

# THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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## OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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☩ Hymns ☩

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**PLEASE SILENCE YOUR PHONE BEFORE SERVICE BEGINS.**

**Visitors, welcome to Our Savior!** Please take a moment to sign our guestbook on the stand in the narthex before you leave. We follow a traditional Lutheran order of service, which is based on Holy Scripture and historical practice. The order of service in this bulletin is taken from *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) Divine Service Setting Three. Please feel free to ask any member of the congregation for help if this is new to you.

**Wooden kneeling stools** are available to all for use during the Preparation, Consecration, and Benediction. If you would like one, please take it from underneath the last row of chairs on the pulpit side of the nave before service. You may tuck it under the pew in front of you while not in use and may leave it there after the service.

**This evening we will celebrate Holy Communion**

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Blessed Sacrament. Also, those who receive the Lord's Supper at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith. For these reasons, *only members of this congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* receive Holy Communion at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine and practice of Closed Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the Divine Service.

## ☩ THE DIVINE SERVICE ☩

6:00pm

### THE PRELUDE

*The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.*

*Please STAND and face the Procession as it passes.*

**THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN** 493 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

*KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

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

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

PSALM 32:5

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...*

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

*STAND*

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

**THE INTROIT**

ACTS 1:11; PSALM 47:1-2, 5



| Ye men | of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?  
Alle- / luia!

This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven,  
shall so come in like manner  
as ye have seen him go into heaven. Alleluia! / Alleluia!

**O clap your hands, all ye / people;  
shout unto God with the / voice of triumph.**

For the LORD most high is / terrible;  
he is a great King / over all the earth.

**God is gone up with a / shôut,  
the LORD with the / sound of a trumpet.  
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 for- / ever. Amen.**

| Ye men | of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?  
Alle- / luia!

This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven,  
shall so come in like manner  
as ye have seen him go into heaven. Alleluia! / Alleluia!

**THE KYRIE**

ST. MARK 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

# THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

ST. LUKE 2:14; ST. JOHN 1:29

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O ☩ Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.

A - men.

*SIT*

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

2 KINGS 2:8-15

*In those days:* Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the Jordan; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be

so.” Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, “My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!” So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, “Where is the LORD God of Elijah?” And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over. Now when the sons of the prophets who were from Jericho saw him, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA VERSE**

PSALM 47:5, 68:18A



Alle- / luia!

- / Alleluia!

**God is gone up with a / shôut,**

**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. / Alleluia!**

Thou hast ascended on / hîgh,

thou hast led captivity captive. / Alleluia!

**THE SECOND READING**

ACTS 1:1-11

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible

proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

*The lit Paschal Candle is removed in remembrance of Christ's Ascension.*

And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*STAND*

**THE SEQUENCE HYMN**

**459** *Christ Is Arisen*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

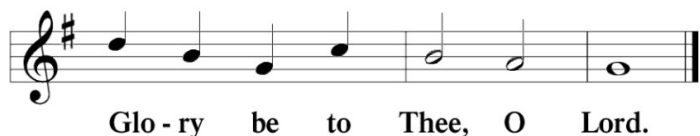
ST. MARK 16:14-20

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time:* Jesus appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

*SIT*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY**    492 *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build*

### THE SERMON

*STAND*

### THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12





tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

*SIT*

**THE OFFERING**

*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

*STAND*

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

[I TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

*After each bid:* Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*At the conclusion:* O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**


THE SERVICE OF

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

**THE PREFACE**

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]



It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

**THE SANCTUS**

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

**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.**

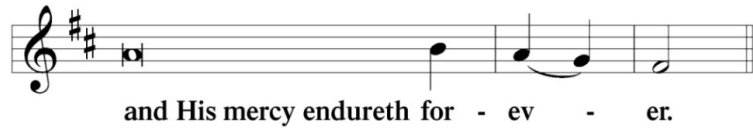
**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**



## THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.



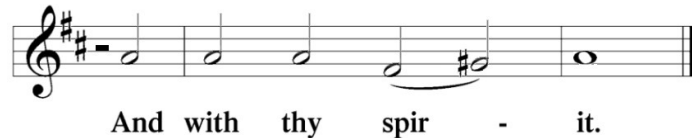
Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

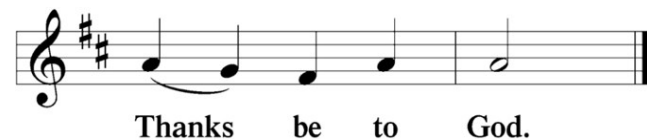
The Lord be with you.



## THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.



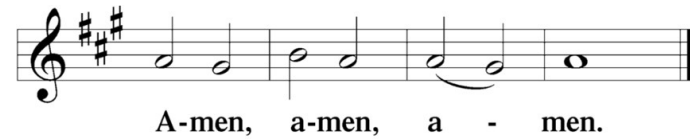
## THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



## THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

*Please face the Procession as it passes.*

*Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ✠ peace.*



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