

The Bread that Satisfies

10th Sunday after Pentecost

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As We Gather

"You're not you when you're hungry." That's what the Snickers commercial says. It means that hunger can make a person irritable or out of character. Of course, the commercial wants you to buy a Snickers candy bar to solve your hunger problem.

But that phrase hides a deeper truth. Think about it: "You're not you when you're hungry." Who are we in the Lord? We are God's children. He loves us. He has saved us. But sometimes we don't act like it. We are "out of character" because we are spiritually hungry. We don't feed (spiritually) every day on God's Word. We don't drink (by faith) his love and salvation. And so, even though we are Christians, sometimes we are weak; we do what we shouldn't and don't do what we should.

And if we Christians are sometimes "not ourselves" because of spiritual hunger, just think how it is with people who do not have any relationship with Jesus! Romans 9:1-8 says that God chose the people of Israel and blessed them incredibly, but many Israelites did not respond in faith. They may be physical descendants of Abraham, but they are not truly Abraham's children, they are not truly part of Israel, if they don't trust in Jesus.

But God calls us to "eat" the bread that really satisfies: Jesus (Isaiah 55:1-5). In other words, turn back to God and trust Jesus for forgiveness, salvation, life, relief. Taste and see that the Lord is good. You know that God is concerned for our physical hunger, our physical needs. Jesus worked a miracle to feed over 5000 people (Matthew 14:13-21). But he is even more concerned with our spiritual hunger. "You're not you when you're hungry." Today, let Jesus fill you up with his love and salvation.

Prelude: "Let Us Break Bread Together"
"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"
(Charles Callahan)

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)

Opening Hymn: All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Hymnal "We Pray in Song" 684

1. All who hunger, gather gladly. Holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
2. All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
3. All who hunger, sing together. Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
G Amen.

Prayer of Confession

- P** God is very generous with us. He has given us food, clothing, a home, and everything good that we have. Sadly, all too often we care more for the material things we have than we do about the God who gave us those blessings. We have often failed to do what God wants. For that reason we take a moment to confess our sins now and to ask the Lord to forgive us in Jesus' name.
- G** **Lord God, we confess in your presence that we have disobeyed you in different ways. Sometimes our words and actions have not been right or loving. Other times we have fallen into temptation with our thoughts and secret desires. But we sincerely repent of this and ask you to have mercy on us. In Jesus' name, forgive our sins and help us in our weakness. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

- P** We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son (Romans 5:10). Jesus died for our wrongdoing and he rose from the dead to give us eternal life. Because of your confession and faith, I therefore announce to you that your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** Amen.

Service of the Word

Gloria Patri (Praise Song: "Glory be to the Father")

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C 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 (Ancient Prayer: "Lord, Have Mercy")

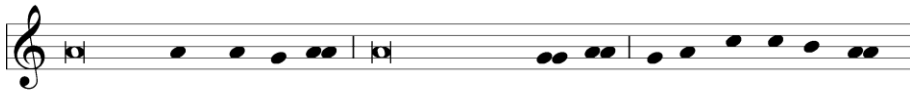
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



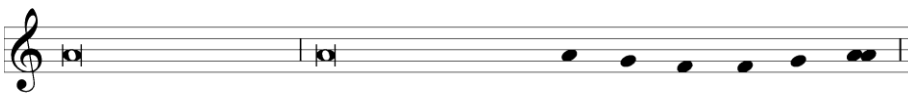
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



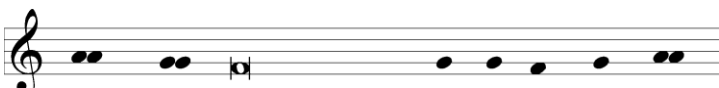
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

(God gives the spiritual bread that truly satisfies.)

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

²Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

³Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. ⁴See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. ⁵Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading (Epistle)

Romans 9:1-8

(God chose and blessed the people of Israel but many Israelites did not trust in him. The true descendants of Abraham are those who have faith in God's promise.)

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— ²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, ⁴the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. ⁵Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

⁶It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ⁸In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

(Jesus gives physical bread to satisfy more than 5000 people.)

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

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

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayer for Today

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **God our Creator, we are hungry for what you offer us in your Word: peace, love, salvation, eternal life. Feed our tired souls. Renew us so that we live as your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Sit

Song while Children Come to the Front:

How Great is Our God

How great is our God! How great is his name!

How great is our God, forever the same!

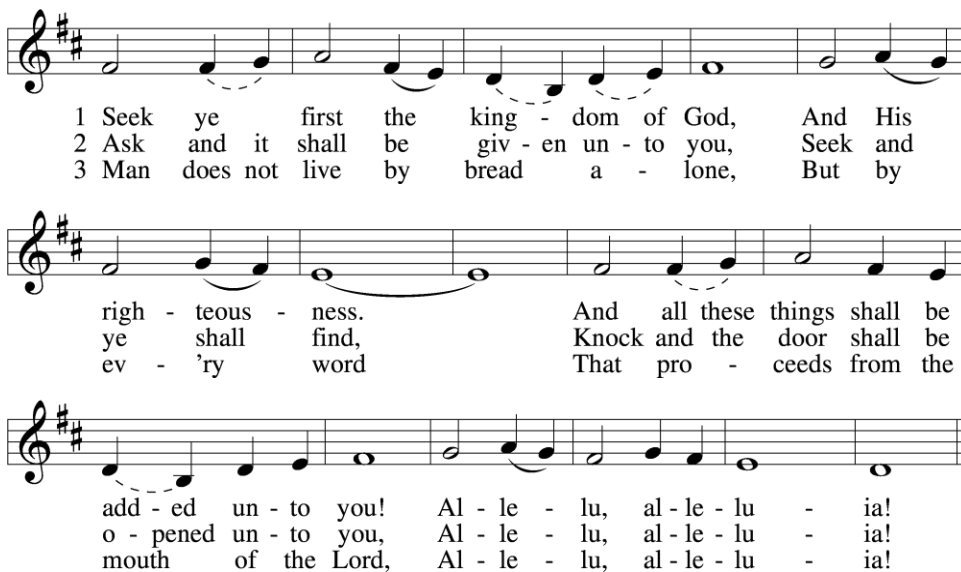
He rolled back the waters of the mighty Red Sea.

And he said, "I'll never leave you. Put your trust in me."

Story Time

Hymn: Seek Ye First

Lutheran Service Book 712



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by

righteous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the

add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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Sermon

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Nicene Creed (Public declaration of our faith)

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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** Oh Lord, we are often weak and of little faith.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and strengthen our faith in Jesus.**
- P** Lord, we want to better understand your Word.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and on every page of Scripture show us Jesus.**
- P** Lord, we want to do your will.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and help us to imitate Jesus.**
- P** Lord, fill us with your love and help us to forgive one another.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and make us one in Jesus.**
- P** Lord, so many people are depressed or sick or suffering serious problems.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and help us and heal us in Jesus' name.**
- P** Lord, peace and justice are lacking in many parts of our world.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and make us truly free through Jesus.**
- P** Lord, raise up good leaders who will follow your guidance.
- C** **Come, Holy Spirit, and guide us in the footsteps of Jesus.**
- P** Lord, today we especially pray for those on our prayer list who really need your help and comfort. And we also pray for others whom we name in our hearts now... We pray:
- C** **We lift all of these people up to you, trusting that you will be with them as you have promised.**
- P** Dear God, you always hear us when we pray in Jesus' name. Take away the spirit of fear in us,
- C** **And give us your Spirit of power, of love, and of self-discipline through Jesus. Amen. (2 Timothy 1:7)**

Sit

Offering

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all that she had to live on." (Mark 12:41-44, NIV)

Our offerings are part of our worship, part of our response to God's love. We give like the widow, from the heart.

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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Special Music during the Offering: Listen to My Word (Bryan Perdue)

Come to the waters, all you that have thirst.
You need no money to receive your full worth.
Come, drink with me, now, this wine I give free.
Listen to my Word and come live with me.

Seek out the Lord now, while he can be found.
Lay down your burdens and seek out new ground.
I long to love you in my heart you will be.
Listen to my Word and come live with me.

Rain falls from heaven to water earth's land.
 The seed springs to blossom; bread comes from my hand.
 This bread that I give you is life you can't see.
 Listen to my Word and come live with me.

When this life is over, with me you belong.
 The mountains around you will sing a new song.
 For the love that I offered has come back to me.
 Listen to my Word and come live with me.

Stand

Offering Prayer of Dedication

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 (Song of Dedication)

Lutheran Service Book 806

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be-cause He's giv-en__ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, Give

thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be-cause He's giv-en__

Je-sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be-cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am

rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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✠ 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.

Preface (Preparation for Communion)

Lutheran Service Book 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 It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. For you have saved us through Jesus Christ and you have given us a new life. Therefore with all the angels and with all believers in heaven and on earth, we magnify your glorious name and sing your praises forever:

Song of Praise: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name Lutheran Service Book 940, Verse 1



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.

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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 ✠ 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

Lutheran Service Book 197



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



G A - men.

Agnus Dei ("Lamb of God")

Lutheran Service Book 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.

Hymns during Communion

Special Music (Bryan Perdue)

The Spring (Given Free)

There's a spring in the broken stones that flows within my heart.
In this spring lies a thirsting soul that longs for a new start.
And the water from this broken stone is the spring of new life
Given free, given free, given free.

Come to me, when you're thirsty. Come to me when you're alone.
Come to me; I give you water. Come to me; I give you life.
Come to me by my river. Come to me where're I am.
Given free, given free, given free.

How I longed in the beginning, how I longed for your return.
How I longed when I called you. How I longed; you never heard.
How I long to give you freedom. How I long to share the Truth,
Given free, given free, given free.

It is done; drink my water. It is done for a new start.
It is done; my body's broken. It is done; you've pierced my heart.
It is done; I am Alpha. It is done; Omega too.
Given free, given free, given free.

Know me when you are thirsting. Know me when you are alone.
Know me when you are laughing. Know me when you are at home.
Know me when you eat my body. Know me when you drink my blood,
Given free, given free, given free.

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Make a Joyful Sound (White Booklet) 30

1. Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page, I seek Thee, Lord.
My spirit pants for Thee, oh living Word.
2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

3. Thou art the bread of life, oh Lord, to me.
Thy holy Word the truth that saveth me.
Give me to eat and live with Thee above.
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.
4. Oh, send They Spirit, Lord, now unto me,
That He may touch my eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,
For in Thy book revealed I see Thee, Lord.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Lutheran Service Book 789



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -

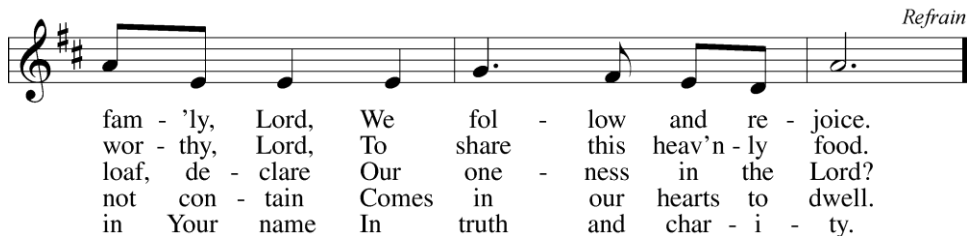
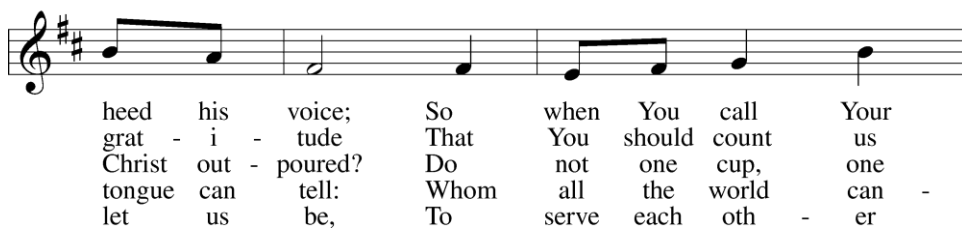
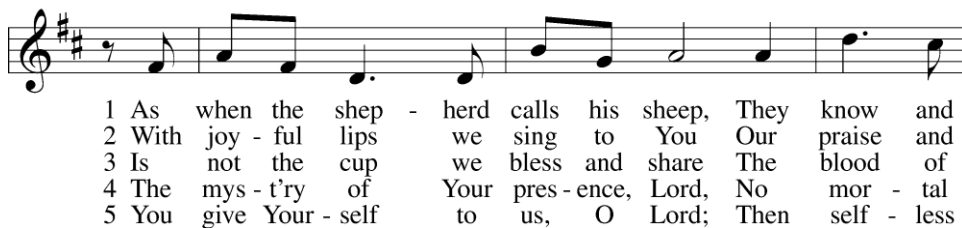


or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - som and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Lutheran Service Book 641



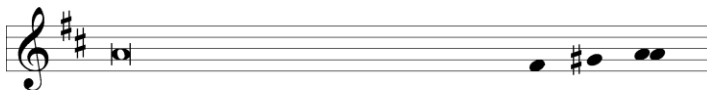
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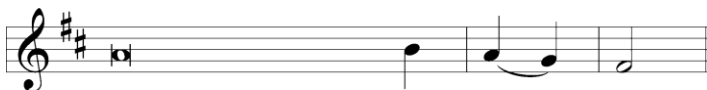
After Communion

Thanksgiving

Lutheran Service Book 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.

G **Lord, you are the strength of those who hope in you. Be with us, we pray, and help us in our weakness. Guide us so that we can be different, so that we can become more and more like Jesus. In Jesus's own name we pray. Amen.**

Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

Lutheran Service Book 201-202



P The Lord be with you.



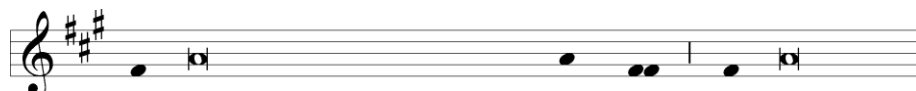
G And with thy spir - it.



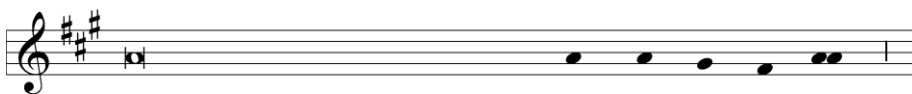
A Bless we the Lord.



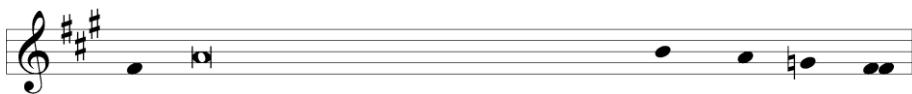
G Thanks be to God.



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.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds Lutheran Service Book 524



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

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Sending

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God!

Acknowledgments

Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service 3

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Worship Leaders

Pastor:	Rev. Richard Schlak
Organist:	Ruth Ann Ostergren
Elders:	Andy Barber/David DeMartelaere
Acolyte:	Rahel Meraz
Reader:	Rahel Meraz
Greeters:	Steve Behl
Ushers:	Team 1
Altar Care:	Wiegert
Projectionist:	Jacob Canada
Sound/Camera:	Ron Seiders/Mike Mielke

Prayer Ministry

Philippians 4:6-7

Please fill out the blue friendship card or call the church office @ 915-833-1009 to include a prayer request or an update for the prayer list. If you have a prayer request or update for the prayer chain, please e-mail Jan Schlak at oveja6925@aol.com.

The prayer list is no longer included in the bulletin; but can be picked up alongside of the bulletins in the entrance. It is also available to view in the weekly email sent out on every Friday.

Ascension News and Notes

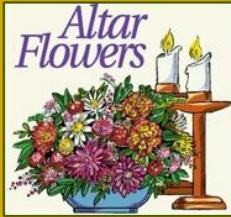
**Altar flowers for today's service are provided by Bryan Perdue
in loving memory of his wife, Ann Perdue.**



Both sets of flowers are \$70.

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

**Please consider providing altar flowers for one of the open Sundays in August:
The 9th, 16th, and the 30th.**



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.



August 02 — Darlene Willadsen
August 02 — Romy Willadsen

August 02 – Elliott & Anita Werner



Adults and children of our congregation are encouraged to participate, engage in fellowship, and welcome our kids and visitors.

Would you like to volunteer or bring something? Let us know!

Contact the church office by phone (915) 833-1009 or email alc6520@swbell.net

You're invited to our Sunday School Open House!

Sunday School Open House

August 9th at 9 am

Come join us for fun
games, crafts, activities,
story-telling, and snacks!

**Meet the Pastor & Sunday School teachers. Join
in fellowship with others!**



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

THANK YOU!

August

<u>2nd:</u>	Radach
<u>9th:</u>	Mielke
<u>16th:</u>	Barton-Gandara
<u>23rd:</u>	OPEN ★
<u>30th:</u>	OPEN ★



A new sign-up sheet is up for
Sept., Oct., Nov., & Dec.
Please consider contributing.



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".

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.

This Week @ Ascension

Sunday (August 2nd)

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday (August 3rd)

Church Office Closed

8:30 AM Ascension Preschool Year 2026-2027 begins

Tuesday (August 4th)

6:30 PM Boy Scouts (L)

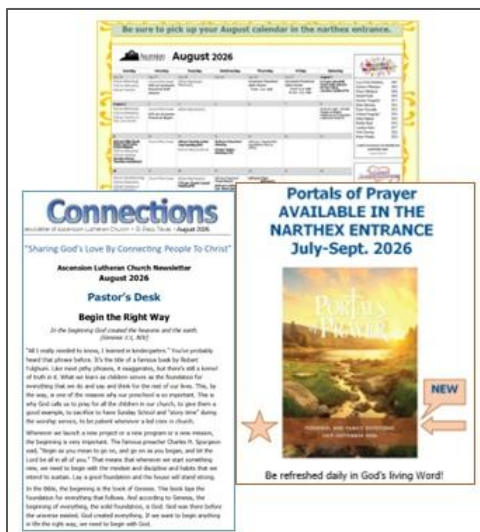
Wednesday (August 5th)

Thursday (August 6th)

Friday (August 7th)

Saturday (August 8th)

9 AM - 1PM Circuit Pastors & Elders Meeting at Ascension Lutheran Church (FH)



August 2026 Calendar, Monthly Newsletter, and Portals of Prayers (July—September 2026) are all available for pick-up in the narthex entrance of the church.