

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *THOU WHO THE NIGHT IN PRAYER DIDST SPEND*

(Tune: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save")

1 Thou who the night in prayer didst spend
And then didst Thine apostles send
And bidd'st us pray the harvest's Lord
To send forth sowers of Thy Word,
Hear and Thy chosen servants bless
With sev'nfold gifts of holiness.

2 Oh, may Thy pastors faithful be,
Not lab'ring for themselves, but Thee!
Give grace to feed with wholesome food
The sheep and lambs bought by Thy blood,
To tend Thy flock, and thus to prove
How dearly they the Shepherd love.

3 Oh, may Thy people faithful be
And in Thy pastors honor Thee
And with them work and for them pray
And gladly Thee in them obey,
Receive the prophet of the Lord
And gain the prophet's own reward!

△ 4 So may we when our work is done
Together stand before Thy throne
And joyful hearts and voices raise
In one united song of praise,
With all the bright celestial host,
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

+TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY+

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+IN THE NAME OF JESUS+

WELCOME to the Divine Service at Ascension of Christ! We pray that you will be richly blessed by God as you hear His Word, receive His gifts and worship Him with your prayer and praise!

TO OUR GUESTS Welcome, we are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. Please don't hesitate to ask an usher or a greeter if you have any questions. Be sure to introduce yourself to our Pastor. We invite you to consider Ascension of Christ if you are looking for a church home. We gather every Sunday morning for Adult Bible Study at 9:00 a.m., the Divine Service at 10:15 a.m., and Fellowship Hour immediately following the Divine Service. Children are invited to participate in Sunday school/Confirmation after church.

CHILDREN AT ASCENSION At Ascension, we want you to feel at home. First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome here! To make it easier on your family, please dare to sit closer to the front where your children can easily see what's going on, note the colors, watch the pastors, wonder about those heads on the lectern, and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here is for them, too! As we go through the Divine Service, encourage them to join in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy. And with your spirit. I believe! Our Father!* And please be sure to sing and pray your parts too! Children learn by following your lead. There are some busy bags in the back of the church for you and if you must take your children out of the church, please hurry back!

THE LORD'S SUPPER IS JOYFULLY RECEIVED HERE TODAY At the altar, our Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true body and blood into our mouths. His gift of body and blood given in, with, and under the bread and wine, bestows tremendous benefits. His body and blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation. All members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings and so are encouraged to commune. When you have examined yourself according to Christ's bidding (1 Corinthians 11:28), come to His Supper rejoicing, just as Jesus asks, knowing that our Lord meets you at His altar with joy. If you are a guest and would like to learn more about the practice of the Lord's Supper at Ascension of Christ, or if you are uncertain about whether you should receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with Pastor Loree before communing for the first time.

THE LITURGY FOR EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Witnesses in the presence of Christ are unequivocally blessed! Christians are heartened by Jesus' words to persevere in suffering and labor. Even in Jesus' own earthly ministry, chains could not bind Him; the tomb could not contain Him. So also His word is not bound, but commands all things in living, suffering, and dying. Even lepers pleaded for mercy, and Jesus' words heals. Yet only one leper dares to return, ardently believing and confessing Jesus' profound act of divine mercy.

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 PRAYER

- P** 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.
- G** Amen.

BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- G** Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

- [P] The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- [C] Amen.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, You take a- way the sin of the
world; have mer- cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a -
way the sin of the world; have mer- cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a- way the sin of the world; grant us Your
peace, grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

<i>JESUS COMES TODAY WITH HEALING</i>	LSB 620
<i>O GOD OF GOD, O LIGHT OF LIGHT</i>	LSB 810
<i>O WORSHIP THE KING</i>	LSB 804
<i>PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY</i>	LSB 790

Stand

DISMISSAL

- [P] The true body and precious blood of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you in body and soul to life everlasting.
- [C] Amen.

+GOD GATHERS US BEFORE HIS HOLY PRESENCE+

Please note the ♪ symbol is used to indicate a sung response.

PRELUDE

Please stand at the sound of the chimes.

OPENING HYMN *O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL* **LSB 814**

INVOCATION

- [P] In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- [C] Amen.

EXHORTATION TO CONFESSION

- [P] Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- [C] **who made heaven and earth.**
- [P] If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- [C] **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- [P] 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.

Kneel/Stand

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

- [C] **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- [P] 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.
- [C] **Amen.**

INTROIT

Psalm 34:2–4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a



Antiphon

Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!

Psalm

My soul makes its boast | in the Lord;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Oh, magnify the | Lord with me,*
and let us exalt his name to- | gether!

I sought the Lord, and he | answered me*
and delivered me from | all my fears.

When the righteous cry for help, the | Lord hears*
and delivers them out of all their | troubles.

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.

Antiphon: (Repeated)

KYRIE



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 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.



from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;



and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

+GOD GIVES US A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME+

Stand

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with your spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS



C 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!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

[Healing of the ten lepers]

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter

[C] **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a

loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to You, O Christ**

NICENE CREED

(Back cover of the hymnal)

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY YOUR HAND, O LORD, IN DAYS OF OLD LSB 846

SERMON

+GOD RECEIVES OUR PRAYERS & OFFERINGS+

Kneel/Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way

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

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And with your spirit.**

[P] Let us pray. Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

[C] **Amen.**

Sit

+GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD+

OLD TESTAMENT

[Naomi and Ruth]
Ruth 1:1-19

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.”

GRADUAL



He will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.” ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 91:11; 103:1

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

EPISTLE

2 Timothy 2:1–13

["If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him."]

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David,

as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



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



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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