Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

May 21, 2023

The Ascension of Our Lord



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Church Office Hours 9:00 AM—3:00 PM M-TH 9:00 AM—1:00 PM on Friday



We are delighted to have you worship with us today. May this hour of praise and celebration be one of spiritual renewal. Please join us for worship at any time and sign the red Record of Fellowship pad in the pew. To inquire about membership or other information, please call the Church Office: 692-7027 or email us at mtpisgahlcms@gmail.com.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER



Holy Communion is celebrated at all services every Sunday and on special festivals. This Sacrament is the means by which Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. In this Meal, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. Since this is the true body and true blood of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, we do not treat this sacrament lightly; rather, we receive it with great reverence and gratitude

to our merciful Savior. Moreover, St. Paul writes: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself (1 Cor. 11:27-29)." An order of self-examination is located on pages 329-330 of your hymnal.

To ensure that all who participate in this sacrament receive this sacred gift as the blessing it is intended to be and not to their condemnation, this congregation, with Christian love and in accordance with Holy Scripture, practices closed communion with those who have been instructed and share our public profession of the Christian faith in all its articles. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the Pastor before the service.

We provide both the common cup and individual cups. The individual cups in the center of tray are alcohol free for those with medical requirements that prevent them from receiving alcohol. Wine, however, is the preferred means to receive the blood of Christ, if and when possible, since wine is what Jesus used to institute this sacrament. Likewise, we use unleavened bread, as our Lord did. Gluten-free hosts are also available for those with medical needs. Please alert the Pastor or an Elder of any needs.

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Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God By Sylvia & Homero Gonzalez for (mom) Rosie May McKinney's 101st Birthday

Serving Today

Craig E <u>8:00 AM</u>	scude, Choir Director/Cantor
8:00 AM	10.45 004
	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Rick Sanborn	David Maloney
Rick Sanborn	Bill Paris
Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
Marilyn Pittman	Debbie Leger
•	Michele Escude`
	Debby Zagone
Serving Next Week	
8:00 AM	<u>10:45 AM</u>
Paul Mincer	Leah Ryel
Jackie Fry	Nona Schmook
	Jackie Fry Marilyn Pittman Serving Next Week 8:00 AM Paul Mincer

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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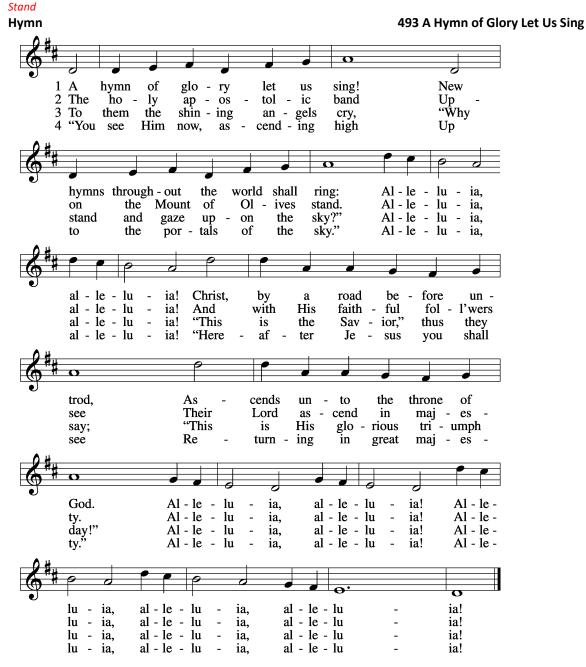
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The Divine Service: Setting Three

Prelude

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Ralph C. Schultz



- 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
 And be our future great reward.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Then, throned with You forever, we
 Shall praise Your name eternally.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 All praise to You let earth accord:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 You are, while endless ages run,
 With Father and with Spirit one.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Spirit.
- C 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.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Sit Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P 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.
- P 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.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Stand

Introit

*

God has gone up | with a shout,*

the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my | right hand,* until I make your enemies your | footstool."

Psalm 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5 Tone D

The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,* "You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek." The Lord is at your | right hand;* he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. God has gone up | with a shout,* the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet. and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; **□** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men. **Kyrie** LSB 186 C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -Lord. have on us. mer - cy up - on us. **Gloria in Excelsis** LSB 187 P Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward O We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor-ship men. Thee, O we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly God the Fa-ther King, Al - mighty. O Lord. the only begotten Son, Christ; Je - sus



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P 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.



Sit

First Reading 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. ³To them he presented himself alive 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."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 47; antiphon: v. 5 Tone D



¹Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

²For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,* a great king over | all the earth.

³He subdued peoples | under us,* and nations un- | der our feet.

⁴He chose our heritage | for us,*
the pride of Jacob | whom he loves.

⁵God has gone up | with a shout,*
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing | praises!*

Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!

⁷For God is the King of | all the earth;* sing praises | with a psalm!

⁸God reigns over the | nations;*

God sits on his | holy throne.

⁹The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of | Abraham.*
For the shields of the earth belong to God;he is highly ex- | alted!

⁵God has gone up | with a shout,*

the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

Epistle Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

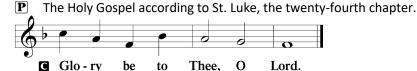
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- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia LSB 190

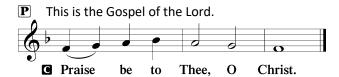


Holy Gospel Luke 24:44–53



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 and 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."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

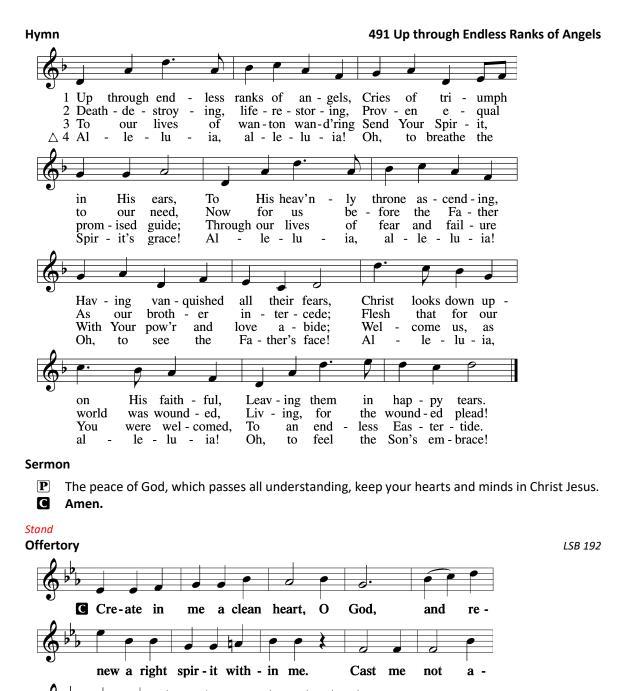


Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life **I* everlasting. Amen.

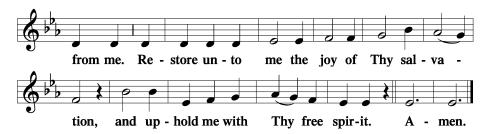


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Spir - it

Ho - ly



Sit

Offering 8:00 Choir

Come, Holy Spirit, Fill With Power
Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

William Braun

Stand

Prayer of the Church

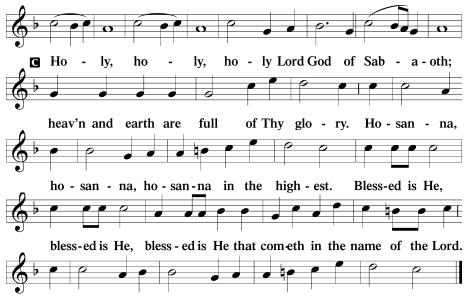
Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194



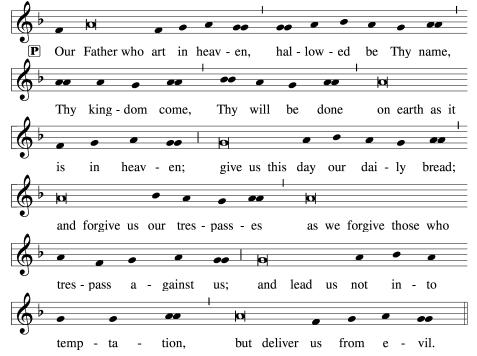
It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might 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:

Sanctus LSB 195



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.





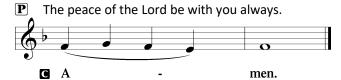


The Words of Our Lord LSB 197

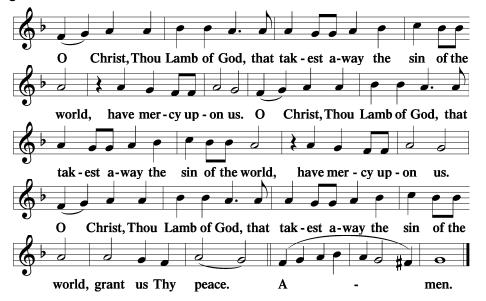
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ' body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

Pax Domini LSB 197



Agnus Dei LSB 198



Distribution

The pastor and the assistant receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

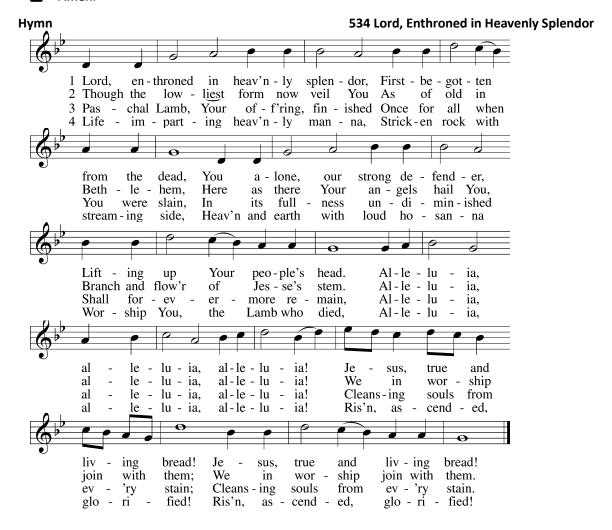
Amen.

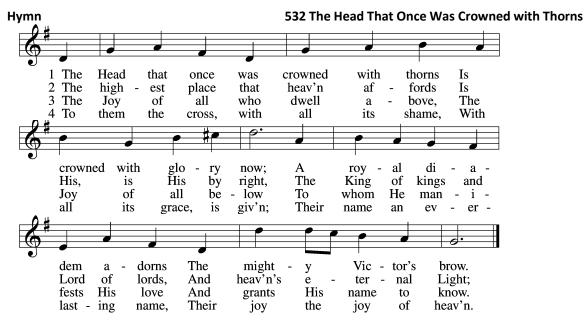
Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart → in peace.
- C Amen.



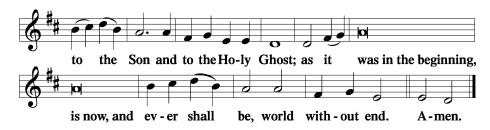


5 They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above, Their profit and their joy to know The myst'ry of His love. 6 The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him: His people's hope, His people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

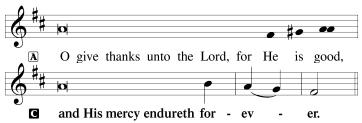
LSB 199





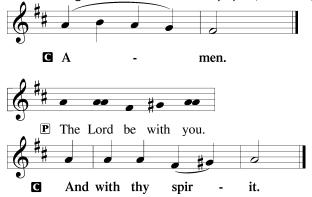


Thanksgiving LSB 200

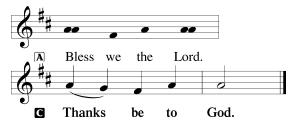


A Let us pray.

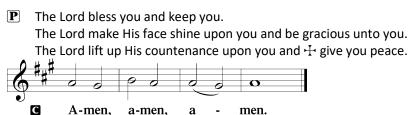
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You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

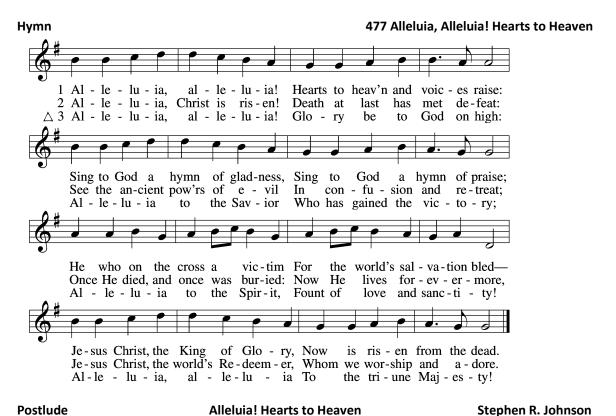


Benedicamus LSB 202



Benediction LSB 202





Mid-Year Congregational Meeting

Members will be having our Mid-Year Congregational Meeting on May 28th at 9:00 AM between services. A copy of the meeting documents have been put in your church mailbox to review before the meeting. Please plan to attend this event.

Prayer List

Long Term Illness

Cynthia M. (Lundquist)

Michael Terzian

(Keeney)

Brian Keeney Joyce (Kruse)

Stacy Olson (Ryel)

Brenda Ridgeway

(Amato)

Gretchen Sweetser

(Mincer)

Mary Coffman

(Coffman)

Mike & Suzie Characky

(Steen)

Annette & Jim Bodden

(Heaphy)
Judy Fuchs

Surgeries and Illness

Dietrich Fabricius

Madeline Biddle

Jackie Fry

Janet Tinsley (Licht)

Tricia Heiple

Patty Metcalf (Luecke)

Jan Tharp Mary Hill

Wally Rose Mincer
Joe Gabriel (Amato)

Agapia Dragan (Luecke B)

Joanne Blanchard

(Clancy)

David Hawthorne

Vicki Fisher Louise Bauer

Betty Ude

Personal and Family Concerns

John Renick

Linda Rice (McAbee)

Nancy Stang Joann Kapugi

Kaufman Family

Debbie Leger

Sandi Rivers (Ryel)

Wayne & Karen Mathis

(Steen)

Melissa Shipman-Bates

& sons Will & Cooper

(Amato)

Teresa Fisher & children

Colby & Audrey

(Kaufman)

Karen Ude

Homebound

Louise Bauer

Warna Berryman

Albert & Marianne Bugner

Kathleen Fox

Judy Fuchs Joann Kapugi Suzie Karnatz Dianne Luecke Jan Nelson Nancy Stang Sue Smith Betty Ude

Compassion and Sympathy

Ministry Concerns

Our Preschool staff, children & families
Evangelical Lutheran Church & School in Laotchikit, Haiti
Pastor Dale Kaster (Missionary, Czech Republic)
Pastor Daniel Jastram (Missionary, Japan)
Pastor Daniel Conrad (Missionary, Mexico)
Jacob and Marie Sipes (Seminarian)
Scott and Veronica Missling (Seminarian)
Erik and Katie Saunders (Seminarian)

NEW DONATION STATION

Mt. Pisgah will be adding a Donation Station to the Narthex. Three collection bins will be located to the right as you enter the church. For many years, we have been continuously collecting food items for Interfaith Assistance Ministry (IAM). Instead of having the receptacle down a side hallway, we will be moving the drop-off location into the Narthex and adding two other reception bins to it.

One of additional bins will receive gently used clothing items for IAM. Instead of making a special trip, you can bring items with you to church, and we will deliver it for you.

The third receptacle is for donating used sneakers. Instead of sending your old tennis shoes to a landfill, the GotSneakers? Organization provides a fundraiser that partners with non-profits to either reuse sneakers in second-hand markets or to ecologically recycle those that cannot be used again. The organization will donate funds back to our Youth accounts for the shoes (Sneakers Only) that we contribute.

If you have food, clothing, or sneakers that you do not need and other may benefit from, please check out our Donation Station in the Narthex.