

THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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MOUNT OLIVE
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:00am—Bible Study
10:30am—Divine Service

Wednesdays: 10:00am—Private Confession and Absolution
10:30am—Matins



Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church is a congregation of the English District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. We are committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ fully presented in the Holy Scriptures, rightly explained in the Lutheran Confessions, and reverently proclaimed in the Divine Service.

Visitors, welcome! 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 *The Lutheran Hymnal* (TLH) page 15/*Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) Divine Service Setting III. Please feel free to ask any member of the congregation for help if this is new to you.

This evening we will celebrate Holy Communion. 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, we ask that any who have not received Holy Communion from Pastor McCall and desire to receive the Sacrament to first speak with the pastor. Those not communing with us today are welcome to come to the altar during The Distribution to receive a blessing, crossing the arms over the chest once knelt to indicate such a desire.

Using the bulletin. Parts spoken by the Pastor are printed in regular type font. (ex. In the name of...). Parts spoken by the congregation are in bold type font. (ex. **O Almighty God...**). All parts accompanying printed music are sung by the congregation.

Individuals needing pastoral care including private confession and absolution can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall at (216) 618-1811 or rev.mccall@pm.me**

✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

7:00pm

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.

STAND at the beginning of the first sung stanza of the hymn and face the Procession.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN TLH 212 *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

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

Amen.

ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

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]

Our help is in the name of the Lord, PSALM 124:8
who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD, PSALM 32:5
and Thou forgavest 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 Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy 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. [ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

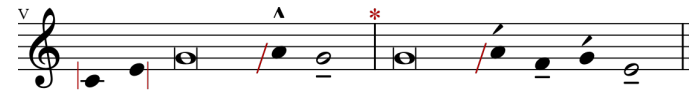
Amen.



✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

ACTS 1:11; PSALM 47:1-2, 5, 8



|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 be- / ginning,
is now and will be for- / ever. Amen.**

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go into heaven. / 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 2:5-15

In those days, ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

¹⁵Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA

PSALM 47:5, 68:18A



Alle- / luia!

- / Alleluia!

God has gone up / with a shout,

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

You ascended on / high,

leading a host of captives in your train. / Alleluia!

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

ACTS 1:1-11

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?” 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

LSB 459 *Christ Is Arisen*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. LUKE 24:44-53

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ ⁴⁴Then [Jesus] 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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 CHIEF HYMN

LSB 491 *Up through Endless Ranks of Angels*

THE SERMON

STAND

THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12



Before or After the service, you may place your offering in the plate available next to the classroom door or main nave entrance under the balcony

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own high priest. 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, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SIT

THE HYMN

LSB 701 *Draw Us to Thee*

STAND

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 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:

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.

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
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28; ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

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.

THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29

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.

SIT

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE HYMN

LSB 494 *See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph*

STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32

Lord, now lett-est Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the begin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

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

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

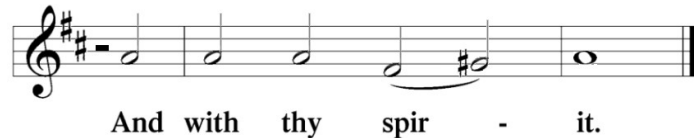
Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns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



THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4: 22

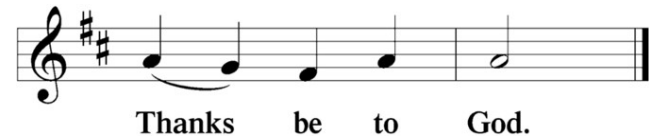
The Lord be with you.



THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.



THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

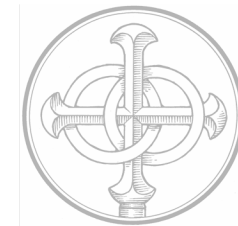
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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



THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, you may ☩ depart in peace.



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