

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.

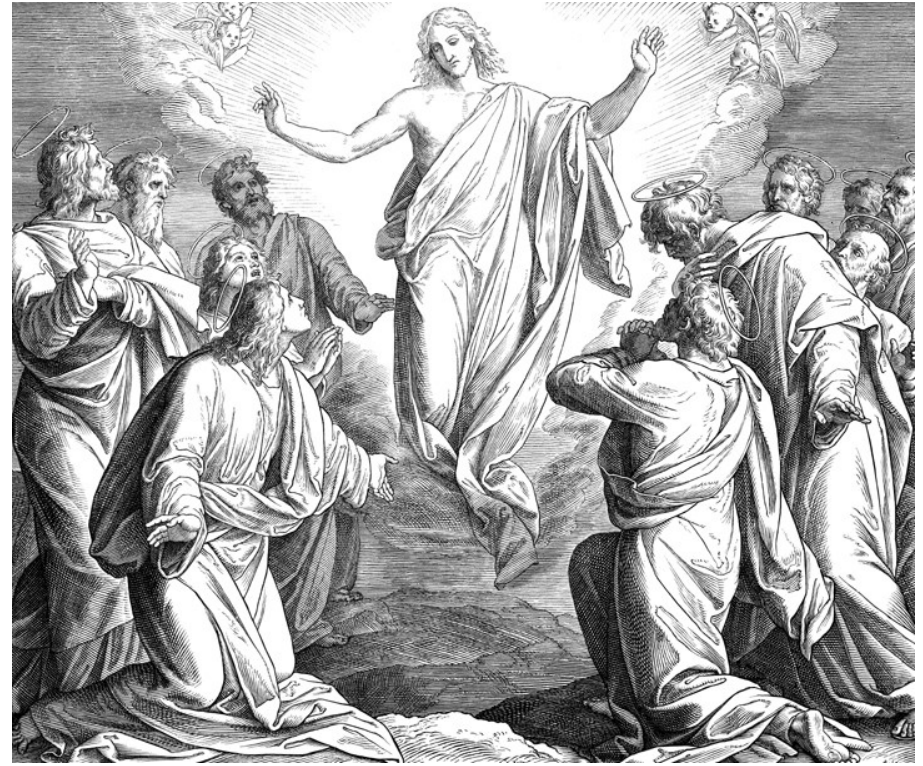
A Prayer after Communion

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 26th, 2022

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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
<i>(The Pastor silently prays Psalm 24 while the congregation joins in silent self-examination and reflection on God’s Commandments. Prayers are located on back cover.)</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 Gloria Patri		TLH p. 16
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
The Triple Hallelujah	<i>(Second Setting)</i>	TLH p. 20
<i>Stand</i>		
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>	INSERT
<i>Sit</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”</i>	TLH 387
The Sermon	<i>He Was Received Up into Heaven</i>	
<i>Stand</i>		
The Offertory		TLH p. 22-23
The General Prayer		ASBH p. 21-22
<i>Sit (An Alms Basin is located next to the bulletins for any Offerings)</i>		
The Hymn	<i>“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”</i>	TLH 216
<i>Stand</i>		
The Exhortation		ASBH p. 23
The Lavabo		ASBH p. 24

(The Pastor washes his hands while silently praying Psalm 26. The congregation joins in silent prayer reflecting upon the Sacrament they are

about to receive. Prayers are located on back cover.)

The Preface		TLH p. 24-25
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	<i>(Prayers are located on back cover.)</i>	
The Hymn	<i>“An Awe-full Mystery Is Here”</i>	TLH 304
<i>Stand</i>		
The Nunc Dimittis		TLH p. 29-30
The Thanksgiving and Collect		TLH p. 30-31
The Hymn	<i>“Lo, God to Heaven Ascendeth”</i>	TLH 214
The Salutation		TLH p. 31
The Benedicamus		TLH p. 31
The Benediction and Triple Amen		TLH p. 31
<i>Sit</i>		
The Postlude	<i>“Nun freut euch”</i>	Michael Praetorius

Recitation of the Catechism

The Office of the Keys and Confession & Questions 412-418 (Resurrection and Eternal Life, pages 118-119).

Announcements

ASBH = Augustana Service Book and Hymnal. It is the name of the upcoming ELDoNA hymnal currently in development.

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

THE FESTIVAL OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 26th, 2022



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.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant:

Congregation:

I be - lieve in one God, The Fa - ther Al - might - y,
 Mak - er of Heav - en and Earth and of all things vi - si - ble
 and in - vi - si - ble. And in one Lord + Jes - sus Christ,
 the Only Begot - ten Son of God, Be - got - ten of His Fa - ther
 be - fore all worlds, God of God,
 Light of Light, Ver - y God of Ver - y God,
 Be - got - ten, not made, Be - ing of one Sub - stance with the Fa - ther,
 By Whom all things were made; Who for us men,
 and for our sal - va - tion, came down from Heav - en,
 + And was in - car - nate by the Ho - ly Ghost of the Vir - gin Mar - y,
 And was made man; + And was cru - ci - fied al - so for us
 un - der Pon - tius Pi - late. He suf - fered and was bur - ied;
 And the third day He rose a - gain ac - cord - ing to the Scrip - tures;

And as - cend - ed in - to Heav - en, And sit - teth on the right hand of the Fa - ther;
 And He shall come again with glo - ry
 to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.
 And I believe in the Ho - ly Ghost, The Lord and Giv - er of Life,
 Who pro - ceedeth from the Fa - ther and the Son, Who with the Fa - ther and the Son
 to - geth - er is + wor - shipped and glo - ri - fied,
 Who spake by the Pro - phets. And I be - lieve one ho - ly Christ - ian
 and Aposto - lic Church. I acknowledge one Bap - tism
 for the re - mis - sion of sins,
 And I look for the re - sur - rec - tion of the dead;
 + And the life of the world to come. A - men.

+ — indicates that the worshippers may make a sign of reverence (bow the head, genuflect, or make the sign of the holy cross) as is appropriate.