



ASCENSION  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

## *Divine Service*

### **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

#### *Friends of God,*

As you received Christ Jesus the Lord,  
so walk in him, rooted and built up in him. Alleluia.

Col.2:6b-7a

*How beautiful are the  
feet of those who  
preach the good news,  
who publish peace and  
bring good news of  
salvation.*

*Their voice has gone out  
to all the earth, and  
their words to the end  
of the world.*

**Gradual**

Romans 10:15b, 18b; 52:7b, alt.

...consider her activity—sitting and listening to Jesus' word—within the context of Luke's larger story. First, this description of Mary of Bethany supports a comparison with the activity of Jesus' own mother, who "kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." Second...in the parable of the sower. Recall that in Luke's version of that parable, the seeds "that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience." Third, this theme is in Luke's distinctive version of another word of Jesus: "My mother and My brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it." Fourth, even when a woman in the crowd cried out to bless the mother of Jesus, the Lord responded by pointing to His mother's true blessedness. "Even more, blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it." Mary of Bethany, then, sitting at Jesus' feet to hear His word, exemplifies a theme deep in the Gospel's interest.

**Patrick Henry Reardon, Christ in His Saints**

JULY 20, 2025 ✝ 8:30AM & 11AM

# SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are so glad that you are here! This is God's House and He put the wiggle in children, so please feel completely at home.

**Sit towards the front:** That's where children can easily see the procession, note the colors and watch the pastor and leaders.

**Help your child look and listen:** Tell them key words that will be used often. Point out crosses, banners and other reminders of Jesus and His Good News.

**Participate joyfully!** Sing, fold your hands for prayer, stand and kneel. Bring them to the Communion rail for a blessing. Your child will model your actions. He or she watches everything that you do.

**Involve your child:** Encourage them to say and pray their parts: *"Amen. Lord have mercy. I believe... Our Father..."* Ascension at Prayer allows you to learn songs and prayers ahead of time so that children recognize them as their own.

**If You and Your Child Must Leave:** There is a nursery for emergencies, but please come back. What we do here promises to engage your children little-by-little and shape them powerfully and forever.

**Rainbow Activity Bags are available at the Usher Table for children five and under.**

If you need help, just ask! We are here to serve Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)



## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

If you are a visitor, we are delighted to have you join us in worshipping God and hearing His Word! Please take a moment after the service to introduce yourself to our pastor. You are cordially invited to join in our congregation's fellowship and study of God's Word between services and all week long.

## ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION



Our greatest desire is to share in the blessing of the Lord's Supper with you! Since this meal unites us spiritually by faith in the Word of God, we ask that you come having prepared your heart to trust that Word. Please read the following questions. If your answer to each is "Yes" then joyfully receive the Lord's gift in His Sacrament.

- ☐ **Do you come to the Lord's Table for assurance of forgiveness, healing from doubt and shame, and to receive God's gift of a holy life and reconciliation through Jesus?**
- ☐ **Have you been baptized and confirmed (or otherwise made public confession of your Christian Faith)?**
- ☐ **Do you believe Jesus' words, that the bread and the wine are, in fact, His own body and blood, given and shed for you?**

We invite all those who are not prepared to commune to join our study of God's Word and to speak to our pastor for direction. In the meantime, we invite you to receive a blessing at God's altar this morning. Please fold your hands over your heart during the distribution of the sacrament and join in our prayers for God restore us through repentance, to unity and holiness in Christ alone.

*The "white" individual cups at the center of each tray are alcohol-free.  
For gluten-free communion, please ask the pastor prior to the service.*

# Gathered Together...

## PRELUDE

### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Paul Manz

*As the prelude begins, please prepare for worship by composing yourself for prayer.*

*At the end of the announcements, please stand.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

*Psalm 57:9; 100:4-5*

*Turn and face the cross in procession.*

### 817 Earth and All Stars



1 Earth and all stars!	Loud rush - ing plan - ets!	Sing to the
2 Hail, wind, and rain!	Loud blow - ing snow - storm!	Sing to the
3 Trum - pet and pipes!	Loud clash - ing cym - bals!	Sing to the
6 Knowl - edge and truth!	Loud sound - ing wis - dom!	Sing to the
7 Chil - dren of God,	Dy - ing and ris - ing,	Sing to the



Lord	a new song!	Oh, vic - to - ry!	Loud shout - ing
Lord	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees!	Loud rus - tling
Lord	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre!	Loud hum - ming
Lord	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son!	Loud pray - ing
Lord	a new song!	Heav - en and earth,	Hosts ev - er -



ar - my! Sing to the	Lord	a new song!
dry leaves! Sing to the	Lord	a new song!
cel - los! Sing to the	Lord	a new song!
mem - bers! Sing to the	Lord	a new song!
last - ing, Sing to the	Lord	a new song!

#### *Refrain*



He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too will praise Him with a new song!

## INVOCATION

1 Kings 8:27-30; Matthew 18:20; 28:18-20

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel or sit forward. Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Stand.*



Original sin contains these diseases: ignorance of God, contempt for God, not having fear and trust in God, the inability to love God. [...]

By nature, when we are secure, we hold God's judgment in contempt. When we are terrified, we hate God's judgment...

The magnitude of Christ's grace cannot be understood unless our diseases are recognized. Christ says in Matthew 9:12 and Mark 2:17, "Those who are well have no need of a physician." We must acknowledge that our heart is, by nature, destitute of fear, love and confidence in God.

**Apology of the Augsburg Confession**  
Article 2, Original Sin

## INTROIT

Psalm 119:57-60, 64; antiphon: v. 105



*Pastor sings antiphon. All sing verses and Gloria.*

Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.

The LORD is my | portion;\*  
I promise to | keep your words.

I entreat your favor with | all my  
heart;\*  
be gracious to me according to  
your | promise.

When I think | on my ways,\*  
I turn my feet to your testi- |  
monies;

I hasten and do | not delay\*  
to keep your com- | mandments.

The earth, O LORD, is full of your  
| steadfast love;\*  
teach me your | statutes!

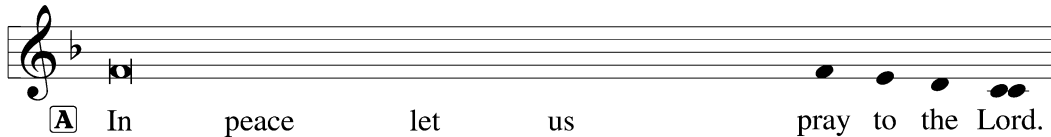
Glory be to the Father and | to  
the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. |  
Amen.

Your word is a lamp | to my feet\*  
and a light | to my path.

## KYRIE

Mark 10:47



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



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

*To the same music:*

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

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**P** 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 mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

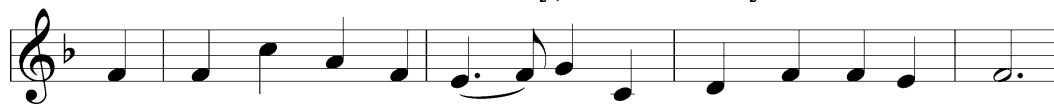
**C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with your spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Sit.



Just as the devil cannot be conquered without Christ's help, so we cannot free ourselves from this slavery by our own strength... The devil keeps all tied up many hypocrites who appear holy and who are wise and righteous in the world's eyes. Even greater vices are seen in others. Christ was given to us to remove both these sins and these punishments and to destroy the devil's kingdom, sin, and death...

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# ...Around the Word...

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 18:1-14

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, the eighteenth chapter.

The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk

and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**A** The Epistle is from Colossians, the first chapter.

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand.*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*John 6:68*





## HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 10:38-42

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

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

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord,

do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

*Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3  
Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*

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.

*John 3:16; Romans 10:9  
Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:35  
Galatians 4:4; Matthew 1:23-25  
Matthew 27:26; John 19:1-3  
Mark 15:25; John 19:30; Luke 23:53*

He descended into hell.

*Acts 2:24; 1 Peter 3:19*

The third day He rose again from the dead.

*1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*

He ascended into heaven

*Acts 1:9*

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

*Acts 7:55*

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

*Acts 10:42; Matt. 26:64*

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  $\text{✝}$  everlasting. Amen.

*John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38  
1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22  
Ephesians 4:1-6; 15-16; Revelation 7:9-17  
Luke 24:46-48; Acts 13:38; Col. 1:14; 1 John 1:7  
John 11:25; 1 Cor. 15:35-49; 1 Thess. 4:13-18  
Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*

*Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole  
Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.*

*Sit. The children may be invited forward for a children's message.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## 536 One Thing's Needful



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly  
 2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal  
 3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, is re -  
 4 Noth - ing have I, Christ, to of - fer, You a - lone, my  
 5 There - fore You a - lone, my Sav - ior, Shall be all in



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,  
 joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,  
 vealed in You. Let me find in You my plea - sure,  
 high - est good. Noth - ing have I, Lord, to prof - fer  
 all to me; Search my heart and my be - hav - ior,



Is a yoke that press - es hard! Be - neath it the  
 At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined! How kin - dled her  
 And my way - ward will sub - due, Hu - mil - i - ty  
 But Your crim - son - col - ored blood. Your death on the  
 Root out all hy - poc - ri - sy. Through all my life's



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing hap - pi - ness  
 heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the les - sons that  
 there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true wis - dom my  
 cross has death whol - ly de - feat - ed And there - by my righ - teous - ness  
 pil - grim - age, guard and up - hold me, In lov - ing for - give - ness, O



ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are  
 Christ was re - veal - ing! All earth - ly con - cerns she for - got for her  
 steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from Je - sus this knowl - edge di -  
 ful - ly com - plet - ed; Sal - va - tion's white rai - ments I there did ob -  
 Je - sus, en - fold me. This one thing is need - ful; all oth - ers are



vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!  
 Lord And found her con - tent - ment in hear - ing His Word.  
 vine, The bless - ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.  
 tain, And in them in glo - ry with You I shall reign.  
 vain— I count all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain!

## SERMON

## SUPPLICATION OF THE FAITHFUL

*Ephesians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 11:26*

- P** Heavenly Father, strengthen us, your unworthy servants, for Your service with the power of Your Holy Spirit.
- C** Now let us, the faithful, proclaim the death of the Lord, confess His resurrection, and await His coming with joy. Amen.

...*And Blessed*

## OFFERING & VOLUNTARY

*Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates as the ushers pass by.*

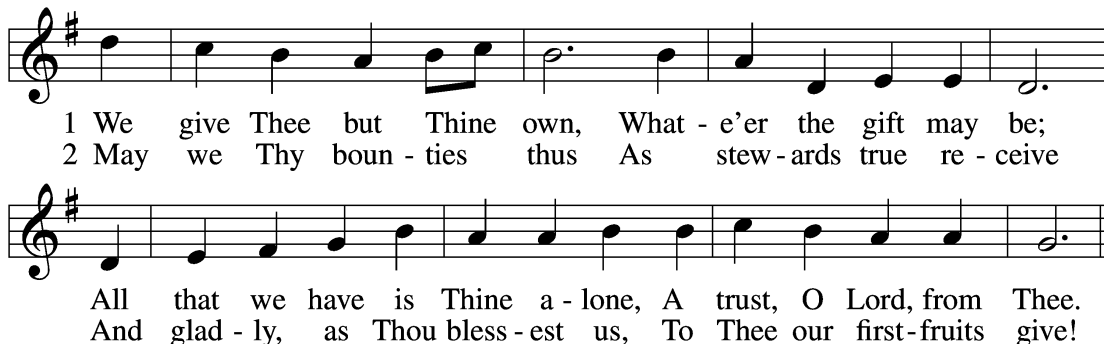
*Take a moment to sign and pass along the red books found at the end of each pew.*

## OFFERTORY

*All stand as the congregation's offerings are brought forward to the altar.*

### 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

*vv. 1-2*



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*1 Timothy 2:1-4*

- L** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For all the saints here to know and present themselves before the Father as those whom Christ has made holy and righteous, fit for eternal life, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For pastors and parents, workers, missionaries, translators, teachers and all who work to bring God's Word to His people, that their labors may be fruitful and their hearts faithful, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the young people of the LCMS as they gather in New Orleans, that their eyes may be fixed on Jesus, who endured the cross for them; that they may have hope and discipline to run their course after Christ; and that they may return safely to their homes, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For those who make, judge and administer our laws, to know the ways of the Lord and follow them for the good of all people, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the sick and those who suffer, the grieving and the dying, and those we name in our hearts, that they may rejoice in their sufferings for the sake of Christ and know healing and grace according to God's will. We pray especially for...

*our members:*

**Kylie** Kreun  
**Cassidy** Bryant  
**Jackie** Elam  
**Pam** Balling  
**Romain** Bell  
**Kenda** Laughey  
**Bill** Hicks  
**Tony** Byrum  
**Sarah** Wilkalis  
**Cissi** Burtner  
**Elaine** Elston

*those at home:*

**Lila** Thompson  
**Tom** Hagen  
**Ann** Weers  
**Doris** Falconieri  
**Karen** Priebe  
**Roy & Sharon** Gugel  
**Mary** Keefauver  
**Hazel** Peek  
**Helen** Gounis  
**Louise** Nordman  
**Judy** Frerking Moore

*those dear to us:*

**Treat** Family  
**Jackson & Brooke** Buser  
**Laura** Miller

**Cook** Family

**Steve** Keeps  
**Hermione** Moul  
**Ken** Wingeier  
**Sandy** Hochstedler  
**Brucie** Lorenz  
**Cassandra** Shropshire  
**Belinda** Lummus

*those participating in NYG:*

**Emma, Natalie, Tim, Tom**  
(adults),  
**Allie, August, Bristol,**  
**Dagny, Dietrich, John, Kate,**  
**Leah, Michael** (youth)

let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those who rejoice, with whom we give thanks, especially...

*our family birthdays:*

**Elaine** Elston  
**Carmin** McDonald  
**Carson** Gunn

**Rachel** Christ  
**Tom** Kalnik  
**Heather** Eckert  
**Dixie** Cole

**Tim** Fangmeier  
**Curt** Kuechler

let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For faith to follow the example of those beloved saints who labored among us and now rest from their labors, that we, too, may seek out ways to serve God Who so faithfully serves us, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. We pray that everyone gathered to join in this supper of Christ's body and blood may thereby come to treasure this gift as the good portion above all we may do ourselves. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, grant to us all good things needful to this body and life, and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.

**C** Amen.

## SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Let us share His peace with one another.

*Greet one another in the Lord's name saying, "Peace be with you!"*

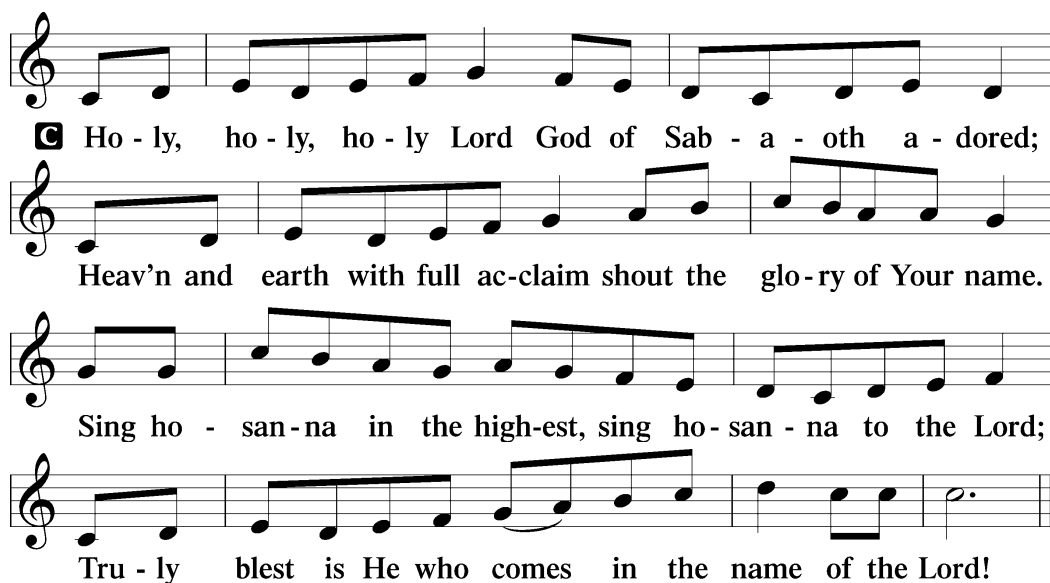
## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with your spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.  
Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.  
Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- 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

*Matt 26:26f; Mk 14:22f; Lk 22:19f; 1 Cor 11:23f*

- 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*

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

# AGNUS DEI

John 1:29; Revelation 5:6, 12

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Matthew 26:30

### 728 How Firm a Foundation

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

## 973 Thy Word Is a Lamp

Refrain Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
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| 1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,<br>Still You're there right beside me.<br>And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.<br>Please be near me to the end. <i>Refrain</i> | 2 I will not forget Your love for me,<br>and yet<br>My heart forever is wandering.<br>Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;<br>And I will love You to the end.<br><i>Refrain</i> |
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## 641 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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| <i>Refrain</i> You satisfy the hungry heart<br>With gift of finest wheat.<br>Come give to us, O saving Lord,<br>The bread of life to eat.                   | 3 Is not the cup we bless and share<br>The blood of Christ outpoured?<br>Do not one cup, one loaf, declare<br>Our oneness in the Lord?<br><i>Refrain</i>       |
| 1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep,<br>They know and heed his voice;<br>So when You call Your fam'ly,<br>Lord,<br>We follow and rejoice. <i>Refrain</i> | 4 The myst'ry of Your presence,<br>Lord,<br>No mortal tongue can tell:<br>Whom all the world cannot contain<br>Comes in our hearts to dwell.<br><i>Refrain</i> |
| 2 With joyful lips we sing to You<br>Our praise and gratitude<br>That You should count us worthy, Lord,<br>To share this heav'nly food.<br><i>Refrain</i>   | 5 You give Yourself to us, O Lord;<br>Then selfless let us be,<br>To serve each other in Your name<br>In truth and charity. <i>Refrain</i>                     |

*Stand.*

## DISMISSAL

*Isaiah 41:10; Romans 5:9-10; Hebrews 9:14; 10:19*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.
- C** Amen.



# NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Psalm 107:1

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

## BENEDICAMUS

*Psalm 103:1*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with your spirit.  
**L** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

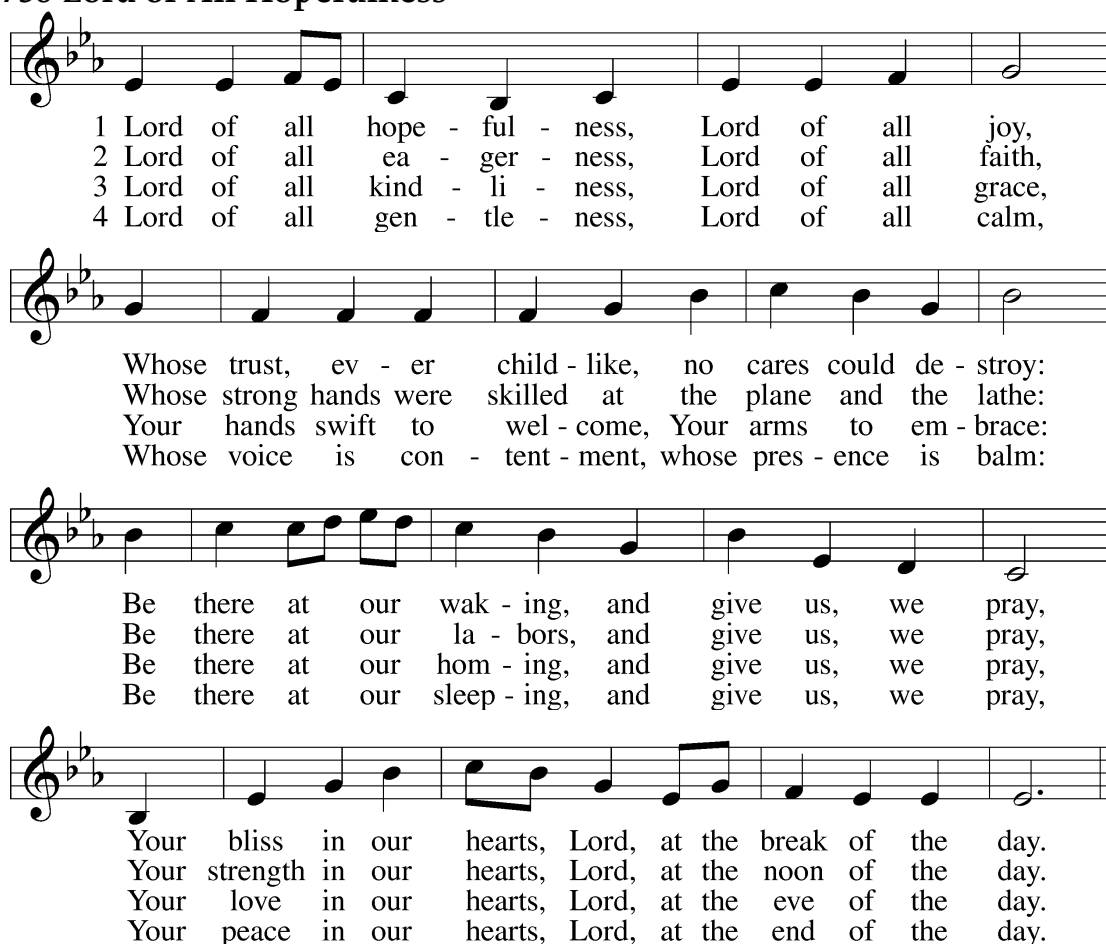
## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## DEPARTING HYMN

### 738 Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:  
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:

Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

## POSTLUDE

### Aelioan Harp Etude

*Chopin*

*The altar flowers are given today to the Glory of God and in memory of Louise Pence, and in honor of our July family birthdays: Tom, Allison, Carson, Mina, Mary Helen, and Marion by Louise Nordman.*

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Rev. Steven Newberg

**Organist:** Eric Hauck

**Worship Assistants:** Paula Henry/Curt Kuechler

**Communion Assistants:** Vince Cook, Robin Domeier/Adam Pilsbury, Ruth Pilsbury

**Crucifers:** Brady Knutson/Quinn Schultz

**Acolytes:** Easton Drotleff/Vinny Fernandez

**Altar Guild:** Carmin McDonald, Janie Swenson, Lindsay Tinkelenberg

**Readers:** Austin Lowrey/Kenda Laughey

**Greeters:** Jane Friemark/Pam Carico

**Ushers:** Mike Homan, John Henry, Stu Nichols, Kevin Pollard/Simon Buser, Jeff Miller

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### ASCENSION SOUP KITCHEN

**Served lunch to 128 guests this Tuesday.**

The soup kitchen furnishes a hot, well-balanced and fresh lunch every Tuesday from 11am-12:00pm. Everyone is welcome! No ID or referral needed. Currently service is to-go for pick-up in the parking lot.

**Soli Deo Gloria!**

### ASCENSION FOOD PANTRY

**Distributed one week of groceries to 43 families,  
98 family members on 7/11 & 7/14.**

The food pantry distributes a week's worth of healthy groceries to individuals with a Nourish Up referral, Mondays and Fridays, 11am-1:30pm. *In need of a referral?* Call the church office at 704-372-7317. Anyone in need will be eligible for up to 12 weeks of groceries per year.

**Soli Deo Gloria!**

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# Welcome!

## WORSHIP BROADCAST

Sunday Divine Services are broadcast live on the Internet at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

## ASCENSION LUTHERAN SOUP KITCHEN

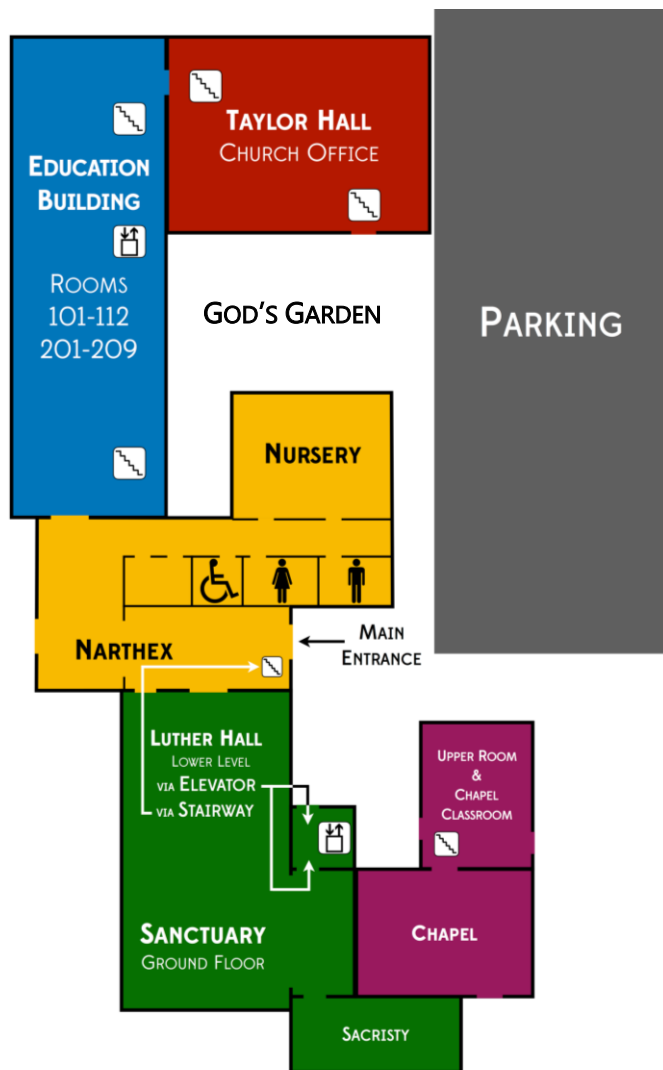
Every Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Serving to-go lunches in the parking lot.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

Find out the way we receive the Christian Faith in the Lutheran tradition each week.



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RESTROOMS are located down the hallway at the back of the narthex.



A NURSERY for children age 3 and under is located across the hallway from the restrooms. The worship service can be seen and heard from the nursery. A baby-changing table is available in the accessible restroom.



ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES are available for check-out from the sound booth in the rear of the sanctuary.

## THOSE IN CRITICAL NEED

Members needing financial or physical assistance, please contact pastor for application to the crisis fund or access to folks eager to lend a helping hand.