

Communion Practice: We believe that Christ is truly present in Holy Communion and, as we try to be faithful to Christ in the serving of this Sacrament, we ask that people be instructed before receiving Holy Communion. All confirmed members of this parish, who have been regularly examined by the Pastor, are welcome to partake of the Holy Eucharist today. We also welcome the members who are in good standing of any of the parishes served by the Bishops, Pastors, and Deacons of The Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America (ELDoNA), and who have spoken to the Pastor prior to the service. Members of other Lutheran parishes or other denominations are kindly asked to refrain from communing today. The Pastor would be glad to make an appointment with anyone to discuss our teachings and/or our parish.

A Prayer upon Entering Church

Almighty, Ever-Living God, grant that I may gladly hear Thy Word and that all my worship may be acceptable unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Communion

Dear Savior, upon Thy gracious invitation I come to Thine Altar. Let me find favor in Thine eyes that I may approach Thy Table in true faith and receive the Sacrament to the salvation of my soul. Amen.

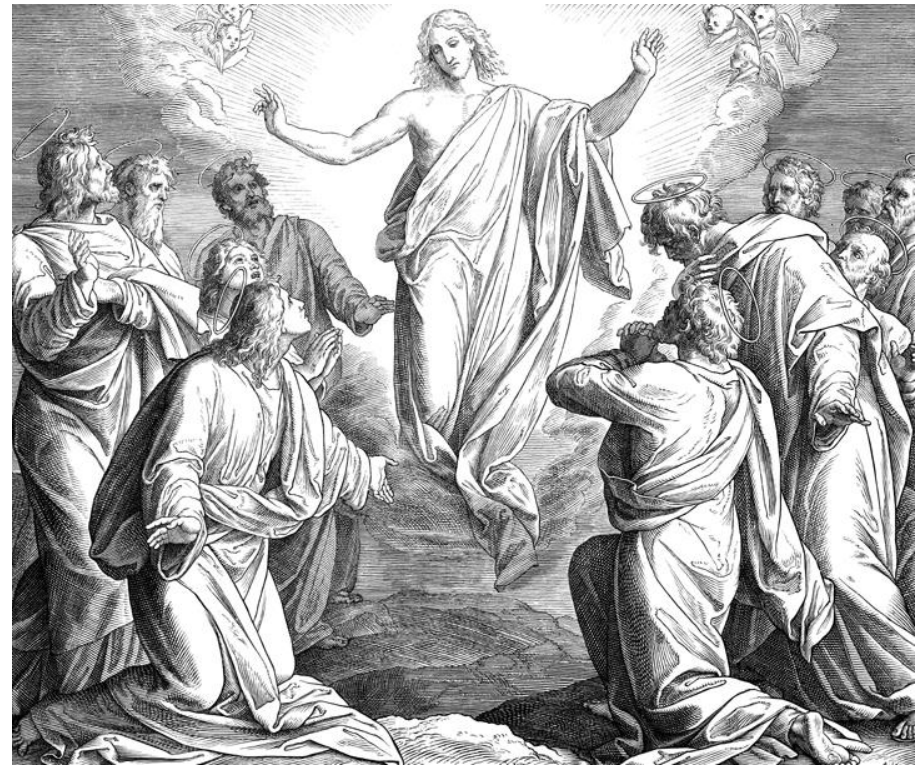
A Prayer after Communion

O Thou blessed Savior Jesus Christ, Who hast given Thyself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Thy faith and favor; as Thou livest in me, let me also live in Thee. May Thy holy Body and Blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life. Amen.

A Prayer at the Close of the Service

Grant, I beseech Thee, Almighty God, that the Word which I have heard this day may through Thy grace be so engrafted in my heart that I may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

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The Festival of the Ascension of our Lord
May 13th, 2021

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“So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.” St. Mark 16:19

The Order of Divine Service

The Prelude	<i>“Lasst uns erfreuen”</i>	Rudolf Moser
The Ringing of the Bell		
<i>Stand</i>		
The Processional Hymn	<i>“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”</i>	Δ TLH 212
Silent Prayer	<i>(The Pastor silently prays Psalm 24)</i>	
The Invocation and Address		TLH p. 15
Versicles	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	TLH p. 15
Confession and Absolution		TLH p. 16
<i>Stand (if kneeling)</i>		
The Introit	<i>(Tone 5)</i>	INSERT
The Kyrie		TLH p. 17
The Gloria in Excelsis		TLH p. 17-19
The Salutation		TLH p. 19
The Collect for the Day		INSERT
The Collect for Rogate		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Epistle		Acts 1:1-11
The Gradual		INSERT
<i>Stand</i>		
The Sequence Hymn	<i>“Christians, To the Paschal Victim”</i>	INSERT
The Holy Gospel	<i>(Paschal Candle is Extinguished)</i>	St. Mark 16:14-20
The Nicene Creed	<i>(Bow at the words “And was made man.)</i>	TLH p. 22
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”</i>	TLH 387
The Sermon	<i>He Sat Down at the Right Hand of God</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		TLH p. 22-23
The General Prayer		LSBH p. 115-116
<i>Sit *</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”</i>	TLH 216
<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		
The Lavabo	<i>(The Pastor washes his hands while silently praying Psalm 26)</i>	
The Preface		TLH p. 24
The Proper Preface		TLH p. 25
The Sanctus and Benedictus		TLH p. 26
The Lord’s Prayer		TLH p. 27
The Verba Domini	<i>(All may bow when the Pastor genuflects)</i>	TLH p. 27
The Pax Domini	<i>(All may bow and cross themselves)</i>	TLH p. 27
The Agnus Dei	<i>(All may kneel)</i>	TLH p. 28
<i>Sit</i>		
The Distribution		

The Hymn	<i>“Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”</i>	TLH 307
<i>Stand</i>		
The Post-Communion Canticle		TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving	<i>(“And His mercy endureth forever”)</i>	TLH p. 30
The Post-Communion Collect		TLH p. 31
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Lo, God to Heaven Ascendeth”</i>	TLH 214
<i>Stand</i>		
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction		TLH p. 31
Silent Prayer		
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Nun freuet euch”</i>	Michael Praetorius
Announcements		
The Recitation of the Catechism	The Office of the Keys and Confession	

*—An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings.

Δ—indicates a hymn ending in a Doxological stanza; please stand.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 13th, 2021



Introit (Chanted by Pastor)

P: MEN OF || Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into | heav- | en? *

— | Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heav -en, (+) will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into | heav- | en. *

Alleluia! | Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Acts 1:11b*)

P: || Oh, clap your hands, all you | peo- | ples! *

Shout to God with the | voice | of | tri- | umph! (*Psalms 47:1*)

C: GLORIA PATRI (From Hymnal; Sung by Congregation)

P: || Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into | heav- | en? *

— | Al- | le- | lu- | ia!

P: || This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heav -en, (+) will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into | heav- | en. *

Alleluia! | Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Acts 1:11b*)

Collect

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thine Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into the heavens, so may we also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end.



Gradual (Chanted by Pastor)

P: || Alleluia! Alleluia! God has gone up with a | shout, | - *
The Lord with the sound | of | a | trum- | pet.

P: || Alleluia! You have ascended on | high, | - *

You have led captivity captive. | Al- | le- | lu- | ia! (*Psalms 47:5; 68:18a*)

Acts 1:1-11

¹ The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ² 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, ³ 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. ⁴ 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; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ 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.” ⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men

stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ 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.”

St. Mark 16:14-20

¹⁴ Later He 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. ¹⁵ And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. ¹⁶ He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ 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.” ¹⁹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. (*The Paschal Candle is extinguished*). ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

Christians, To the Paschal Victim

Cantor

1. Chris-tians, to the Pasch - al Vic - tim Of - fer your thank - ful prais - es.

Choir

2. A Lamb the sheep re - deem - eth: Christ, Who on - ly is sin - less.

Sopranos and Altos

Rec - on - cil - eth sin - ners to the Fa - ther. 3. Death and life have con - tend - ed

In that con - flict stu - pen - dous; The Prince of Life Who died, reigns im - mor - tal.

4. Speak, Ma - ry, de - clar - ing — What thou saw - est way - far - ing.

Solo - Woman

5. "The tomb of Christ, Who is liv - ing, The glo - ry of Je - sus' res ur - rec - tion.

6. "Bright an - gels at - tend - ing, — The shroud and nap - kin rest - ing.

7. "Yea, Christ, my Hope, is a ris - en; To Gal - i - lee He goes be - fore — you."

Choir

8. Hap - py they who hear the wit - ness, Ma - ry's word be - liev - ing

A - bove the tales of Jew' - ry, — de - ceiv - ing. 9. Christ in - deed from death is ris - en,

Our new life — ob - tain - ing. Have mer - cy, Vic - tor King, ev - er reign - ing.

A - men, Hal - le - lu - jah!

TLH 212 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" The Venerable Bede, died 735

1. A Hymn of glory let us sing;
New songs thro' - out the world shall ring:—
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascendeth to the throne of God.—
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand;—
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with His followers they see
Jesus' resplendent majesty.—
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. To whom the angels, drawing nigh,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?—
Alleluia! Alleluia!
This is the Savior!" thus they say;
"This is His noble triumph-day."—
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. "Again shall ye behold Him so
As ye today have seen Him go,—
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In glorious pomp ascending high,
Up to the portals of the sky."—
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. Oh, grant us thitherward to tend
And with unwearied hearts ascend—
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Unto Thy kingdom's throne, where Thou,
As is our faith, art seated now.—
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. Be Thou our Joy and strong Defense,
Who art our future Recompense:—
Alleluia! Alleluia!

So shall the light that springs from Thee
Be ours through all eternity.—
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Δ 7. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to Thee let Earth accord,—
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One.—
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen.

Sequence Hymn: “Christians, To the Paschal Victim”

Unknown, Ascribed to Wipo, c. 1100

1. Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises.

2. A Lamb the sheep redeemeth:
Christ, Who only is sinless,
Reconcileth sinners to the Father.

3. Death and Life have contended
In that conflict stupendous;
The Prince of Life Who died,
Reigns immortal.

4. Speak, Mary, declaring
What thou sawest wayfaring.

5. “The tomb of Christ, Who is living,
The glory of Jesus’ resurrection.

6. “Bright angels attending,
The shroud and napkin resting.

7. “Yea, Christ, my Hope, is arisen;
To Galilee He goes before you.”

8. Happy they who hear the witness,
Mary’s word believing
Above the tales of Jew’ry, deceiving.

9. Christ indeed from death is risen,
Our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, Victor King, ever reigning.
Amen. Hallelujah!

TLH 387 “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

Martin Luther, 1523

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,
How His right arm the vict’ry won;
Right dearly it hath cost Him.

2. Fast bound in Satan’s chains I lay,
Death brooded darkly o’er me,
Sin was my torment night and day,
In sin my mother bore me;
Yea, deep and deeper still I fell,
Life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

3. My own good works availed me naught,
No merit they attaining;
Free will against God’s judgment fought,
Dead to all good remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair
Left naught but death to be my share;
The pangs of Hell I suffered.

4. But God beheld my wretched state
Before the world’s foundation,
And, mindful of His mercies great,
He planned my soul’s salvation.
A father’s heart He turned to me,
Sought my redemption fervently:
He gave His dearest Treasure.

5. He spoke to His beloved Son:
‘Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of My crown,
And bring to man salvation;
From sin and sorrow set him free,
Slay bitter death for him that he
May live with Thee forever.

6. The Son obeyed His Father’s will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And God’s good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my Brother.
No garb of pomp or power He wore,
A servant’s form, like mine, He bore,
To lead the devil captive.

7. To me He spake: Hold fast to Me,
I am thy Rock and Castle;

Thy Ransom I Myself will be,
For thee I strive and wrestle;
For I am with thee, I am thine,
And evermore thou shalt be Mine:
The Foe shall not divide us.

8. The Foe shall shed My precious blood,
Me of My life bereaving.
All this I suffer for thy good;
Be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the victory win,
My innocence shall bear thy sin;
So art thou blest forever.

9. Now to My Father I depart,
The Holy Spirit sending
And, heavenly wisdom to impart,
My help to thee extending.
He shall in trouble comfort thee,
Teach thee to know and follow Me,
And in all truth shall guide thee.

10. What I have done and taught, teach thou,
My ways forsake thou never;
So shall My kingdom flourish now
And God be praised forever.
Take heed lest men with base alloy
The heavenly treasure should destroy;
This counsel I bequeath thee. Amen.

TLH 216 “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”
Josua Wegelin, 1636

1. On Christ’s ascension I now build
The hope of mine ascension;
This hope alone has ever stilled
All doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there full well
I know His members are to dwell
When Christ shall come and call them.

2. Since He returned to claim His throne,
Great gifts for men obtaining,
My heart shall rest in Him alone,
No other rest remaining;
For where my Treasure went before,
There all my tho’ts shall ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.

3. Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,
Recalling Thine ascension,
That I may ever walk with Thee,
Adorning Thy redemption;
And then, when all my days shall cease,

Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading. Amen.

TLH 307 “Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord”

Unknown Latin Author, about 680

1. Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord
And drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the Victim and Himself the Priest.

2. He that His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav’nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3. Approach ye, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Judge of all, our only Savior Thou,
In this Thy feast of love to be with us now. Amen.

TLH 214 “Lo, God to Heaven Ascendeth”
Gottfried W. Sacer, 1661

1. Lo, God to Heav’n ascendeth!
Thro’-out its regions vast
With shouts triumphant blendeth
The trumpet’s thrilling blast:
Sing praise to Christ the Lord;
Sing praise with exultation,
King of each heathen nation,
The God of hosts adored!

2. With joy is Heaven resounding
Christ’s glad return to see;
Behold the saints surrounding
The Lord Who set them free.
Bright myriads, thronging, come;
The cherub band rejoices,
And loud seraphic voices
All welcome Jesus home.

3. From cross to throne ascending,
We follow Christ on high
And know the pathway wending
To mansions in the sky.
Our Lord is gone before;
Yet here He will not leave us,
But soon in Heav’n receive us
And open wide the door.

4. Our place He is preparing;
To Heav’n we, too, shall rise,

With Him His glory sharing,
Be where our Treasure lies.
Bestir thyself, my soul!
Where Jesus Christ has entered,
There let thy hope be centered;
Press onward toward the goal.

5. Let all our thoughts be winging
To where Thou didst ascend,
And let our hearts be singing:
“We seek Thee, Christ, our Friend,
Thee, God’s exalted Son,
Our Life, and Way to Heaven,
To Whom all power is given,
Our Joy and Hope and Crown.” Amen.