


Divine Service

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



 THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION

MAY 24, 2020 ✝ SUNDAY, 10:00A.M.



Welcome! Please fill out the Record of Fellowship, which is the red book at the end of your pew.

PRELUDE

Saint Anthony Chorale

Joseph Haydn

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 493

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why
 4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,
 to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers
 al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
 al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5 **Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!**
Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

6 **O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!**
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalms 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

Please remain standing as a symbol of our Lord's resurrection.

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

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

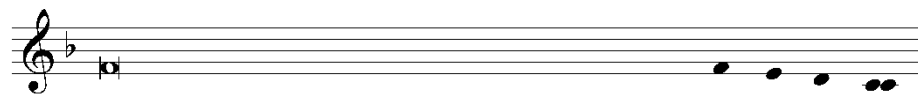
C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

SERVICE OF THE WORD

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of 14 staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the first line of music.

A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and
hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sitting

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

A The First Reading for The Ascension of Our Lord is from Acts, chapter one.

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Antiphon*Cantor introduces the first time then congregation repeats:***Brad Hall**

Voice



Christ has ris-en from the dead. God the Fa-ther has crowned him with
glo-ry and hon-or, He has giv-en him do-min-ion o-ver the works of his hands and has put
all things, all things, all things un-der his feet.



- L** Clap your hands, all | peoples!*
Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!
- C** For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,*
a great king over | all the earth.
- L** He subdued peoples | under us,*
and nations un- | der our feet.
- C** He chose our heritage | for us,*
the pride of Jacob | whom he loves.
- L** God has gone up | with a shout,*
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.
- C** Sing praises to God, sing | praises!*
Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!
- L** For God is the King of | all the earth;*
sing praises | with a psalm!
- C** God reigns over the | nations;*
God sits on his | holy throne.



- L** The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of | Abraham.*
For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly ex- | alted!
- C** **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.
- C** *Antiphon*

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

- A** The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter one.

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable

greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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



GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 821 (stanzas 1-2)

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we

scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is

tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the

like a might - y flood: “Je - sus out of
for - ty days were o’er, Shall our hearts for -

ev - ’ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood.”
get His prom - ise: “I am with you ev - er - more”?

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P 44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 You are witnesses of these things.

49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

50 And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL

Lutheran Service Book 821 (stanza 5)

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

- 5 **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood.”**

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NICENE CREED

[Matthew 10:32]

- P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- C** **I believe in one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ**, *Romans 10:9*
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*
by Whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*
Who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*
came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*
and was made man; *John 1:14*
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*
He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*
Whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

C **And I believe in the Holy Spirit**, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*
Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5*
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5*
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
and the life ✠ of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*
Amen. *Psalms 106:48*

CATECHETICAL RECITATION

The Fourth Commandment

- P** What is the Fourth Commandment?
C **Honor your father and your mother.**
- P** What does this mean?
C **We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.**
- P** Who are our parents and other authorities?
C **Parents are fathers, mothers, and guardians; other authorities are all those whom God has placed over us at home, in government, at school, at the place where we work, and in the church.**
- P** How do we despise or anger our parents and other authorities?
C **We despise and anger them by not respecting them through our disobedience or by any other kind of sin.**
- P** How do we honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them?
C **We honor our parents and other authorities by regarding them as God's representatives; we serve them by gladly providing what they need or require; we obey them in everything in which God has placed them over us; and we love and cherish them as precious gifts of God.**

Sitting



HYMN OF THE DAY

“Voices Raised to You We Offer”

Willis Bodine

Commissioned by Lutheran Church of the Ascension for the five hundredth anniversary of the Reformation.

Voices raised to you we offer
Buckhead 87. 87. 87.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for songs of praise.
2. All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky_ your works dis - play.
3. Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with heav - en's grace,
4. Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith_ with - in_ each heart.
5. How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all_ the thanks we owe?

Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute for_ your gifts_ through all our days.
Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend_ us, we_ re - turn_ to you to - day.
for your liv - ing, suf - fring, dy - ing, for_ your ris - ing, hear our praise!
Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus, through our hands your love im - part.
Take our hearts and hands and voic - es, gifts_ of love_ we can be - stow.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we_ sing!
God, Cre - a - tor, source of_ life!
Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of_ life!
Spir - it, help - er, breath of_ life!
Tri - une God, to you we_ sing!

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Standing

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

P God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Ascended Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and grant our supplication.

Brief silence

P That the Lord may grant us all things in Christ so we may be sustained in trial, strengthened in weakness and delivered from trouble, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Church of Christ may flourish and the good news of Christ crucified, risen and ascended would be proclaimed to all the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord may richly supply us with faithful pastors who will preach Your Word in season and out; and that we may hear, believe and live out this Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the nations of the earth may seek peace; and that the leaders of our country may pursue justice, righteousness and peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the pandemic may come to an end, and that livelihood and common life may resume, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That all who are afflicted may be strengthened in illness and comforted in adversity, [*especially _____,*] let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the faithful may not fret what we do not know but rejoice in Christ, our Savior, and live in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That the Lord may grant us joyful hearts and peace at the last, knowing that neither death nor life, nor any powers, can separate us from the love of God in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we may be as generous in our tithes and offerings as the Lord is in giving us His gifts, and that we may support the poor and those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we may know the Lord's presence in the means of His grace, hearing His Word, receiving His absolution and feasting at His table with faith and joy in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P That we may remember the saints of old, who contended for the Lord in their own day; and that we may join them at last in the marriage feast of the Lamb without end, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P All these things and whatever else we need, we ask You to grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sitting

OFFERING

MUSIC

"Minuet and March" (from *The Musical Clocks*)

Joseph Haydn

MEDITATION

Acts 1:11 – "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended – and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus – and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach the things of this world.

Standing

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with your spirit.**

2 Timothy 4:22

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

[Colossians 3:1]

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

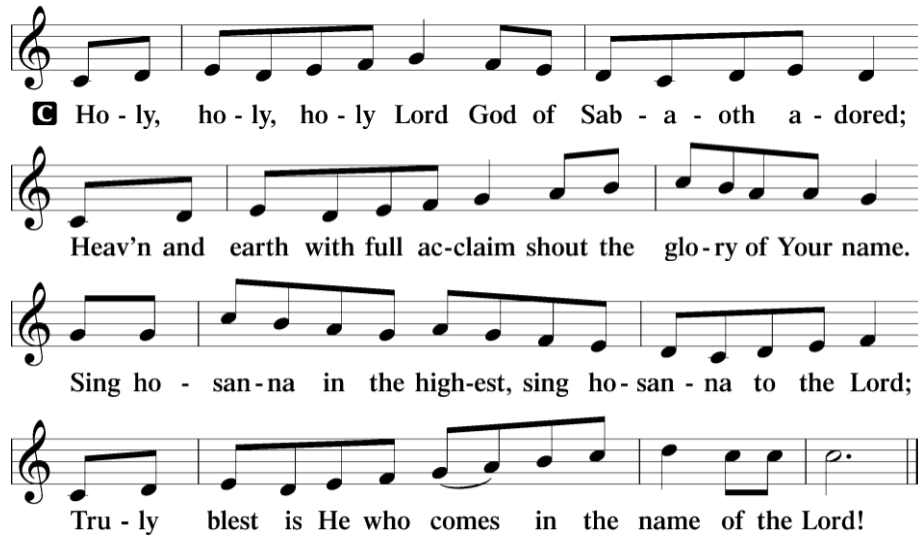
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

[Psalm 136]

- 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, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

Having revealed Your glory in the face of Your only-begotten Son, who suffered, died, and rose for our salvation, You have exalted Him to the highest majesty at Your right hand, that He might graciously fill all things.

Grant us faithfully to eat and drink this Holy Supper, trusting our reigning Savior Jesus, who, though unseen in His ascended glory, is here present to save by His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, 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, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

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 and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from *Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper*, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)

MUSIC FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 621

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way,
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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Standing

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.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.
O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Please remain standing and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 492

“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and
tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I
rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.
all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

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POSTLUDE

La Réjouissance

George Frideric Handel

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Making Christ Known

CALENDAR		
Sunday 5/24	The Ascension of Our Lord Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Christ In the Old Testament Feasts</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM
Monday 5/25	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM Closed
Tuesday 5/26	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 5/27	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel Divine Service with Holy Communion	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM Noon
Thursday 5/28	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 5/29	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 5/30	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 5/31	The Day of Pentecost Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>Christ In the Old Testament Feasts</i> Divine Service with Holy Communion	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:00 AM

Truth ~ GROWING IN HIS WORD

✦ Bible Study: *Christ In the Old Testament Feasts*

Theme: Ever heard of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, or Succoth? Did you ever wonder if Chanukah (Hanukah) is biblical? Have you noticed that we still celebrate a few of them yet today in the Church? What, if anything, do they have to say about salvation in Jesus Christ? Why don't we still observe them as the Jews did? These are just a few of the questions that will be answered in this nine-part Bible study. Please join us for a deeper and richer understanding of the Bible.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., from May 10 – July 5

Location: Church fellowship hall

✦ Bible Study: *Lutheranism 101*

Theme: Originally scheduled for April and May, this study has been postponed due to the governor's order to shelter-in-place. To ensure best attendance and participation, we are rescheduling this special book study for the early fall. If you'd like your own copy of the book or need study questions, please contact Pastor Miller at pastor@ascension-lcms.com.

Day & Time: Sundays at 9:00 A.M., beginning on a date yet to be determined in August

Location: Church fellowship hall

✦ Men's Group: Bible Study

Theme: Calling all guys! You're invited to join the group for a gathering of fellowship, prayer, and discussion. We'll begin a brand new study of Kurt Senske's *The Calling: Living a Life of Significance*. Please read through the first chapter. Books are available for purchase at only \$20/copy. Don't miss out!

Day & Time: Saturday, June 27 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church overflow room

✦ Women's Group: Bible Study

Theme: Come, delve into the great hymns of our church as they're informed by God's Word! The Ascension Women's Group is taking on a new hymn each month using the book *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions* by Timothy Shoup. It's available for purchase on Amazon for \$13 or through Concordia Publishing House for \$18, and the book "features introductions to 14 hymns with devotions based on each stanza, helping readers learn the biblical basis of the words the authors chose."

If you've never joined this group for a book study before, now is a great time – since the ladies will be studying a different hymn each month, you're free to come when you can and not stress if you can't commit to every meeting. Childcare is provided!

Day & Time: Saturday, June 27 at 9:30 A.M.

Location: Church narthex

Beauty ~ WORSHIPING OUR GOD

✦ Midweek Divine Service

Theme: A midweek Divine Service will be available on Wednesdays during the month of May. It is intended for those who wish to take part in a smaller group setting. While abbreviated, it will still feature the liturgy of the common service, hymnody, preaching, and Holy Communion.

Day & Time: Wednesdays at noon through June 10

Location: Church sanctuary

Goodness ~ SERVING IN HIS NAME

1-1-1 Mission Campaign

Theme: For less than the price of one visit to Starbucks, you could contribute a month's worth of financial support toward our Lord's mission work in the English District. 1-1-1 is a new campaign to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone in the district can give toward the work of getting the Gospel out to those in our community. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, the English District is supporting Concordia Lutheran Mission in Myerstown, PA. But this money goes toward eight other startup congregations, including two Spanish-speaking churches and several college ministries. Please consider playing a part in the mission of our English District! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

✦ Congregational Voters Meeting

Theme: Your brothers and sisters at Ascension are calling a family meeting. It's time to discuss important matters, and we want your input in the decision-making process. Please mark your calendar.

Day & Time: Sunday, June 7 following Divine Service

Location: Church sanctuary

LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

In Celebration

Birthdays

✝ None this week

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

✝ None this week

Wedding Anniversaries

✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries

✝ Bekah Beckman, 5/26

✝ Greg Ison, 5/27

In Need

Recent Requests

For persecuted Christians:

✝ Turkey

For comfort, health, and healing:

✝ Jim Burroughs (brother of Jean Meyer's son-in-law)

✝ Terrie Dowling (aunt of Caitlin East)

✝ Rev. David Heller (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA)

✝ Brandon Irwin (friend of Lauren Morr)

✝ Betty Ledford (grandmother of Justin Ledford)

✝ Brielle (granddaughter of Tracy and Lucie Woolery)

✝ All impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19)

For the health and safety of our deployed servicemen and women:

✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens)

Peace and comfort for the family and friends of:

✝ Ray Evan LaVan, Jr. (father of Evan LaVan)

✝ All who remember military heroes this Memorial day

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden

✝ The Kroll family (friends of Ascension)

✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr)

✝ Tom & Adi Murphy (former neighbors of the Beckmans)

✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)

For the leaders of Church and state:

✝ Director Barbara Collins & Open Arms Board

✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials

✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials

✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension

✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic

✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



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