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after Pentecost
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**Online Singing Service
Ascension Lutheran Church**

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ 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.

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.

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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"
2 How can Your par - don reach and bless
3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls



You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can
The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and
The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - ial debts are
And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in



grant us grace To live the words we say.
will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?
owed to us, How great our debt to You!
bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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

946 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise

1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 15:15–21

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?
¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.
They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 26; antiphon: v. 8

- P** Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my in- | tegrit^y,*
- C** **and I have trusted in the LORD without | wavering.**
- P** Prove me, O LORD, and | try me;*
- C** **test my heart | and my mind.**
- P** For your steadfast love is be- | fore my eyes,*
- C** **and I walk in your | faithfulness.**
- P** I do not sit with men of | falsehood,*
- C** **nor do I consort with | hypocrites.**
- P** I hate the assembly of evil- | doers,*
- C** **and I will not sit with the | wicked.**
- P** I wash my hands in | innocence*
- C** **and go around your altar, | O LORD,**
- P** proclaiming thanksgiving | aloud,*
- C** **and telling all your | wondrous deeds.**
- P** O LORD, I love the habitation | of your house*
- C** **and the place where your | glory dwells.**
- P** Do not sweep my soul away with | sinners,*
- C** **nor my life with blood- | thirsty men,**

- P** in whose hands are evil de- | vices,*
C and whose right hands are | full of bribes.
- P** But as for me, I shall walk in my in- | tegrity,*
C redeem me, and be gra- | cious to me.
- P** My foot stands on | level ground;*
C in the great assembly I will | bless the LORD.
- P** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
C As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, Amen.

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

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- C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

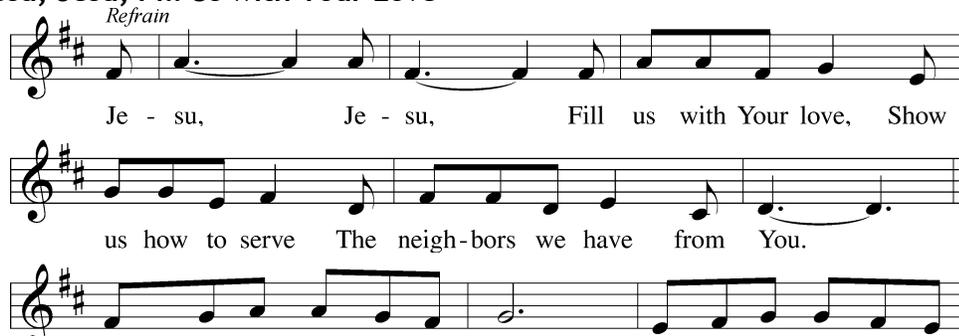
C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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

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

980 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

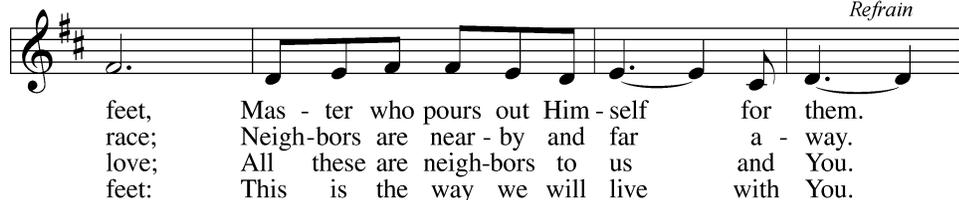
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, Fill us with Your love, Show
us how to serve The neigh-bors we have from You.

1 Kneels at the feet of His friends, Si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, Var - ied in col - or and
3 These are the ones we will serve; These are the ones we will
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, Si - lent - ly wash - ing their

Refrain



feet, Mas - ter who pours out Him - self for them.
race; Neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
love; All these are neigh - bors to us and You.
feet: This is the way we will live with You.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P For our faith and faithfulness, especially for those persecuted for the cause of Christ; and for our strength in time of trial and for us to persevere in grace in the day of trouble, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, Jerusalem on high, our mother in Christ until Christ is fully formed in us; For the pastors who serve us, that they may be faithful stewards of God's mysteries; and for those at home and abroad, who bring the message of salvation to those who have not heard, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For her majesty the Queen, for Julie, Canada's Governor General and Martyn, Governor of the Cayman Islands, and for Michel, Quebec's Lieutenant-Governor, for our Canadian Parliament, Cayman Islands Legislature, and Quebec National Assembly; For those who must render judgment and impose punishment upon lawbreakers; and For those who work for peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For favorable weather and for those who tend the soil and harvest its fruits; For business and industry, service workers and artisans; For generosity toward those in need; and For the unemployed and underemployed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those married, that they would live in fidelity to their vows and promises; For parents as they teach their children to know and love the Lord; For single adults, that they may find fulfillment in their service to others; and For our lives together showing the love of Christ one to another, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For grace to take up the cross and follow the Lord wherever He leads; For courage in the face of challenge and adversity; and For compassion and harmony in our life together, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For holy lives of faith; For faith to receive the Lord's gift of His flesh and blood in the Holy Sacrament; and For this holy assembly, that we may present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our remembrance of the saints and grace to follow their example of faith; For God to grant us a place with them in their fellowship; and For our eternal life in God's kingdom without end, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, and 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, whom with the Holy Spirit, You are one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,
 3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our
 4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the
 free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your
 hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious
 life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;
 good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone
 sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."
 lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings
 Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by
 Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You
 Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful
 You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py
 deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your
 stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.
 and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"
 all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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Benediction

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- 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.

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