

# Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church

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*The rich man and Lazarus*

**First Sunday after Trinity**

June 7, 2026

## +IN THE NAME OF JESUS+

**WELCOME** to the Divine Service at Ascension of Christ! We pray that you will be richly blessed by God as you hear His Word, receive His gifts and worship Him with your prayer and praise!

**TO OUR GUESTS** Welcome, we are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher or a greeter if you have any questions. Be sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor. We invite you to consider Ascension of Christ if you are looking for a church home. We gather every Sunday morning for Adult Bible Study at 9:00 a.m., the Divine Service at 10:15 a.m., and Fellowship Hour and Sunday School following the Divine Service.


**CHILDREN AT ASCENSION** At Ascension, we want you to feel at home. First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome here! To make it easier on your family, please dare to sit closer to the front where your children can easily see what's going on, note the colors, watch the pastors, wonder about those heads on the lectern, and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here is for them, too! As we go through the Divine Service, encourage them to join in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy. And with your spirit. I believe! Our Father!* And please be sure to sing and pray your parts too! Children learn by following your lead. There are some busy bags in the back of the church for you and if you must take your children out of the church, please hurry back!

**THE LORD'S SUPPER IS JOYFULLY RECEIVED HERE TODAY** At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation. **All members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings and so are encouraged to commune.** When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. **If you are a guest** and would like to learn more about the practice of the Lord's Supper at Ascension of Christ, or if you are uncertain about whether you should receive the Lord's Supper, **please speak with Pastor Loree before communing for the first time.**

### **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** *Faith Trusts in Christ for Life Eternal*

When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. For he was truly Abraham's seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord "counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6). The name Lazarus means "God is my help." The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. For he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And "he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (Luke 16:19-31). Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets—that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting.

# +GOD GATHERS US BEFORE HIS HOLY PRESENCE+

*Please note the  symbol is used to indicate a sung response.*

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Please stand at the sound of the chimes*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## THY STRONG WORD

LSB 578

## INVOCATION & EXHORTATION

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*Kneel/Stand*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## INTROIT

*Psalm 13:1–4; antiphon: vv. 5–6*



[O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;\*  
 my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.  
 I will sing | to the LORD,\*  
 because he has dealt bountifully | with me.  
 How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for- | ever?\*
 How long will you hide your | face from me?  
**How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart | all the  
 day?\***  
**How long shall my enemy be exalted | over me?**  
 Consider and answer me, O | LORD my God;\*  
 light up my eyes, lest I sleep the | sleep of death,  
**lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed | over him,"\***  
**lest my foes rejoice because I am | shaken.**  
**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.**  
 [O Lord,] I have trusted in your | steadfast love;\*  
 my heart shall rejoice in your sal- | vation.  
 I will sing | to the LORD,\*  
 because he has dealt bountifully | with me.

## KYRIE

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

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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



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



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



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



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



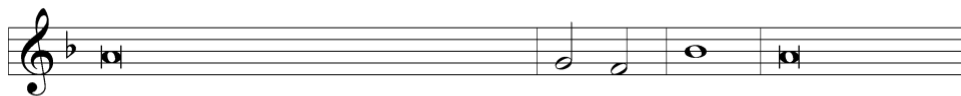
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



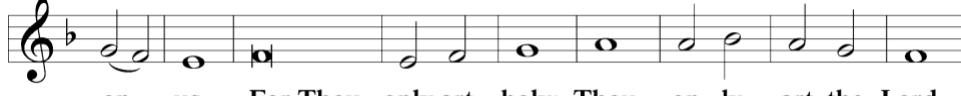
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



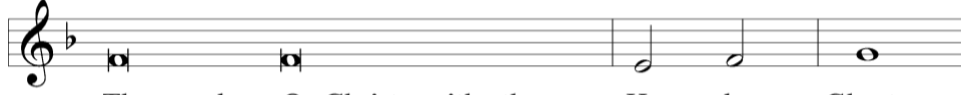
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



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



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



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



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C  **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing, grant us Your grace to keep Your commandments that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  **Amen.**

## +GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD+

*Sit*

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 15:1-6*

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I *am* your shield, your exceedingly great reward."

<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house *is* Eliezer of Damascus?"

<sup>3</sup>Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

<sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD *came*

to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

<sup>6</sup>And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL

*Psalms 41:4, 1*

I said, "O LORD, be gra- | cious to me;\*

heal me, for I have sinned a- | gainst you!"

Blessèd is the one who consid- | ers the poor!\*

In the day of trouble the LORD de- | livers him.

### EPISTLE READING

*1 John 4:16-21*

<sup>16</sup>And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

<sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day

of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup>We love Him because He first loved us.



P This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C  Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

(back cover of hymnal)

Sit  
HYMN OF THE DAY TO GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT LET US PRAY LSB 768  
SERMON

+GOD RECEIVES OUR PRAYERS & OFFERINGS+

Stand/Kneel  
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit  
OFFERING




Stand  
OFFERTORY



**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

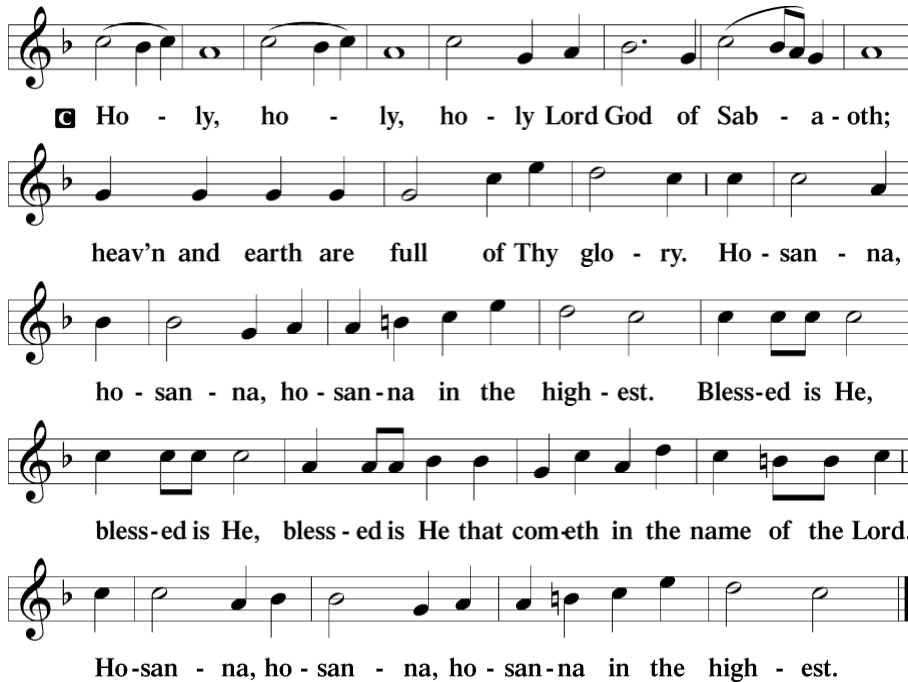
# +GOD GIVES A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME+

## PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.  
C  **And with thy spirit.**  
P Lift up your hearts.  
C  **We lift them up unto the Lord.**  
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C  **It is meet and right so to do.**

## PROPER PREFACE

### SANCTUS



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

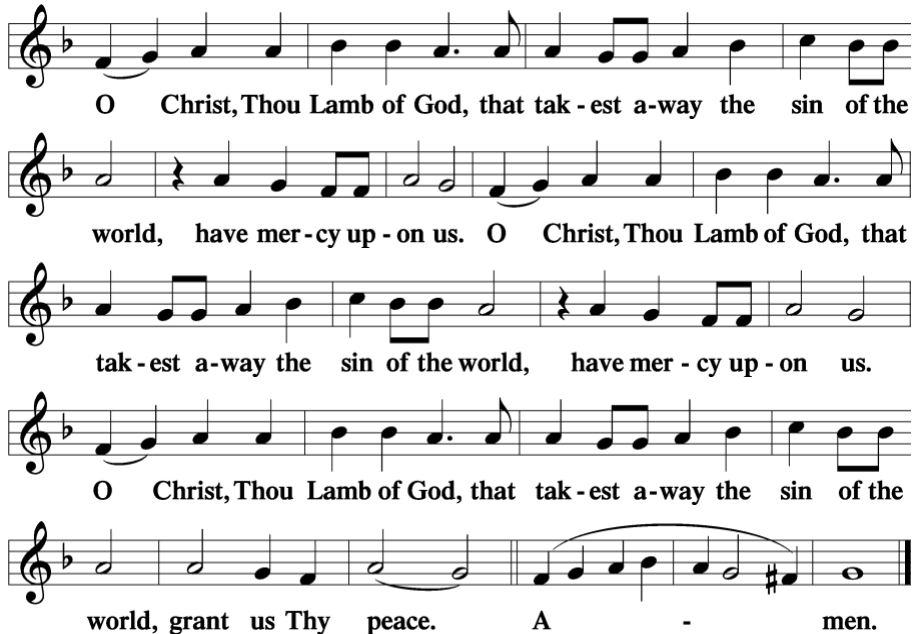
## LORD'S PRAYER

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

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

## AGNUS DEI



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

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART*

LSB 708

*ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ALONE*

LSB 948

*SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY*

LSB 671

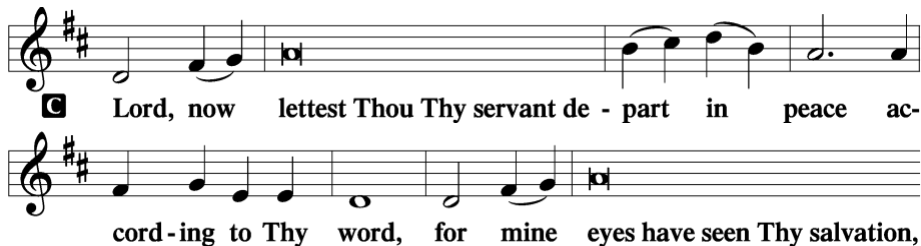
*Stand*

## DISMISSAL

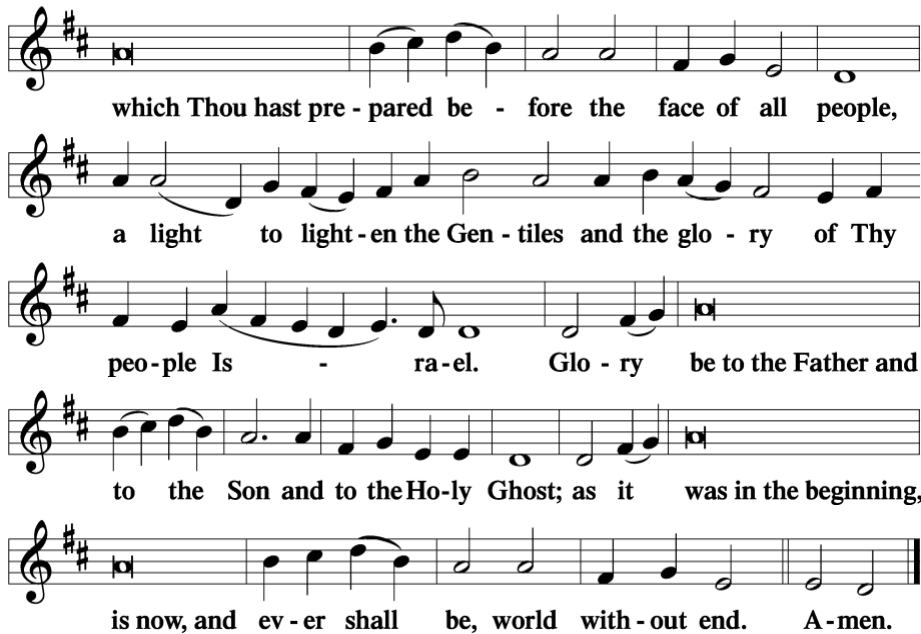
P The true body and precious blood of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

C Amen.

## NUNC DIMITTIS




Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,




which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING



- P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
C  and His mercy endureth forever.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- P 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.

## +GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE+

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

- P The Lord be with you.  
C  And with thy spirit.  
P Bless we the Lord.  
C  Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

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

C  **Amen, Amen, Amen**

**HYMN TO DEPART**

*ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS*

**LSB 919**

**POSTLUDE**

**+TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY+**