

We were
chosen
from the beginning

Two black, hand-drawn hands are positioned below the text, palms facing upwards. The hands are simple, with fingers spread, and appear to be reaching towards the words 'from the beginning'.

E P H E S I A N S 1 : 1 1



Ascension Lutheran Church

Becoming Caring Servants Who Extend Life in Christ to Diverse People

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Welcome

The Lord Jesus Shepherds his Church on Earth by the Ministry of the Gospel

The Lord rebukes and removes “the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep” (Jer. 23:1). He gathers the flock, brings them back to the fold, and sets “*shepherds over them who will care for them*” (Jer. 23:3-4). He raises up the Son of David, the great Good Shepherd, to “*reign as king and deal wisely*” (Jer. 23:5). He is “*our righteousness,*” in whom we “*dwelt securely*” (Jer. 23:6). He has compassion on all of us, who were “*like sheep without a shepherd*” (Mark 6:34). Not only does He teach many things, but taking the bread, He blesses and breaks and gives it to the disciples “*to set before the people*” (Mark 6:41). He abundantly provides for His Church on earth, so that everyone is fed and fully satisfied in body and soul. He preaches peace “*to you who were far off,*” and “*by the blood of Christ,*” He brings you near (Eph. 2:13, 17). Though you were “*separated from Christ*” by your sin, “*having no hope and without God in the world*” (Eph. 2:12), now “*you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God*” (Eph. 2:19).

The Congregation prepares their hearts for worship.

Prelude: "Five Thousand" ~ Dr. London Green

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

Invocation

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

Exhortation

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- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Confession and Absolution

- P** Remember that you were once separated from Christ, having no hope and without God in the world.
C But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace.

Silence for reflection.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded us to confess our sins and yet have promised Your forgiveness. We therefore confess our sins, even those we are not aware of, those we have done and all that we have failed to do. By Your divine command, grant us Your forgiveness for the sake of the blood of our crucified and risen Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, for You have commanded Your called ministers of Christ to absolve those who repent of their sins. Therefore, upon this, your confession, 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

The Congregation faces the Processional Cross for the Entrance Hymn.

Entrance Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best



Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
Seem hun - ger-ing and thirst-ing To hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto-ry, Be-cause I know it's true;
And when in scenes of glo-ry I sing the new, new song,



It sat - is-fies my long-ings As noth - ing else would do.
'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto-ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo-ry



To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.

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Service of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

First Reading or Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:1-6

A The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, chapter 23.

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who

will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.””

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 2:11–22

L A reading from Ephesians, chapter 2.

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:30-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C 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 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

Prayer Response

P These and whatever else You would have us ask of You, O God,
grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

Preparing the Table: Accordion Solo: Little David, Play Your Harp"

During this time, the Altar is prepared to Celebrate the Holy Eucharist. Any tithes or offerings may be placed into the offering plate near the entrance to the Sanctuary at the beginning or end of service. For those who are worshipping via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website.

Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Statement

Ascension Lutheran Church joins together in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, are asked first to speak with the pastor. In the mean time, please feel welcome to come forward and receive a special blessing.

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the

Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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.”

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Following the Pax Domini, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Agnus Dei

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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

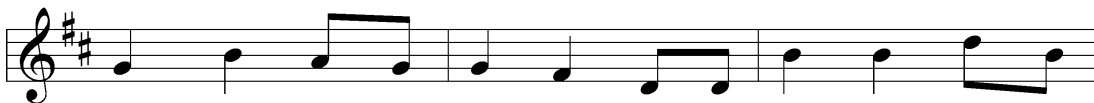
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

Distribution Hymn: 725 Children of the Heavenly Father



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Distribution Hymn: When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

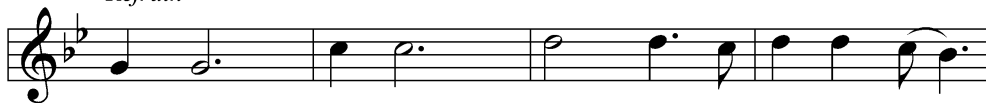


1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, Let My peo - ple go,
2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, Let My peo - ple go,
3 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side, Let My peo - ple go,



Op-pressed so hard they could not stand, Let My peo - ple go.
To lead the He-brew chil - dren through, Let My peo - ple go.
At God's com - mand it did di - vide, Let My peo - ple go.

Refrain



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E-gypt's land,



Tell old Pha - raoh: Let My peo - ple go.

4 When they had reached the other shore,
Let My people go,
They let the song of triumph soar,
Let My people go.

5 Lord, help us all from bondage flee,
Let My people go,
And let us all in Christ be free,
Let My people go.

Distribution Hymn: "This My Commandment"

This is My com-mand - ment that you love one an -
oth - er, that your joy may be
full. *Fine* full: That Your
joy may be full, that your
D.C. al Fine
joy may be full.

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Stand

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

- 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.

Thank the Lord

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C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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.

Hymn to Depart: 646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

sts. 1-2, 4



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly
2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to
4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own
His most mar - v'ulous light; Brought His truth to
peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of
life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,
sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that
That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh
Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

Congregational Announcements

Postlude: "Cornette" ~Thomas Travers

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Ascension Lutheran Church Prayer Request

Korey Budd & Tiana Griffin on the birth of their twins.

Vicki Haley and Family upon the recent death of Renee Haley

Joe Mohr and Family upon the recent death of his mother, Helen Mohr.

Abigail Geisler, niece of John Geisler, hospitalized, recovering from brain surgery

Barbara Wilhoit, sister-in-law of Carl Wilhoit, prayers for healing following heart surgery

Dolores Prather, prayers for healing after submitting to surgery.

Robin Sands, prayers for healing.

Joyce Bailey, Prayers for continued healing.

Amy Jordan-Dawson, Undergoing chemotherapy.

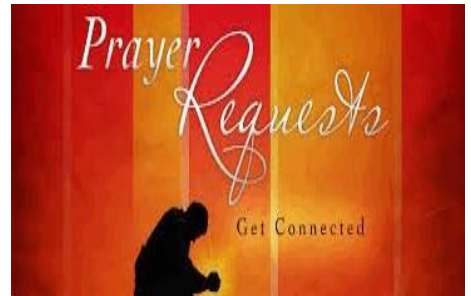
Helen Bell, Home from hospital recovering.

Alice Gaither, Prayers for continued healing.

Samuel Malachi, Prayers for healing.

Kent & Walt Nilsson, Prayers for improved vision.

Mary West, Prayers for healing while recovering from a stroke.



Ascension Shut-Ins:

Laura Brooks; John DellaGatta; Lois Flemming; Morris Hymes, Sr.,
Georgianna Lambert; Olivia Powell; Arthur and Mildred Smith, Helen Riley.

Found in a church pew: Single earring. Post design. If you lost one, you may have the mate to it. Call the church office and offer a description. We can return the one we found.

- Mike Walker



Ascension Coffee Hour Is Returning! Fall 2021



Ascension Elders

Ascension Weekly

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Divine Worship
Sunday at 9:00 am

Holy Communion is
celebrated in most services.

Holy Baptism
Arrangements for Baptism can be made
with the Pastor.

Weddings
Weddings for active Ascension
members are arranged with the Pastor.

Bible Study:

Youth Group: Youth Bible Study
meets online at 4:00 pm. For
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“On Sunday, July 11, Ascension celebrated nine graduates from 2020 and 2021. Pictured from left to right are Jessica Fields, Michael Pineda, Leyla Pineda, Marian Singletary and Sage Sims-Bonner. Not photographed but recognized are Jonathan Kampia, Maria Doakes, Mylee Robinson and Marcus Fulford. Congratulations!”

Warmly,
Jessica Townsend

Serving Us In Worship July 18, 2021

Assistant: Mary Tipton
Acolyte: Ellie Cox
Altar Guild: Agnes Jones, Agnes Brown, Helen Jones, Dianne Yohe
Readers: Dianne Yohe
Ushers: John Geisler, Harry Sessums, Clay Goldston
Counters: Rebecca Mitchell, Pat Broady

Sunday, July 18

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 am	Divine Service with Communion
10:30 am	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Sunday @ 6

Sunday, July 25

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

9:00 am	Divine Service with Communion
10:30 am	Choir Practice
6:00 pm	Sunday @ 6

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***Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week***

Zachary Plue, Remi Ojuronbe, Lois Fleming

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Hayes Scholarship Application

Hayes Scholarship Applications are available and should be submitted in a sealed envelope to the Church Office by August 13, 2021.

Serving Us In Worship July 25, 2021

<i>Assistant:</i>	Morris Hymes, Jr.
<i>Acolyte:</i>	Leyla Pineda
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Gloria Malachi, Kathy Garrett, Roberta White, Barbara Thom
<i>Readers:</i>	Leola Motley
<i>Ushers:</i>	John Corkill, Calvin Lee, Ekanem Ekanem
<i>Counters:</i>	John Geisler