

## **Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church**

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**St. Michael and All Angels Sunday (observed)**

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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 ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS SUNDAY** Warfare between good and evil, heaven and hell is profound. Archangel Michael and a host of angels fight and defeat Satan on earth, casting the devil and his minions into the abyss of hell. The blood of the Lamb is unequivocally triumphant. For all eternity, authority in heaven and earth belongs to Christ alone. As witnesses of the glorious combat and bold confessors of Christ's omnipotence, our names are forever written in heaven!

# +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 and face the cross.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN     *HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME*

LSB 940

## 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.

*Psalm 103:20–22; antiphon: v. 1*



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

Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,\*  
you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice | of his word!

**Bless the LORD, | all his hosts,\*  
his ministers, who | do his will!**

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his do- | minion.\*

Bless the LORD, | O my soul!

**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.**

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

## 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.



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-shipped 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. Everlasting God, You have ordained and constituted the service of angels and men in a wonderful order. Mercifully grant that, as Your holy angels always serve and worship You in heaven, so by Your appointment they may also help and defend us here on earth; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**+GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD+**

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3*

*["O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you"]*

<sup>10</sup>And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees. <sup>11</sup>And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you." And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling. <sup>12</sup>Then he said to me, "Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.

<sup>13</sup>The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia, <sup>14</sup>and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is

for days yet to come."

14“ At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. 2And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. 3And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

**[P]** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 91:11; 103:1*



He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

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

## NEW TESTAMENT

Revelation 12:7-12

*[Now a war arose in heaven.]*

<sup>7</sup>Now war arose in heaven, Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels fought back, <sup>8</sup>but he was defeated and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. <sup>9</sup>And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. <sup>10</sup>And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of

our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. <sup>11</sup>And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

**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.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:17-20

*["I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."]*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter

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

<sup>17</sup>The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" <sup>18</sup>And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of

the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

**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      *LORD GOD, TO THEE WE GIVE ALL PRAISE*      **LSB 522**

## SERMON

## +GOD RECEIVES OUR PRAYERS & OFFERINGS+

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Kneel/Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Sit*

OFFERING      *"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones"*

The Choir

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





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

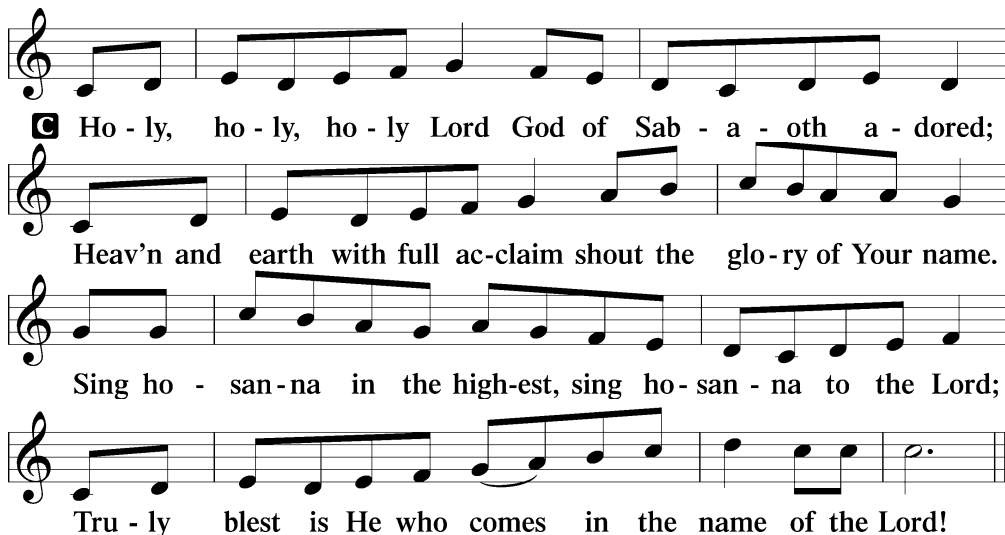
*Stand*

### **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**



## 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

*CHRIST, THE LORD OF HOSTS UNSHAKEN*

LSB 521

*I WALK IN DANGER ALL THE WAY*

LSB 716

*O BLESSED, HOLY TRINITY*

LSB 876

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY*

LSB 507

*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.

## NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the 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.

**C** Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**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.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN*

LSB 793

POSTLUDE

**+TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY+**