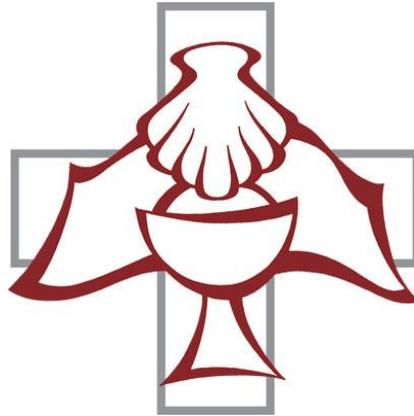


Welcome to ASCENSION!

We are delighted to have you with us today. If this is your first visit, see PREPARING FOR WORSHIP below. That we may know you better, please sign the Guest Registry in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor after the service. May God bless you with the assurance of His forgiveness, life, and salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. *Thank you, and ...*

Peace be with you!



PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

ALL WORSHIPERS. The *Worship Bulletin* includes the Order of Service and those parts not printed in the Hymnal. It is designed to be used with the hymnal. *Prayers for Worship* are located on the inside front cover of the Hymnal. *Large print hymnals*, full sheet magnifying glasses and personal hearing devices are available. Please ask an Usher. For *Spiritual Care* of our worshipers ***please sign the pew information pad.***

PARENTS, a “Little Lambs” worship room is available if your child needs attention during the service, and a “Nursery” for mothers needing privacy.

GUESTS inquiring about Communion at Ascension, please see our Communion Statement on the inside of the bulletin cover.

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✠ HOLY COMMUNION ✠

Holy Communion is administered to **COMMUNICANT MEMBERS** of Ascension, of other Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations, and of Lutheran Church bodies in declared fellowship with the LCMS, who have been instructed, examined, and ***confirmed*** in the Christian faith as taught by the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and so publicly declared their unity of faith in all doctrines of Holy Scripture in fellowship with LCMS.

All **COMMUNICANT MEMBERS** desiring to commune today are to fill out a *Member Communion Card* or *Guest Communion Card* and hand it to the Ushers when coming forward to commune.

All others we kindly and respectfully request to abstain from communing until such public declaration is made in keeping with Christ's institution.

If you would like to know more about receiving Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak to the Pastors after the service and they will be glad to instruct you to that end. *Thank you!*

Preaching ✠ Pastor Gary Zieroth
Assisting Pastor ✠ Pastor James Gier
Fieldworkers ✠ David Clark and Caleb Hoverson

Organist ✠ Josh Walworth

Prelude ~ “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” – Floeter
“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” - Hildebrand
Voluntary ~ 8:00 – “Thine Be The Glory” – Handel
10:45 – “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” - Henkelman
Postlude ~ “Awake, My Heart, with Gladness” - Weber
Special Music ~ 8:00 – Karlee Walworth, violin
10:45 – JoAnn Zieroth, flute

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Introit (*Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3*)



Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation – *

if indeed you have tasted that the | LORD is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him; *
tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*

let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD | and his strength; *
seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever, *
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

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 forever. | Amen.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation – *

if indeed you have tasted that the | LORD is good.

Collect of the Day

P. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (L41)

C. Amen.

Gradual (*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*)

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

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First Reading – Acts 5:12-20 (ESV) ¹² Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³ None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴ And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. ¹⁷ But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸ they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

After the reading: Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Revelation 1:4-18 (ESV) ⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." ⁹ I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in

the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹ saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea." ¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

After the reading: Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

People: (sing) **Glory be to You, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel – *John 20:19-31 (ESV)* ¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but

believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MY SERMON NOTES

“Faith comes from hearing and hearing through the Word of Christ.” ~ Rm 10:17