"The will of Jesus is so completely given to his Father that his whole life is both an asking and a receiving."

Lesslie Newbigin

"As the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself...

An hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice and come out..."

Jesus (John 5)

"For the Lord himself will descend from heaven... and the dead in Christ shall rise... and so we shall always be with the Lord." Paul (1 Thessalonians 4)

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CALL TO WORSHIP • Hebrews 13:15

Through Jesus then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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PRAYER OF INVOCATION

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Let us pray...

CALL TO CONFESSION OF SIN • Micah 7:18

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our short-sighted agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS • Micah 7:19

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

May the peace of Christ be with you. *And also with you!*

OFFERING • Philippians 4:11-13, 19-20

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me... And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! Praise him, all creatures here below! Praise him above, ye heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING • Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray...

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you taught us to pray, and to offer our petitions to you in His name.

Guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our prayers for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of all generations, you formed your church from the despised of the earth and showed them mercy that they might proclaim salvation to all.

Strengthen those you have chosen that they may faithfully endure all trials by which you conform your church to the cross of Christ through Jesus Christ our Lord.

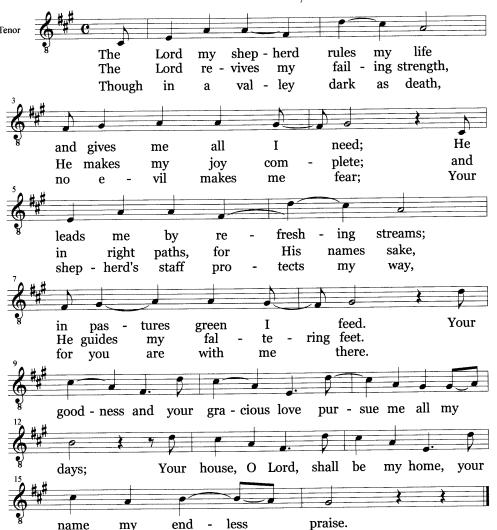
God of comfort, you bear the pain of the world and stand with those who sorrow. Look with compassion on those who are troubled, cheer them by your word, and bring them healing as a sign of your grace through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mighty God, whose word we trust, whose Spirit enables us to pray: accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose on earth through lesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord, My Shepherd

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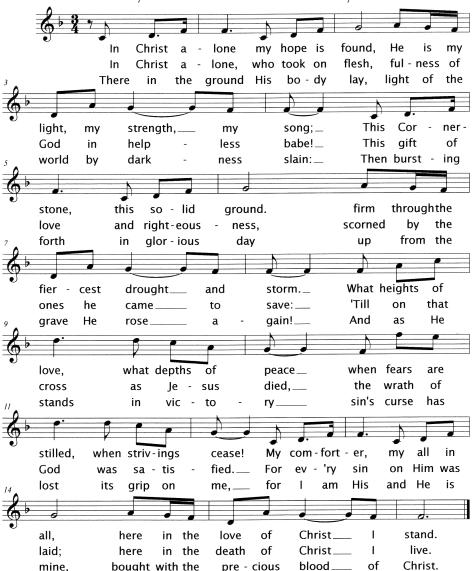


While all my enemies look on, you spread a royal feast; you fill my cup, anoint my head, and treat me as your guest.

(Chorus)

In Christ Alone

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No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand; 'till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

GOSPEL READING • John 11:38-44

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." ⁴⁴ The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ. *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

SERMON • "The Glory of God" (Rev. Eric Costa)





CONFESSION OF FAITH • The Heidelberg Catechism, 60

How are you right with God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments and of never having kept any of them, and even though I am still inclined toward all evil, nevertheless, without my deserving it at all, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned or been a sinner, as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need to do is to accept this gift with a believing heart. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE • Colossians 3:15

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

(Greet one another with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE AND PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION • 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

THE MYSTERIUM FIDEI • 1 Corinthians 11:26; 5:7-8

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(All who confess faith in Jesus Christ may partake of this Sacrament: baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, who are at peace with God and with their brothers and sisters in Christ, and who seek God's grace to live more faithfully for him in this world. Please come forward after the musicians. The glasses on your right contain grape juice for those who do not want wine. There are gluten-free crackers on the table. An Elder is available for prayer upon request [James 5:13-16].)

What Wondrous Love Is This

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1 What won-drous love is this. O my soul. 0 mv 2 When sin-king down, sin-king down. sin-king I was 3 To will God and to the Lamb will sing, I

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

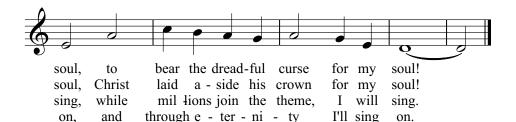


soul, what won-drous love is soul! What this. O my sin-king down, when I was sin-king down, down: when sing, God and to the Lamb will sing!___ to I To and when from death I'm free. on! on. I'll sing And



won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss was sin-king down be - neath God's right eous frown. Christ God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I AM," while when from death I'm free. I'11 sing and joy - ful be.





The Lamb Has Overcome

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The table now is spread, the table now is spread; the wine and bread, broken body and blood shed, the table now is spread.

The day is drawing near, the day is drawing near; he shall appear and wipe away each tear, the day is drawing near!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name! Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, glory be unto his name! (Repeat Chorus)

BENEDICTION • John 14:27

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

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Remember: every gathering is an opportunity to invite a friend, to introduce people to the Christ-centered community and life of the church! For information about our regular meetings like home groups, bible studies for men and women, and more, please visit ascensionpc.org/calendar.

After Worship • Please stay a while and join us for coffee and conversation. Around 11:45am we start Sunday School—kids will meet in the sanctuary before going to their classes, and adults will meet in the fellowship hall for Sermon Discussion (young children are welcome to accompany their parents).

Women's Retreat • Oct. 13-15, Lincoln City. The cost is \$85 per person, **due Sun., Oct. 8** (today!). Contact Cheryl Boden for details (wu.gardens@gmail.com).

Choir • We're putting together a choir to sing a few songs on Sundays during the Advent season and on Christmas Eve. If you're interested, contact John Elliott (john.a.elliott2@gmail.com).

Refreshments Volunteers • As mundane as it may seem, bringing refreshments to church is a great way to demonstrate hospitality to one another and to visitors—especially to the children! Contact: Nicole Hamilton (neh.hamilton@gmail.com)

Nursery Volunteers • Some of our current volunteers are transitioning to help with Sunday School, so we need some more folks in the nursery rotation (which should be once every 6-8 weeks). Can you help? Contact: Rainy Aznoe (rainyrr@aol.com).



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