

***The Divine Service for  
The Ascension of Our Lord***



***Holy Cross Lutheran Church (LCMS) - Moline, IL  
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## Ringing of the Bells, Prelude, Lighting of Candles

### Hymn: *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build*

LSB 492



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -  
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -  
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and  
tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er  
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I  
rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There  
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.  
all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

### Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in  
prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord

Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Introit

*Ps. 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Ps. 47:5*

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.”

**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.

**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.**

God has gone up | with a shout,\*

the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

## Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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. **Amen**

## First Reading

*Acts 1:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And 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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But 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.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and 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.”

## Gradual

*adapt. from Matt 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 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.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that 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, <sup>18</sup>having 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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far 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. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again;\*

death no longer has dominion o - | ver him.

Behold, I am with you | always,\*

to the end | of the age.



☐ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.  
(Spoken) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>Then [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.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And 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.” <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.  
(the reading is paused as the Paschal Candle is extinguished)  
<sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

(Spoken) This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## 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,**







roy - al state, Rid - ing on the clouds, His char - iot, To His  
ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, He has  
from His friends; While their ea - ger eyes be - hold Him, He up -  
in the veil; Josh - ua now is come to Ca - naan, And the



heav'n - ly pal - ace gate. Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es  
gained the vic - to - ry. He who on the cross did suf - fer,  
on the clouds as - cends. He who walked with God and pleased Him,  
kings be - fore Him quail. Now He plants the tribes of Is - rael



Joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals  
He who from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished  
Preach - ing truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch,  
In their prom - ised rest - ing place; Now our great E -



high are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.  
sin and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed His foes.  
is trans - lat - ed To His ev - er - last - ing home.  
li - jah of - fers Dou - ble por - tion of His grace.

- 5 He has raised our human nature  
On the clouds to God's right hand;  
There we sit in heav'nly places,  
There with Him in glory stand.  
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;  
Man with God is on the throne.  
By our mighty Lord's ascension  
We by faith behold our own.

**Sermon**

**Prayer of the Church**

*(An offering plate is placed in the narthex where you may leave your gift for the Lord's work)*

## Service of the Sacrament

*(Spoken)* The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer and Words of Institution

### Pax Domini

*(Spoken)* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### Agnus Dei



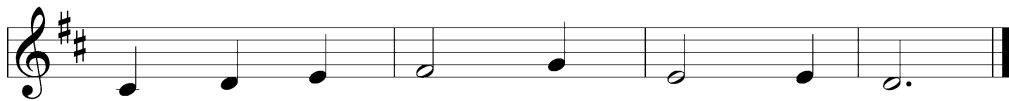
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## Distribution of the Sacrament

*Since **Holy Communion** presupposes a “common unity” of faith and doctrine among those who participate together in this Sacrament, we ask that those who desire to commune with us be confirmed members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation. Those not able to come to the chancel may speak to the pastor or an elder to commune in their pew. First time communicants here please speak to the Pastor or an elder. If you are not communing but would like to come to the chancel for a blessing, please stand with your arms crossed over your chest.*

### Distribution Hymn: *Draw Us to Thee*

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1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy  
2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -  
3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the  
4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly  
5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy



steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art  
part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er  
road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should  
bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and  
king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry



gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.  
free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.  
stray And from Thy paths be driv - en.  
hell No more can vex our spir - it.  
share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

## Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

## Benedicamus and Benediction

Hymn: *The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns* LSB 532

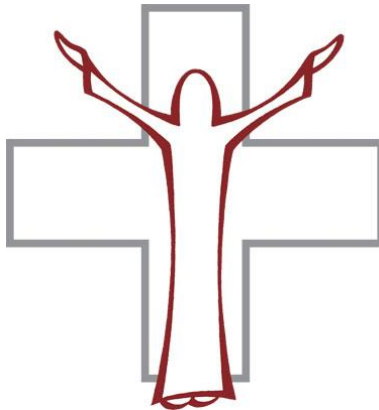


- 1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glo - ry now;
- 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords Is His, is His by right,
- 3 The Joy of all who dwell a - bove, The Joy of all be - low
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;



A roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns The might - y Vic - tor's brow.  
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'n's e - ter - nal Light;  
To whom He man - i - fests His love And grants His name to know.  
Their name an ev - er - last - ing name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.

- 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.



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