

God Knows

8th Sunday after Pentecost

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As We Gather

When I was a child, it seemed like my parents were always aware of what was going on with us kids. Especially my mom – she had, as they say, “eyes in the back of her head”. To us kids, it seemed like we couldn’t have any big secrets, at least not for long. My parents had life experience and we kids did not. They knew what we were up to.

God knows a lot more than my parents ever did. You might be able to somehow fool your parents, especially when you get a little older, but you will never fool God. Does this make you feel a bit uncomfortable? Every time we do something wrong or fail to do what is right, God knows. We can’t get away with anything. Since God knows everything, we need to leave our excuses behind and simply ask for forgiveness.

But at the same time, the fact that God knows everything should give us peace and comfort, because he loves us and wants to save us. We worry so much about the future, but God knows what the future will hold (Isaiah 44:6-8). We feel like we don’t know how to pray, but God knows what we need (Romans 8:26-27). The world is full of so much evil and injustice and pain and suffering that we want to despair. But God knows who his children are (Romans 8:18-25). God knows who trusts in him and who is a hypocrite (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43). And the day of judgment is coming.

So don’t let worry and fear have the last word. God knows us (Psalm 139). And he loves us. We may not understand fully why certain things happen. But God knows infinitely more than we do. He is with us now, in the struggle. And the Last Day is coming. Put your trust in God, because he knows.

Prelude: “Songs of Praise” – Wayne Wold

Words of Welcome

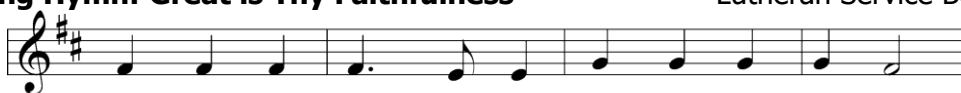
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Sharing God’s Peace with One Another

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)

Opening Hymn: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Lutheran Service Book 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Invocation

Lutheran Service Book 167

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen. (Matthew 28:19, 18:20)

- 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 can 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 ✠

Psalms 139:1-6, 23-24

- P** You have searched me, Lord,
- C** **And you know me.**
- P** You know when I sit and when I rise;
- C** **You perceive my thoughts from afar.**
- P** You discern my going out and my lying down;
- C** **You are familiar with all my ways.**
- P** Before a word is on my tongue,
- C** **You, Lord, know it completely.**
- P** You hem me in behind and before,
- C** **And you lay your hand upon me.**
- P** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
- C** **Too lofty for me to attain.**
- P** Search me, God, and know my heart;
- C** **Test me and know my anxious thoughts.**
- P** See if there is any offensive way in me,
- C** **And lead me in the way everlasting.**

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.

This is the Feast

Lutheran Service Book 171



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



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



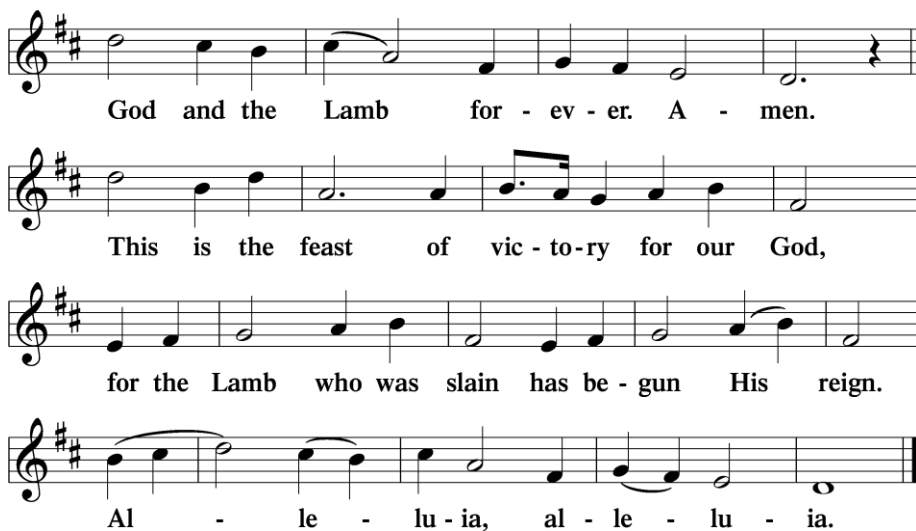
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



Prayer

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Lord God, you know everything. You know the future. You know what is in our hearts. You know what we need to pray for even when we can't put it into words. Help us to trust that you know what you are doing and that you love us. Give us strength and patience, especially when we don't know what might happen or why it is happening to us. In Jesus' own name we pray. Amen.**

Sit

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

(Do not be afraid, for our God is the only true God, and he knows the future.)

This is what the Lord says—Israel's King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty: "I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God. ⁷ Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my ancient people, and what is yet to come—yes, let them foretell what will come.

⁸"Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago? You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me? No, there is no other Rock; I know not one."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18-27

(We yearn for the Last Day when all creation will be made new; but meanwhile, God knows our needs even when we don't know what to pray.)

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Song: Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Hymnal "With One Voice" 713

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away.

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, lead my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

(The Parable of the Weeds: God knows who are his and who are hypocrites)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 13.

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

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

²⁸ "An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'

²⁹ "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

³⁷ He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Song: My God is So Great

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.

Story Time

Hymn of the Day: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come Lutheran Service Book 892



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; Raise the song of har-vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to His praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har-vest home,
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har-vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed (Public declaration of our faith)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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

Prayer of the Church

P The Bible states that God hears our prayers and that he wants us to place all of our concerns in his hands. God will always help us. If he doesn't take away the problem he will strengthen us to face it. For that reason, we pray with confidence.

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.**

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.

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Special Music during the Offering

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Offering Prayer of Dedication

A Almighty God, thank you for your Word, the message of salvation. Help us to put your Word into practice in our lives. Bless these offerings and use them to proclaim your Word in every part of the world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory

Lutheran Service Book 176



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-



✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Invitation and Preparation for Communion

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, one of the precious gifts that God gives to His people. In Communion, God wants to assure us that we have been forgiven through faith in Jesus who gave his body and blood for us on the cross.

To prepare for Communion, we follow what 1 Corinthians 11:28 says: "*Let each man examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks the cup.*" Therefore, if you wish to participate in Communion today, we ask that you review and affirm the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, that is, that I have failed to keep God's commands as I should, and that I need forgiveness?
2. Do I trust in Jesus as my personal Lord and Savior, who died and rose for me?
3. Do I believe as I eat the bread and drink the cup, that I also receive the true body and blood of Jesus that He gave for me on the cross – even though I can't fully explain it?
4. Do I intend, with the help of God, to follow Jesus more closely and obey him more faithfully?

If you answer "yes" to these questions, then you share a common faith with our Christian congregation and you are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us. Our

common faith is expressed in more detail in the Creed that we confess together during the worship service.

Special Instructions for Communion:

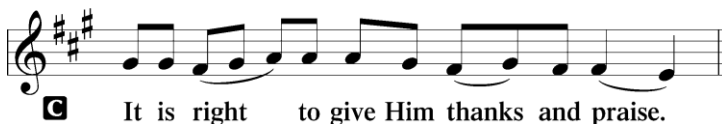
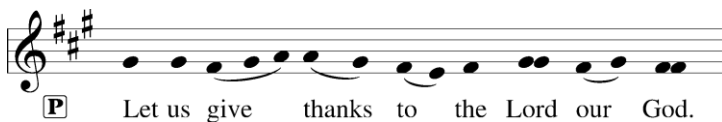
- Children and adults who are not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing. To indicate this, please cross your arms when the elders or pastor come by. Children do not commune until they have completed basic instruction classes about the Christian faith.
- If you are unable to go to the altar, please let an usher know and the Pastor will bring the Lord's Supper (Communion) to your pew. Please sit close to any of the three aisles in the church.
- During Communion, gluten-free communion wafers (bread) are available. Just ask the Pastor when he comes to give you the bread.
- During Communion, you may take one of the small communion cups from the tray, or you may wait and drink from the common cup.
- On the tray of small communion cups, those cups in the center of the tray have light-colored, non-alcoholic grape juice. The other cups have wine.

If you have any questions, please see the Pastor or one of the elders.

Service of the Sacrament: Preparation for Communion

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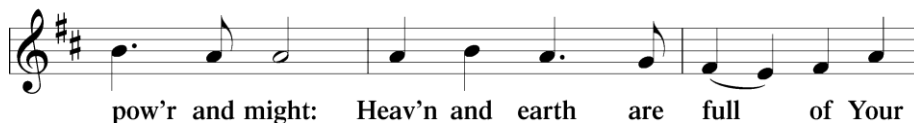




P Lord God, it is indeed right to give you thanks and praise at all times and in all places. Today we especially praise you because you are not fooled by liars or hypocrites, but you know our hearts. You know everyone who trusts in Jesus Christ as Savior. And because you know us and love us and have saved us, we know that we will be with you forever. For this reason we join with the whole church on earth and with all the choirs of heaven, to proclaim your glory!

Sanctus (Song of Praise)

Lutheran Service Book 178



Lord's Prayer

- A** 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.

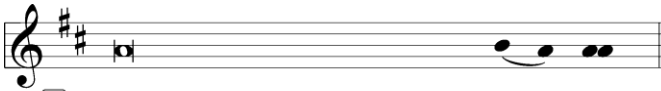
The Words of Our Lord

- 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 (John 20:19)

Lutheran Service Book 180



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



- C** A - men.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God, John 1:29)

Lutheran Service Book 180

C 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, grant us peace.

Sit

Hymns during Communion

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Lutheran Service Book 802

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life Thou giv - est— to both great and small—
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,
In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true Life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree
 All laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 And with - er and per - ish— but naught chang - es Thee.
 'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light that hides Thee.

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Come Thou, Almighty King

Lutheran Service Book 905



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 △ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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Just a Closer Walk with Thee Make a Joyful Sound (White Booklet) 15

1. I am weak but thou art strong. Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk, close to thee.

Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toils and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
3. When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more.
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom's shore, to thy shore. (Refrain)

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The Lord, My God be Praised

Lutheran Service Book 794



- 1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,
△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

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After Communion

Stand

Thank the Lord (Song at the close of communion)

Lutheran Service Book 181

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joyce 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.

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.**

Benediction (2 Corinthians 13:14)

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lutheran Service Book 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with
health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His
tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Richard Schlak
Organist:	Ruth Ann Ostergren
Elders:	David DeMartelaere/Steve Behl
Acolyte:	Anthony Barron
Reader:	Kristal Wade
Greeters:	Mike & Charlene Radach
Ushers:	Team 1
Altar Care:	Mielke
Projectionist:	Jacob Canada
Sound/Camera:	Ron Seiders/Mike Mielke

Ascension News and Notes

Altar flowers for today's service are provided by Ken & Laurie McLennan in celebration of Ken's birthday!



Both sets of flowers are \$70.

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



July 20 — Valerie Fredericksen

July 21 — David Barton

July 21 — Jake Walker

July 24 — Kathy Wilmeth

**CHURCH
COUNCIL
MEETING**

Tuesday
July 21st

At 7 PM in the
fellowship hall



**RESCUE MISSION
OF EL PASO**

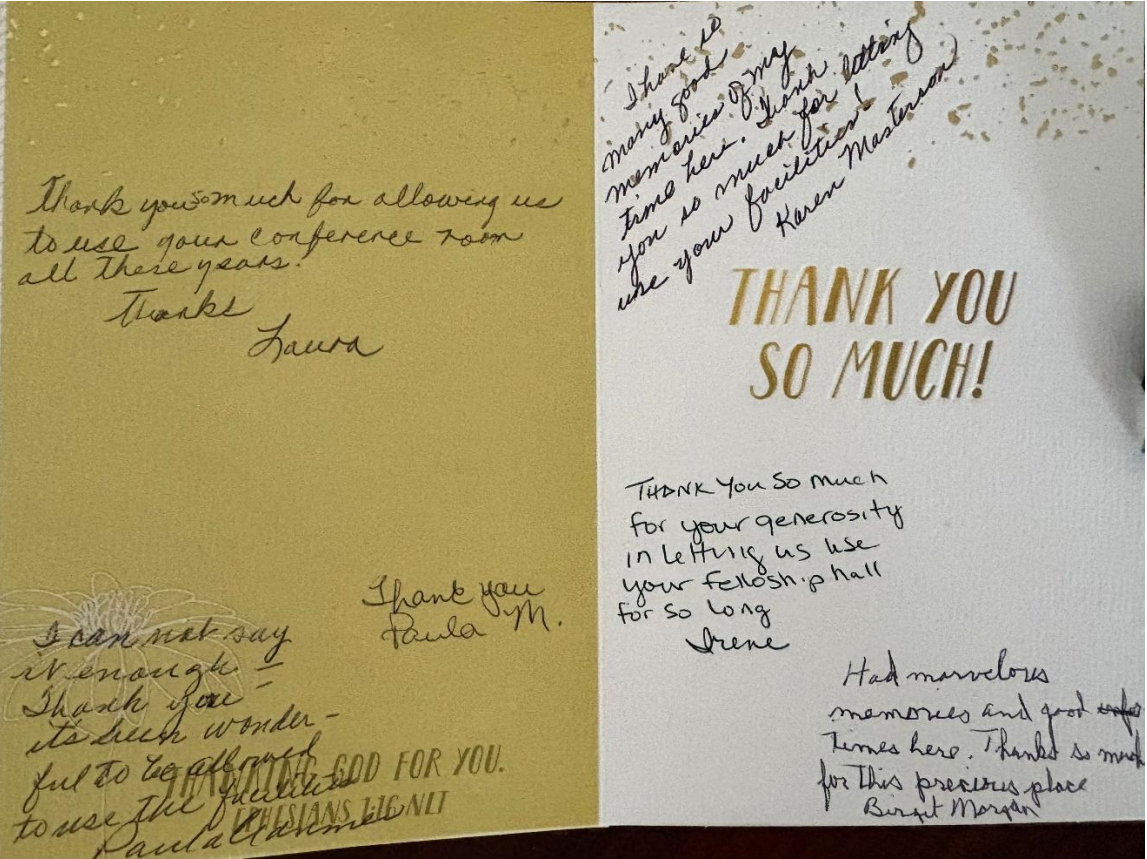
Most currently needed donations:



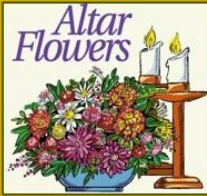
Backpacks
Towels
Travel-size toiletries
Razors
Deoderant

Donations can be left in the clear bin in the fellowship hall labeled "Rescue Mission of El Paso".

The sewing group, "Sit & Sew", that normally meets on Wednesday's in our fellowship hall, has decided to dissolve the group because of low and irregular attendance amongst the members of the group. They are grateful to Ascension Lutheran Church for offering a space for the group to meet these past years. The group gave the following card to the church to show their appreciation. They do have members of the group that are on our prayer list, and they have asked for continued prayers.



Sign-up lists in the fellowship hall
(Altar flowers, Sunday Snacks, & Altar Care):



2nd : (Bryan Perdue) In memory of his late wife, Ann Perdue.
9th :
16th :
23rd : (Wilmeth) In celebration of Steve & Kathy's anniversary.
30th :

Sign-up sheet is in the
 fellowship hall on the bulletin board.
 Both sets of flowers total \$70.



*Refreshments
 Needed*



Snacks for Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
Sign-up sheet is on the kitchen wall next to counter.

THANK YOU!

July

5th:	Seiders
12th:	
19th:	Barton-Gandara
26th:	Mielke

August



2nd:	Radach
9th:	Mielke
16th:	Barton-Gandara
23rd:	OPEN
30th:	OPEN



Altar care is needed for the months of October, November, & December.

This Week @ Ascension

Sunday (July 19th)

9:00 AM Bible Study
10:00 AM Fellowship
10:30 AM Worship w/ Holy Communion

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday (July 20th)

Church Office Closed

Tuesday (July 21st)

10:00 AM Preschool Meeting
7:00 PM Church Council Meeting

Wednesday (July 22nd)

Thursday (July 23rd)

Friday (July 24th)

Saturday (July 25th)

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.

July Calendar & NEW **Portals of Prayer (July-Sept. 2026)** are both available for pick-up in the **entrance of the church**.