

## **ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive strength through hearing God's holy Word and receiving the Lord's Supper. We also gather to offer him our worship and praise.

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**Welcome to our guests & visitors.** We are glad that you are here. Please join us again soon.

**We want you to feel welcome and comfortable.** Here are a few notes to help with that:

**Large print worship folders** are available. You'll find them at the entryway table. Please ask if we can be of help with this.

**Connection cards** are also located on the entryway table. We'd love the opportunity to get connected with you in additional ways – either in person or digitally. **You can hand the card to Pastor, or put it into the offering box.**

**Restrooms** are located down the hallway on the right.

**And please ask if there are any other questions we can answer for you.**

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*Please Stand*

### THE INVOCATION

*The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshippers of their baptisms.*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

**M:** Dear friends, let us approach God with an honest heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C:** Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

*A quiet moment for reflection*

**M:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen!

*The forgiveness extended by the pastor to the congregation is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners. (See John 20:21-23)*

*Be Seated*

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

### PSALM 47

*sung:* All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
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**M:** Clap your hands, all you nations;

**C:** Shout to God with cries of joy.

**M:** How awesome is the LORD Most High,

**C: the great King over all the earth!**

**M:** God reigns over the nations;

**C: God is seated on his holy throne.**

**M:** God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

**C: the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.**

**M:** Sing praises to God, sing praises;

**C: Sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

**M:** For God is the King of all the earth;

**C: Sing to him a psalm of praise.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Please stand for this last verse in honor of our Savior-King*

*sung:* **Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.  
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## THE WORD

**M:** The Lord be with you.

2 Thessalonians 3:16

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever,

**C: Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## BIBLE READING

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

**15** For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, **16** I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. **17** I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. **18** I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, **19** and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength **20** he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, **21** far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. **22** And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, **23** which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

MATTHEW 28:20

**M:** Alleluia! Surely I am with you always,

**C:** **To the very end of the age. Alleluia!**

*Please stand to honor the words of our King*

## GOSPEL READING

LUKE 24:44-53

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." **45** Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. **46** He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, **47** and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things. **49** I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." **50** When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. **51** While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. **52** Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. **53** And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

**M:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 511**

## **CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS**

*Please stand for the last verse*

### **BIBLE LESSON & SERMON**

### **ACTS 1:1-11**

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching 2 until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God. 4 Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you heard from me. 5 For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

### **THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

*Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offering goes to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.*



## **PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9

**Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; Lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### ***Sanctus***

*sung in unison*

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9

**C:** **Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Jesus took the bread and gave thanks (Matthew 26:26)*

*Believers join with the saints and angels in responsive praise: (Matthew 21:9 and Revelation 4:8)*

**M:** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

**C:** **By his incarnation, he became one with us.**  
**By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will for us.**  
**By his innocent death, he overcame hell for us.**  
**By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven for us.**

**M:** Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen!**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:24, 25*

*As he speaks the words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.*

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## LAMB OF GOD / AGNUS DEI

*sung in unison*

*John 1:29*

*Jesus is God's Lamb who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.*

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A-men!**

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** - *The Bible teaches that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. **A note to our visitors:** Out of sincere love for the truth of God's Word and precious souls, we practice close communion. This practice is*

*thoroughly Scriptural. It questions the faith of no individual, yet asks that there be full doctrinal agreement among those who commune. If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Glende after the service.*

## **HYMN 950**

## **SONG OF SIMEON**

Luke 2:29-32 *Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.*

## **THE BLESSING**

*The blessing of our Triune God is declared to God's people*

2 Corinthians 13:14

**M:** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## **CLOSING HYMN 606**

## **ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS**

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### Schedule

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Women's Gathering: Chat &amp; Charcuterie</b>	<b>following worship</b>
<b>MON</b>	Church Council	6:30pm
<b>TUES</b>	Women's gathering / study	9am
	<b>Bible Information Class/What's the Bible Got to Say?</b>	7pm
	Truths: How did the world get here? The Lord is our Creator	
<b>WED</b>	Prep for confirmation: 8th grade catechism students	6:30pm
<b>SAT</b>	Men's Gathering / Study	9:30am
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Bible Hour</b>	<i>on "pause" through summer weeks</i>
	<b>Worship</b>	<b>10am</b>

### Other events / happenings

**LPS/MLS tuition assistance door offering** - the congregation is holding a freewill offering for tuition assistance for children of the congregation attending Luther Preparatory School or Michigan Lutheran Seminary. This door offering will be held from May 17th - 31st. These two high schools provide encouragement and a curriculum geared toward continuing on in training for Pastoral or Teaching ministry. (Note: We also plan to continue a freewill door offering for the Martin Luther College Congregational Grant program, which we've held in past years, and which helps support congregational children at the next level of their study for public ministry roles.)

**Youth confirmation Sunday** - May 31st. We'll hold the Confirmation Question and Answer time during the usual Bible hour (9am).

**Camp Chi Rho 2026 - July 20-24.** Check for info at: <https://campchirho.org/>