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THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

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✝ Hymns ✝

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On receiving the Lord's Supper: Our congregation is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a family of congregations that pledge themselves to believe, teach, and confess the same faith. We believe that we are given a great responsibility to commune only those persons who are members of our confessional fellowship. We practice closed communion to exhibit unity in faith (Acts 2:42), to guard the uninstructed against a reception of the sacrament that will be harmful to them (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), and to keep the pastor from having to make “divine” decisions by determining who is a believer and who is not (2 Timothy 2:19). Therefore, we ask that only LCMS members, or members of churches in fellowship with us, commune at the altar of this church. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that we practice closed communion for their spiritual welfare. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.



✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

10:30am

Please silence all phones and devices before service begins.

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

492 *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build*

THE PREPARATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
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.

Please remain STANDING or KNEEL if you desire and are able

Our ✠ help is in the Name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

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

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.

Please STAND



THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE INTROIT

PSALM 27:7A, 8-9A; 27:1A



| Hear, O | LORD, when I cry with my voice: Alle- / luia!
When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face, my heart said unto Thee,
Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me. Alleluia! / Alleluia!

**The LORD is my light and my sal- / vation;
- / Whom shall I fear?**

***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.

| Hear, O | LORD, when I cry with my voice: Alle- / luia!
When Thou saidst, Seek ye My face, my heart said unto Thee,
Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me. Alleluia! / Alleluia!

THE KYRIE

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

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

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty, Everlasting God: make us to have always a devout will towards Thee, and to serve Thy Majesty with a pure heart; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



A - men.

Please BE SEATED

THE PROPHECY

EZEKIEL 36:23A, 23C-28

Thus says the LORD God: “I will sanctify My great name, and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God,” says the LORD Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA VERSE

PSALM 47:5, 68:17B-18A



Alle- / luia!

- / Alleluia!

God is gone up with a / shôut,

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

The Lord is in Sinai, in the / holy place.

Thou hast ascended on high,

Thou hast led captivity captive. / Alleluia!

THE EPISTLE

1 PETER 4:7B-11

Dearly Beloved: Be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

459 *Christ Is Arisen*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

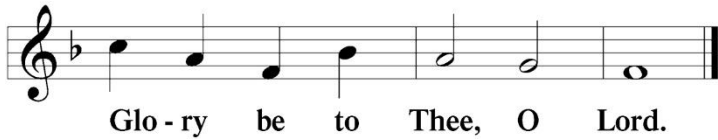
ST. JOHN 15:26—16:4A

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

The ✠ Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.



✠ *At that time Jesus said to His disciples:* “When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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.

Please BE SEATED

THE HYMN OF THE DAY

539 *Christ Is the World's Redeemer*

THE SERMON

Please STAND

THE OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

THE OFFERTORY VERSE

ACTS 1:11



Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into / heaven?
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!

Please BE SEATED

THE OFFERING

Please STAND

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- please read the announcements and prayer list details on bulletin insert

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.



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.



It is meet and right so to do.

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

THE SANCTUS



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,

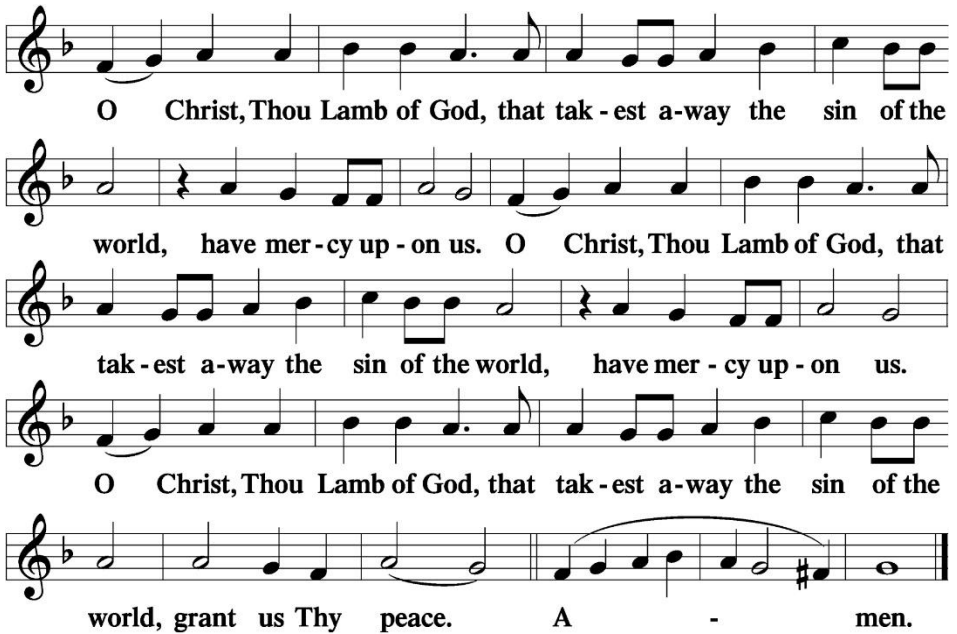


ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,



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


THE AGNUS DEI



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

THE COMMUNION VERSE

ST. JOHN 17:12A, 13A, 15



Father, while I was with them,

I kept those that Thou gavest Me, Alle- / luia!

And now come I to Thee. I pray not that Thou shouldst take
them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep
them from the evil, Alleluia, / Alleluia!

Please BE SEATED

*Communion Distribution: Our congregation practices closed communion for
the spiritual welfare of our members and guests. Please refer
to page 1 of this bulletin for further explanation or speak to our pastor.*

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

714 *Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode*

639 *Wide Open Stand the Gates*

724 *If God Himself Be for Me*

Please STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE THANKSGIVING

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



and His mercy endureth forever.

Let us pray. Being filled, O Lord, with Thy sacred gifts: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may ever abide in thankfulness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



A - men.

THE SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

THE BENEDICAMUS

Bless we the LORD.



Thanks be to God.

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THE BENEDICTION

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.



A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please STAND

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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