

August 17, 2025, 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.  
Pastor Christian Magnell

HYMN

## PRAYER AT RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION *“Thy Will”*

PRAYER AND BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

And now may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace!

**Amen!**

CLOSING SONG *“Lead On, Good Shepherd”*

DISMISSAL

Let's go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

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**Psalm 121 – Devotional Thought:**

Psalm 121 is one of the Psalms (or songs) of Ascent. The pilgrims would read or sing these psalms as they went up to Jerusalem. Jerusalem, the City of David, is about 2500 feet above sea level so, considering its proximity to the Mediterranean, this was quite an elevation change!

These psalms go from Psalm 120 to Psalm 134. They likely sang them in anticipation of their arrival at the Temple and the opportunity to confess their sins and make atonement for those same sins.

We have a different relationship with God today through the New Covenant. We do not offer sacrifices for sin (which cannot actually do anything according to Scripture but foreshadowed what God would do in Christ). Instead, Jesus was the sacrifice for sins. When we have communion, Jesus is not re-sacrificed but is truly present as we share this meal “in remembrance” of Him.

In Christ, through faith, you have “ascended!” While we remain in this body, we can look forward to our eternal life with Christ. Take some time this week to read through the Psalms of Ascent (again, 120 to 134,) and praise God for what He has done for us in Christ!

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