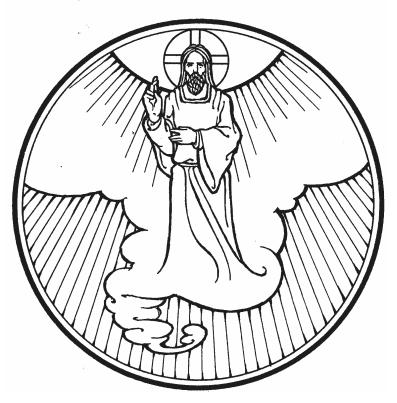
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Order of Service for The Ascension of our Lord May 21, 2020

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494 See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph



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.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- 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.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 47:1–2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee,

why do you stand looking into heaven? Alleluia.

This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,

will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alleluia.

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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why do you stand looking into heaven? Alleluia.

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Kyrie LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.

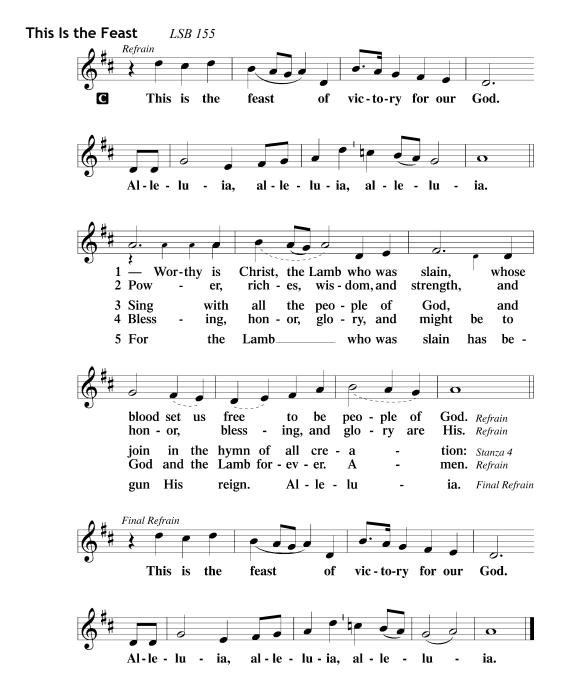


A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord



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





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- 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.

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:5–15

Then the sons of the prophets who were in Jericho approached Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD is taking your master from you?"

He said, "Yes I know. Be quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here because the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

But he said, "As surely as the LORD lives and you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.

⁷Then fifty men from the sons of the prophets came and stood facing them at a distance while the two of them were standing at the Jordan. ⁸Elijah took his cloak and struck the water. It divided to the right and to the left. Then the two of them crossed on dry land.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I can do for you before I am taken from you."

Then Elisha said, "Let there be a double portion of your spirit on me."

¹⁰He said, "You have asked a difficult thing. If you see me being taken from you, you will have it. But if not, then you won't."

¹¹While they were walking and talking, suddenly a chariot made of fire and horses made of fire came and separated them. So Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹²Elisha was watching and crying out, "My father! My father! Israel's chariot and his horsemen!" Then he did not see him anymore. He grabbed his garment, and he ripped it into two pieces.

¹³Then he picked up Elijah's cloak which had fallen from him. He returned and stood at the edge of the Jordan. ¹⁴He took Elijah's cloak, which had fallen from him, and he struck the water and said, "Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" As soon as he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left so that Elisha could cross. ¹⁵The sons of the prophets, who were in Jericho facing him, saw this and said, "Elijah's spirit is resting on Elisha." They went to meet him and bowed down to the ground before him.

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

Second Reading Acts 1:1–11

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching ²until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

⁴Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which 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 were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

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

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156



Holy Gospel Luke 24:44–53

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



⁴⁴He said to them, "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



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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Sermon

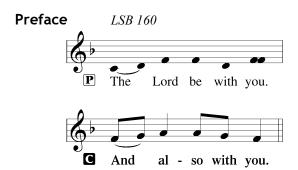
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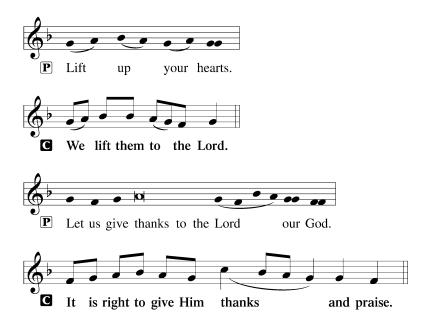
I believe in one God. the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men 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

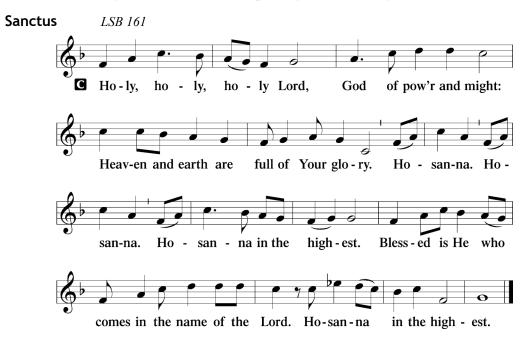


Service of the Sacrament





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 after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine 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:



Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 161

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.

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

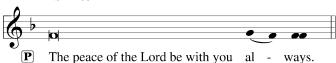
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

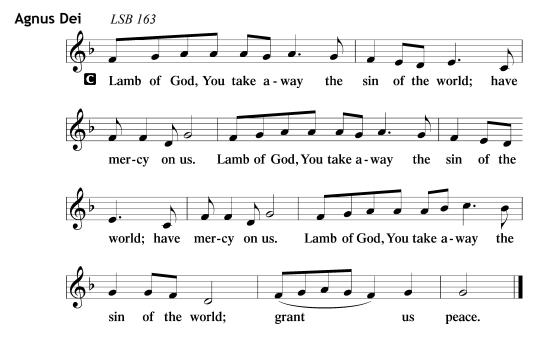
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 LSB 163







Distribution

The pastor and the elder will go from car to car to distribute communion. Please have a clean plate ready. The pastor will place the host(s) on the plate. Then you may distribute it among yourselves in the car and eat Christ's body. For Christ's blood, individual cups will be placed onto a tray. Pastor will hold the tray for you. Take the cups from the tray and consume them. Please take the cups home with you. When you get home I suggest that you rinse them and either drink the remainder or pour it respectfully on the ground outside. However, I leave this to your good Christian judgment.

A word to our guests who do not hold to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's confession of faith:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod practices "closed communion." That means that we only receive the sacrament together with those we are united with in our confession of faith. If you are not a member in good standing of a Lutheran congregation that holds to our confession of faith, then we will not offer you communion tonight. It is our fervent hope that we may be united in the truth. We are willing and eager to work towards that unity by discussing God's Word with you.

Please contact Pastor Holmen to learn more about our congregation's confession of faith and how we can grow together in the truth of the Scriptures. Pr. Holmen may be reached at (319) 283-8360 or rev.michael.holmen@gmail.com. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Hymns that will be sung during the distribution of the Sacrament are on the following pages. Whenever the distribution of communion is finished we will sing the "Thank the Lord" on page 19.

336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



- 1 Come, Thou long ex pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free; 2 Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee. us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. Born to reign in



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art, By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



ev - 'ry long - ing heart. to Thy glo-rious throne. of Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us Text and tune: Public domain

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown Him with man y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
- The God in car nate born, Be hold His hands and side, 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son,
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
- Who tri-umphed o'er the 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En-throned in worlds a - bove,



mu - sic but its own. Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All Whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won Which now His brow a-dorn: Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied. And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save. giv'n The Crown Him the king to whom is won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Fruit of the mys-tic rose, an - gels in the sky His glo - ries now we sing, Crown Him with man - y crowns

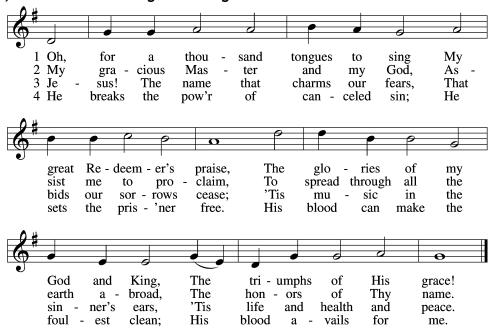
Of Him who died for thee, And Yet of that rose the stem, The Can ful - ly bear that sight, But Who died and rose on high, Who As thrones be - fore Him fall;



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty. root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem. down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright. died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of

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528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- Look unto Him, ye nations; own
 Your God, ye fallen race.
 Look and be saved through faith alone,
 Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain. His soul was once an off'ring made For ev'ry soul of man.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love
 Be now and ever giv'n
 By saints below and saints above,
 The Church in earth and heav'n.

532 The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns



- 5 They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above, Their profit and their joy to know The myst'ry of His love.
- 6 The cross He bore is life and health,
 Though shame and death to Him:
 His people's hope, His people's wealth,
 Their everlasting theme.

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Thank the Lord LSB 164



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice 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.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 LSB 166



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.



495 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious



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