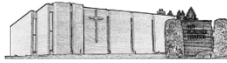




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*We know that
Our Redeemer lives!*
Job 19:25



OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Thursday, 9 May A+D 2024, 7:00 P.M.

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WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AS WE GATHER AROUND GOD'S GIFTS OF FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION. If you are with us for the first time, please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor. Should you be looking for a church home, please indicate so when you sign the Record of Fellowship tablet. We would love to take the opportunity to tell you more about our congregation and what it means to be a part of the people of God here in the Twin Cities area.

A WORD TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION: In the Sacrament of the Altar, our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His very Body and Blood to eat and drink. Receiving the Sacrament is not merely a matter between God and the person, but a "communion," something done in "community." It is a public confession of our faith and expression of the unity that exists between Christians. Because of these reasons, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church practices closed communion. We invite those who are members in good standing of LCMS congregations to join us at the altar today. All those communing for the first time should speak with the pastor before doing so.



PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR: Christ offers His very body and blood, with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. Those who come before the holy altar of God to receive this body and blood do so having prepared to receive this holy gift.

1. Have you confessed your sins before God in heaven? (See the Ten Commandments, *LSB* page 321.)
2. Are you able to come forward in a spirit of unity with those communing with you? (See 1 Corinthians 1:10; 11:18-19.)
3. Do you share the confession of faith proclaimed in this congregation and church body? (See Acts 2:42, 1 Corinthians 11:26.)
4. Do you believe that this bread and wine is truly the body and blood of Christ? (See *LSB*, page 326, "What is the Sacrament of the Altar?")
5. Do you believe that this body and blood are given for your forgiveness, life, and salvation? (See *LSB* page 327, "What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?")

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Lutheran Service Book,
Divine Service, Setting Three, pg. 184

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

HYMN OF INVOCATION

“A Hymn of Glory, Let Us Sing” LSB 493

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 47:1–2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11

- P** Men of Galilee,
C **why do you stand looking into heaven? Alleluia.**
P This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,
C **will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alleluia.**
P Clap your hands, all peoples!
C **Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**
P For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
C **a great king over all the earth.**
P God has gone up with a shout,
C **the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**
P God reigns over the nations;
C **God sits on his holy throne.**



C Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

- P** Men of Galilee,
C **why do you stand looking into heaven? Alleluia.**
P This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,
C **will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alleluia.**

KYRIE

LSB 186

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 2:5-15

⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

¹⁵Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

SECOND 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.”

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 190; Psalm 47:5; 68:18a

Alleluia. God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Alleluia. You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:14-20

¹⁴Afterward [Jesus] appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

¹⁹So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

Sit

NICENE CREED

LSB 191

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Up through Endless Ranks of Angels” LSB 491

SERMON

“The Kingdom Is Restored to Israel by Jesus’ Witnesses” Acts 1:1-11

Stand

OFFERTORY

LSB 192

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition ends with:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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DISTRIBUTION

Guests are asked to please read "A Word to Our Guests About Holy Communion" on page 2 of this week's bulletin.

Those who are communing are encouraged to prepare themselves using "Preparing for the Sacrament of the Altar" on page 2 of the bulletin.

The Lord's Supper is distributed at the altar rail. Each table is dismissed with the following blessing:

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" LSB 525

"Beautiful Savior" LSB 537

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS LSB 199

THANKSGIVING LSB 200

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS LSB 201

BENEDICTION LSB 202

HYMN TO DEPART *"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build" LSB 492*

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News & Notes

LWML ZONE 2 SPRING RALLY is upon us! Saturday May 18th at SS Peter & Paul Houghton, MI. Registration is at 9:30AM EDT. RSVP by May 12th to Jean Pemberton 906-487-9412 or johnandjeanp@chartermi.net.

OUR ANNUAL ASCENSION DAY DIVINE SERVICE will be this Thursday, May 9th at 7:00 P.M. Join us in celebration of our Lord's taking His place at His Father's right hand! (Note: There is no Wednesday service on May 8th.)

MEMBER PICTURES: Over the next few weeks before and after the 9:00 A.M. service, we will be taking pictures of individuals and households to include in our 100th anniversary scrapbook. This book will be a picture directory, history, and cookbook and will be available for purchase later this year. Please plan on having your picture taken at some point!

DON'T FORGET YOUR MOTHER! The Mother's Day Flower Sale by the Youth Group will be next Sunday, May 12th. This will help pay for Youth visiting the Ark Encounter this June. Thank you for your support!

OUR REDEEMER WILL BE HOLDING A RUMMAGE SALE coinciding with the Kingsford Rummage Sale, on June 15th, 2024. If you are doing some spring cleaning, please hold on to items that you would like to donate to the sale. The church will have a space available for drop off as soon as May 23rd. More info to follow. We thank you for helping make this rummage sale a success!

SPRING CLEANING? Help our local Habitat for Humanity by donating furniture! Notify Pastor Tom Mackey and he will even pick it up and deliver it 308-216-0563!

BOTTLES/CANS: The Youth Group wants your bottles and cans! You may drop off your bottles/cans at the church entrance bottle bin.

SINGERS & MUSICIANS WANTED! - Love to sing? Do you play an instrument? Come and join the Gsus Singers. Practice is every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 P.M. No commitment necessary. Join the fun!

Serving in God's House

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ALTAR GUILD

Week of 5/5

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen	Bob Roska Jim Reed	Maridol Bey
Thursday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Maridol Bey

Week of 5/12

Sunday, 9:00 A.M.	Bruce Rasmussen & Choir	Jim Reed Bradley Linsmeyer	Lisa Swanson
Wednesday, 7:00 P.M.	Digital Music	Jim Sleik	Lisa Swanson

This Week's Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Sunday (5)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour
Monday (6)	6:00 P.M.	Ladies' Spring Banquet
Tuesday (7)	5:30 P.M.	Choir Practice
	6:30 P.M.	Board of Elders
Wednesday (8)		
Thursday (9)	10:00 A.M.	Bible Study
	7:00 P.M.	Ascension Day Divine Service
Friday (10)		Pastor's Day Off
Saturday (11)	7:00 A.M.	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
Sunday (12)	9:00 A.M.	Divine Service
	10:30 A.M.	Education Hour

Attendance Report

<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>
Sun., Apr. 28 th , 9:00 A.M.	85	66
Weds., May 1 st , 7:00 P.M.	13	11
Total	98	77