and die for our wrongdoing and to rise from the dead for our forgiveness (Colossians 2:13-14).

Because of Jesus – and in the name of Jesus – God not only saves us but also hears our prayers. Jesus himself encourages us to be bold and persistent in prayer, to ask, and to trust that God will answer us in the way that is best for us (Luke 11:9-13). Abraham stuck his neck out to ask God on behalf of people he did not even know (Genesis 18:17-33). God heard Abraham – and he hears us.

### **Prelude**

### **Words of Welcome**

Stand

### **Sharing God's Peace with One Another**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying "Peace be with you" as a sign of our unity and reconciliation in the Holy Spirit. As we are forgiven by God, so we forgive each other. (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3)

## Hymn: Come, My Soul, With Every Care

Lutheran Service Book 779



1 Come, my soul, with ev - 'ry care, Je - sus loves to an - swer prayer;  
2 Thou art com - ing to a King, Large pe - ti - tions with thee bring;  
3 With my bur - den I be - gin: Lord, re - move this load of sin;  
4 Lord, Thy rest to me im - part, Take pos - ses - sion of my heart;



He Him - self has bid thee pray, There - fore will not turn a - way.  
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ev - er ask too much.  
Let Thy blood, for sin - ners spilt, Set my con - science free from guilt.  
There Thy blood-bought right main - tain And with - out a ri - val reign.

5. While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
As my guide, my guard, my friend, Lead me to my journey's end.
6. Show me what is mine to do; Ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people's death.

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### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** If we say that 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.** (1 John 1:8-9)

### Prayer of Confession

- P** We begin our worship by confessing our sins and failures before the Lord.
- A** **Heavenly Father, open my eyes so that I may see where I have done wrong. Before you I acknowledge and confess that I have sinned, that I have on many occasions failed to obey your command to love. Give me your sweet forgiveness for the sake of Jesus my Savior. Give me a fresh start again today and help me to love others more, just as you love me. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, out of his great love, died and rose again for us, and for his sake God forgives us completely. Today I have the privilege to

announce to all of you who trust in Jesus, what God declares in his Word:  
we are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Psalm 138

**P** I give you thanks, oh Lord, with my whole heart;

**C** Before the so-called “gods” I sing your praise.

**P** I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

**C** For you have exalted above all things your name and your Word.

**P** On the day I called, you answered me;

**C** The strength of my soul you increased.

**P** All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, oh Lord,

**C** For they have heard the words of your mouth,

**P** And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord,

**C** For great is the glory of the Lord.

**P** For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly,

**C** But the haughty he knows from afar.

**P** Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.

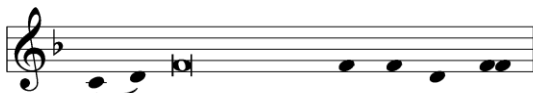
**C** You stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

**P** The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me.

**C** Your steadfast love, oh Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**A** 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.

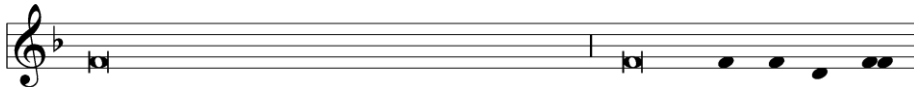
### Kyrie (sung responsive prayer)



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



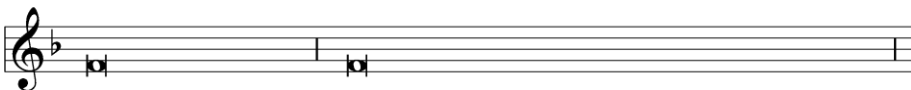
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



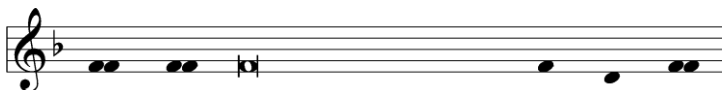
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



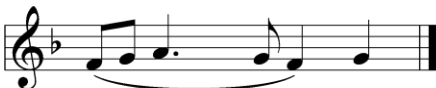
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



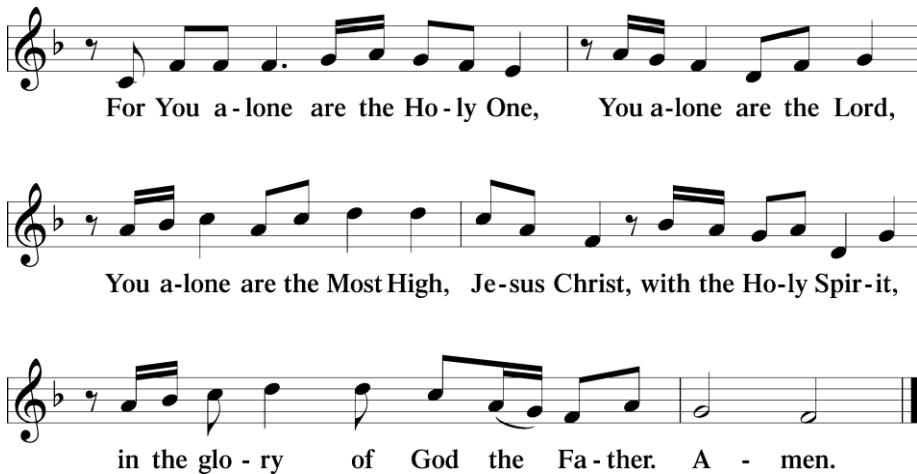
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



### Prayer for this Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Heavenly Father, thank you for always being ready to hear us whenever we pray in Jesus' name. Forgive us for being lazy about praying and for our hard hearts that are slow to trust that you will answer. Teach us to be bold and to trust that you will help us in the best way when the time is right. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Sit

### Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:17-33

*(Abraham prayed boldly and God answered.)*

<sup>17</sup>The Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, <sup>18</sup>seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? <sup>19</sup>For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." <sup>20</sup>Then the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep

away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." <sup>33</sup>And the Lord went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## New Testament Reading

Colossians 2:6-19

*(Jesus is the fullness of God, the fulfillment of everything in the Old Testament, the reason we are forgiven and can pray with boldness.)*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of

your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

### Alleluia and Verse

**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.

### Reading from the Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

*(Jesus teaches us to pray, in his name, for every need.)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. <sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread, <sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived



on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; <sup>7</sup>and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. <sup>11</sup>What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; <sup>12</sup>or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

**Children's Song:** My God is So Great

(Little Ones Sing Praise # 64)

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing my God cannot do.

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing my God cannot do.

The mountains are his, the rivers are his.

The stars are his handiwork too.

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty,  
There's nothing my God cannot do.

**Children's Message**

## Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Lutheran Service Book 770



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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## Sermon

**Special Music:** In Christ Alone (Getty and Townend, arrangement Mark Hayes)  
(Duet by Ron Seiders and Donna Tuchenhagen)

1. *In Christ alone my hope is found.  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*
2. *In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe!*

*This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid,  
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

3. *There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

4. *No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til He returns of calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I stand.  
Here in the power of Christ I stand.*

### **Reception of New Members by Transfer** (David and Janice Peña)

Those who will be received as members gather with the Pastor before the altar.

**P** Brothers and sisters of Ascension Lutheran Church, David and Janice Peña are coming to us from Bethany Lutheran Church in Florida. Let me read to you the letter from Pastor Mike Hanel. *(The transfer letter is read.)*

David and Janice, you come to us from a sister congregation and we know and trust that you share our faith and commitment to our Savior Jesus. As is customary, we want to take this opportunity to affirm our common faith and to give a good testimony. Jesus Christ said: "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven." (Matthew 10:32) And so I ask you: as at your Baptism, do you continue to reject the devil and all his works and all his ways? (If so, please answer, "Yes, I reject them.")

**R** **Yes, I reject them.**

- P** Do you believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? I invite the whole congregation to rise and to respond together with David and Janice, using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**Apostles' Creed** (Public declaration of our faith)

- A** **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the ✠ life everlasting. Amen.**

- P** David and Janice, do you promise to stand strong in that faith and to share it with others? (If so, please answer, "Yes, with the help of God.")

- R** **Yes, with the help of God.**

- P** Do you accept the Bible as the Word of God, and do you promise to read it and hear it and to put this Word into practice? (If so, please answer, "Yes, with the help of God.")

- R** **Yes, with the help of God.**

- P** Do you accept as true the teachings of the Lutheran Church, which come from the Bible, and which you have learned? (If so, please answer, "Yes, I accept them.")

- R** **Yes, I accept them.**

- P** As members of the church, do you promise to show love to your brothers and sisters, to study God's Word with them and to share the Lord's Supper with them? (If so, please answer, "Yes, with the help of God.")

- R** **Yes, with the help of God.**

- P** Are you willing to support the mission of the church with your prayers and with the gifts God has given you? (If so, please answer, "Yes, with the help of God.")

- R** **Yes, with the help of God.**

**Prayer** (All stand)

- P** We pray together:

- A** **Lord God, thank you for David and Janice, for their faith and for their walking together with us in following you. Bless them and strengthen them. And help us all to remain faithful to you and to encourage and help each other until you call us home to heaven. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Reception as Members**

- P** In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you have confessed and whom you have promised to serve, we receive you as full, voting and communicant members of this congregation.
- A** **We, the members of this congregation, receive you as our brother and sister and fellow members in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bless us and help us all to grow together as the body of Christ! Amen.**

Sit

### **Offering**

The Bible says, "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness." (Psalm 96:8-9a, NIV) Our offerings are part of our worship, part of our response to God's love. We give because Jesus gave everything for us. We give to help share Jesus' love with others.

#### **Offering Options**

You can contribute offerings using any of the following methods:

**In-Person donations:** You can place your donation in the offering plate as it is passed during the service.

**On-line Banking donations:** You can utilize the on-line bill pay option at your financial institution to donate to Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912.

**Mail donations:** Mail your check to the church office: Ascension Lutheran Church, 6520 Loma de Cristo, El Paso, TX 79912. The mail is checked daily.

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*The ministries of Ascension are supported by the love, generosity and sacrificial giving of our members and friends. As a guest, please do not feel obligated in any way to make a contribution. We believe that any gift to the Lord should be uncoerced and from the heart — as a loving response to God's grace.*



## Special Music during the Offering

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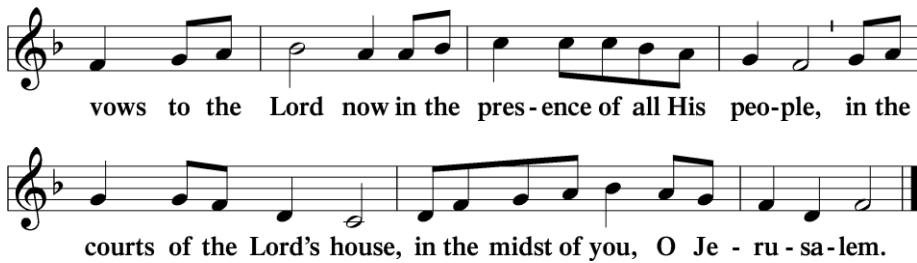
### Offering Prayer

**A** Heavenly Father, fill us anew with your Holy Spirit, and help us to live for you. Bless these offerings and use them to bring others to faith and to help those in need. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Offertory

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff.

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



### Prayer of the Church (Refrain from Lutheran Service Book 780)



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- P** Lord, thank you for saving us, for forgiving us, for giving us eternal life and for being with us when we struggle. Help us to love others as you have loved us. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, fill us with your Holy Spirit so that our faith may be strong and so that we can walk in your ways without faltering. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Help us to take advantage of the opportunities you give us to share Jesus' love with others. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- P** Thank you for the many material blessings you have given us. Guide us so that we use them for your glory, for the good of our families and for your mission here on this earth. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord, protect your church throughout the world, that we may be bold in our witness and ready to serve others. Strengthen and defend those who are suffering persecution for their faith. Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.**
- P** Help those who are sick or hurt or recovering from illness. Have mercy on them and heal them according to your will. Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.**
- P** Comfort those who are grieving. Help those who are struggling. Grant us your peace in the midst of trouble and save us from the problems that seem impossible. Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord, send your Spirit to the hearts and minds of those who are far from you. By your Word of truth, help them to understand and to repent and to come to faith in you. Lord, in your mercy,
- C Hear our prayer.**
- P** We thank you, Lord, because we know you hear all of our concerns, even those which are in our hearts which we have not spoken aloud. In Jesus' name.
- C Amen.**



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## Lord's Prayer (Sung by Bryan Perdue)

*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. Amen.*

## Closing Prayer

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Lord God, thank you for hearing us when we pray. We don't deserve anything from you, but we know that in Jesus' name you always answer us in love with what we really need. Help us to trust in you more and more, and to come to you with all our troubles. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## Benediction

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. (1 Corinthians 13:14)

**C** **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: In the Garden

Make a Joyful Sound 10

1. I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses,  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.

Refrain: And he walks with me and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own.  
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

2. He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing.  
And the melody that he gave to me, within my heart is ringing. (Refrain)
3. I'd stay in the garden with him, though the night around me be falling.  
But he bids me go. Through the voice of woe, his voice to me is calling. (Refrain)

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Reader:	Bryan Perdue
Ushers:	Team 2
Altar Care	BJ Schwab
Projectionist:	Jacob Canada
Sound/Camera:	Mike Mielke

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

Please call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request or update for the bulletin. If you have a prayer request or update for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at [oveja6925@aol.com](mailto:oveja6925@aol.com).

### **Grieving the Loss of Loved Ones:**

We pray for peace, comfort, and hope for all those who are grieving from the loss of loved ones, especially these whose loss is most recent:

For the **Meraz family** as they grieve the loss of **Samuel Meraz**, Jacob Meraz's father.

For the family & friends of **Richard Neal**, especially his wife **Martha** & son, **Rich**, both suffering from emotional and physical distress. Please pray that God will comfort them during this time of grief, & that they will be strengthened through their faith in Jesus.

### **Special Prayer Requests:**

Please pray for the people affected by the **flooding in Ruidoso & in central Texas**. Pray for peace & hope in Christ for **those who are coping with the loss** of loved ones & property. Continue to pray for strength for all the **volunteers** helping to search for missing persons.

### **Illness and Recovery:**

**Ann Perdue**, Bryan Perdue's wife, who was hospitalized at this past week for low oxygen levels due to pneumonia, causing shortness of breath (pray for improvement & healing); **Martha Neal**, had successful surgery on her leg to improve blood circulation, although the doctors couldn't remove all the blockage (pray for pain relief & that she will respond to and benefit from the surgery to improve the quality of life, healing quickly without complications because the other leg will require surgery also); for **Elizabeth Hinson**, Mary Lou Provencio's daughter, who has made some improvement after being hospitalized because of a seizure, but is still not tolerating the seizure medication that will be a lifelong necessity (thankful for the church's prayers this past week, & asks for continued prayers to improve, & for an appointment with a neurologist); pray for strength for **Rachel**, Elizabeth's daughter, who is struggling with personal challenges in addition to the stress of her mother's health; pray for peace & strength for **Mary Lou Provencio**, understandably upset for both her daughter & granddaughter; **Gilbert Provencio**, Mary Lou's husband, who has not improved since the shunt placement, (pray for the neurologist treating him to be able to increase the cerebrospinal fluid to improve his walking gait & balance); **Gretchen Schmalz**, receiving weekly injections for her bladder cancer (pray for a successful treatment regime over the next weeks); **Mary Iwen Hansen**, former Ascension member, (pray for effective treatment for her heart issues); **Dorothy Lenz**, recently had a thyroid scan (pray for a correct diagnosis & effective treatment); **Dave**

**Behl**, Steve Behl's brother, physical health declined after heart surgery but has improved some within past weeks, (please continue to pray for his recovery with no further complications); **Diana Holguin**, out of rehabilitation & now at home, (pray for continued healing); **Jennifer Solich**, past Ascension administrative assistant, diagnosed with a brain tumor, (please pray for successful treatment & strength to tolerate the medication); **Kirstin Hervin**, daughter of Mike & Christy Mielke, experiencing a recurrence of lupus affecting her kidneys & is receiving injections, (please pray that the treatment is effective with no side effects); **Sophia**, the former caregiver to Concepcion Arellanes, mother of Lorena Rodriguez, our church custodian (Sophia has terminal cancer, prayers for peace & comfort); **Melissa Reddick**, friend of Barbara Lewis (thanksgiving that brain cancer is gone & continue to pray for complete recovery); **Maritza Leon**, Maritza Schlak's mother (for successful rehabilitation after knee surgery); **Mark Pfeifer**, nephew of Vicki Pfeifer, (thanks for improvement, prayer for continued healing); **Andy Barber** (for pain relief radiating from neck to hands); **Gloria Voge** (for successful leg therapy & healing from spine fracture); **Aubrey McDermett**, a 15-year-old with MS, in hospital due to stroke (for healing); **Barb Spott** (for no further medical issues & for relief from vertigo); **Abigail Kailukatis**, friend of Jan Schlak's daughter Elizabeth (for effective treatment); **David Kwiatakowski**, friend of Connie Swinney (for recovery & treatment for brain cancer); **Brian Stickney** (health issues); **Rebekah Livesay** (for healing & correct diagnosis); **Dick Seiders**, Ron Seiders' father (continued cancer recovery); **Mary Spott**, Barb Spott's niece, Keighley Spott's mother, (heart related issues); **Patty Jones**, Martha Neal's sister (stage 4 breast cancer); **Robert & 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); **Ryan Walker**, (cancer is in remission); **Mariella Kraus**, (cancer); **Bob Gallagher**, **Kathy Kiphart**, **John Weiske**, **Linda Seiders** (pray for continuing health issues).

### **Praise and Thanksgiving:**

Grateful for the safe return of the adults & youths back from this past week's **LCMS Endure National Youth Gathering participants** in New Orleans. Ascension's members, **Phyllis Meraz** & her father **Jacob Meraz**; & **San Pablo's youth (Mia Barrientos, Samantha Enriquez, Jezelle Foster, Danny Madriz, Jr.) & their mentors** who attended the gathering in New Orleans. Also, thankful for the other people from El Paso who helped with the event (**Luz Soto, & members of the Mariachi San Pablo**).

**Kalysta Greene**, granddaughter of Tito & Diana Holguin, (grateful for her return home & that she is doing well); **Dick Seiders**, father of Ron Seiders (thanksgiving for continued improvement in recovery after hip surgery); **Sherri Pfeifer Wilson**, niece of Vicki Pfeifer (completed chemotherapy radiation treatment for cancer & is doing well, thanks be to God).

## **Ascension News and Notes**

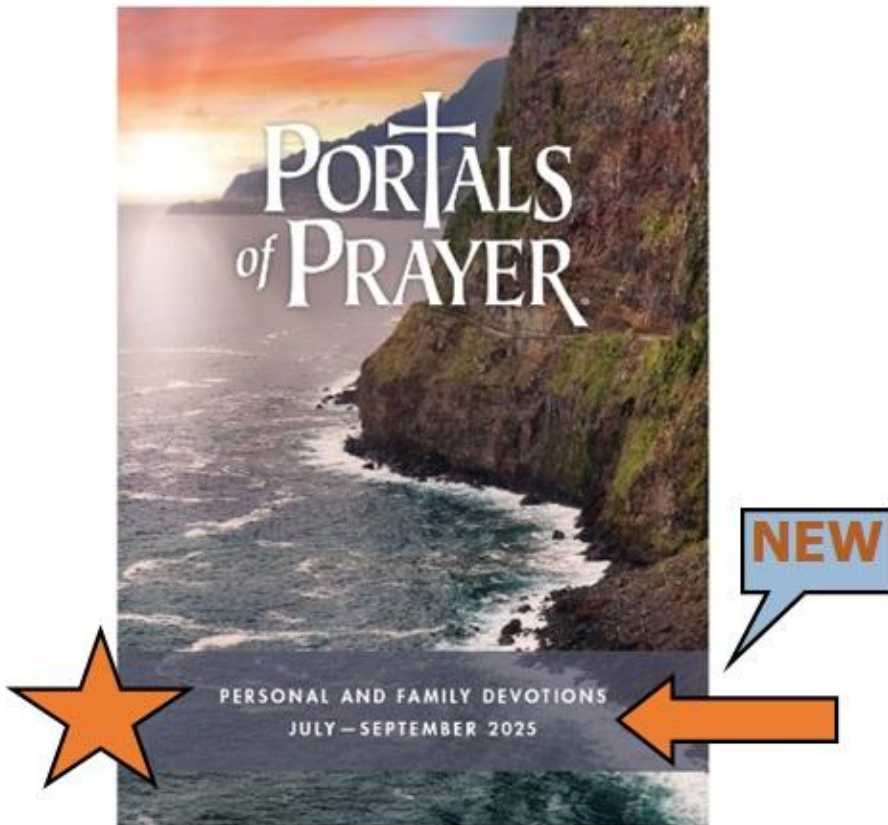


**28 July — Daren Walker**

**30 July — Judie Pinal**

**31 July — Norma Rust**

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## Be sure to pick up your calendar in the narthex.

Ascension LUTHERAN CHURCH July 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 29 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship	June 30 Church Office Closed	1 No Boy Scouts	2 11:00 am Sit and Sew (F-H)	3	4 Fourth of July Holiday CLOSED	5
6 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship w/Communion	7 Church Office Closed	8 9:00pm Board of Elders Dinner Outing No boy/scouts	9 11:00 am Sit and Sew (F-H)	10	11	12
13 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship After church: Congregational/Voters Meeting (Preschool budget)	14 Church Office Closed	15 No Boy Scouts 3:30 Worship Action Team Meeting (1-11)	16 11:00 am Sit and Sew (F-H) 6:00 pm Ladies' Night Out at Red Lobster (Bubu's and Hank L.)	17 3:00pm- August newsletter due in office.	18	19 LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans "Endure" (1/17b-1/3")
20 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship w/Communion	21 Church Office Closed	22 11:00 am Preschool Board Meeting No boy/scouts	23 11:00 am Sit and Sew (F-H)	24	25	26
27 9:00 am Bible Study 10:00 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship	28 Church Office Closed 3:00 am Ascension Preschool Staff returns	29 No Boy Scouts	30 11:00 am Sit and Sew (F-H)	31	August 1	August 2



Teo Holguin 7:02  
Anita Werner 7:14  
Valerie Fredericksen 7:20  
Jake Walker 7:21  
Daren Walker 7:28  
Judie Pinal 7:30  
Norma Rust 7:31

I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Psalm 139:14a



Joe & Cheryl Canada-Karl 7:10  
Joshua & Valerie Fredericksen 7:13

And now these three remain:  
faith, hope and love. But the  
greatest of these is love.  
1 Corinthians 13:13

(F-H)- Fellowship Hall  
(L)- Library  
(B)- Sanctuary



## **Altar Flowers**

**If you would like to recognize, remember, or celebrate a person or special occasion, then please consider providing flowers for the altar.**

**Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board  
in the fellowship hall.**



**BOTH SETS OF FLOWERS ARE \$60.00.**

**NOTE: CONSIDER SHARING THE COST WITH  
SOMEONE ELSE. THEN YOU EACH PAY \$30.00**

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR CHECK IN THE OFFERING  
PLATE OR DROP IT OFF IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**



## Sunday Morning Snacks Sign Up



Sign-up  
sheet on  
the kitchen  
wall next to  
counter



**Monetary  
donations are  
also  
appreciated!**

**For I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me drink...**

**Matthew 25: 35**

**God's blessings as we serve each other!**

## Attention!! All Ladies of Ascension

### Ladies Night Out: August 20th, 2025

All ladies of Ascension are welcome.

Once a month on the 3rd Wednesday @ **6:00 PM** we meet at a restaurant and enjoy food and fellowship.  
(Dutch treat)



**August 20th** we will be meeting  
at:

### **The Greenery Restaurant**



## *Ladies Night Out*

For information call Robin Wiegert at (915) 581-5566  
I hope you can join us.

## **This Week @ Ascension**



### **Sunday (July 27)**

9:00 AM Bible Study  
10:00 AM Fellowship  
10:30 AM Worship

### **Monday (July 28)**

Church Office Closed  
9:00 AM Ascension Preschool Staff Returns

### **Tuesday (July 29)**

No Boy Scouts

### **Wednesday (July 30)**

11:00 AM Sit and Sew (FH)

### **Thursday (July 31)**

### **Friday (August 1)**

### **Saturday (August 2)**