

A Guide to the Divine Service

7:00 p.m.

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ascendit Deus in iubilo
“God has gone up with a shout”

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, Closed Communion is observed by this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in and are a faithful member of a congregation of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or a denomination that has altar fellowship with the LC-MS, and continues to embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced at this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament Christ Jesus is truly present (The Real Presence) in, with, and under the bread and wine which is the Real Body and Blood of Christ that is distributed to and orally received by you, bestowing on you the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation;
- (d) that you have truly examined yourself and have repented of all your sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal.

If you are a guest at Shepherd of the Springs Lutheran Church, we kindly ask that you first speak with our pastor before receiving this Blessed Sacrament. It is in accord with Holy Scripture that we practice Closed Communion and, therefore, it is an expression of our sincere friendship and concern for your spiritual welfare. If you desire to learn more about our beliefs we ask you to speak with our pastor.

The Ascension of Our Lord *Jesus Is Ascended, but Not Absent*

Forty days after His resurrection, our Lord gathered His disciples on a hillside in Galilee and after final instructions, left this world with His visible presence and ascended to His native heaven. It is important to note that ascension refers to the exalted human nature of Jesus, for this is a major source of comfort for us. He Who sits at the right hand of the Father in eternity is still one with us; in every way a human being! He did not discard His human nature, but took it with Him!

The *Introit* proclaims the ascension; then quotes God from the Psalm decreeing the exaltation of His Son. We pray in the *Collect* that we may be united with our ascended Lord by faith. The *Verses* has the standard Easter opening and proclaims our Lord's victory won at His ascension! The *Proper Preface for the Ascension* calls on us to join in the praise of Him Who has overcome death and ascended that He might share with us His glory.

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[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

“O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire” #553

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184

Service of the Word

Introit

Men of Galilee,

why do you stand looking into heaven? Alleluia!

This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,

will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven. Alleluia!

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

a great King over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout,

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

God reigns over the nations;

God sits on His holy throne.

(Ps. 47:1-2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11)

Gloria Patri, Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis p. 187

Salutation p. 189

Collect for the Ascension: 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. **A - - - men!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **2 Kings 2:5-15**

[Elijah Went Up by a Whirlwind into Heaven]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Verse

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!

(Ps. 47:5; 68:18a)

Second Reading of the Day

Acts 1:1-11

[Why Do You Stand Looking into Heaven?]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise]

Triple Alleluia

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The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Holy Gospel of the Day

St. Luke 24:44-53

[The Ascension of Our Lord]

Responses to the Holy Gospel

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Extinguishing of the Paschal Candle

Insert

Nicene Creed

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day

“Eternal Monarch, King Most High

Insert

Sermon

[We rise]

Offertory

“This is the Feast”

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[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

[We rise]

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

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[Please review our Communion Policy on the back of this Guide]

[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ]

Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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[We rise]

Doxology

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Dismissal, *Nunc Dimittis*, Thanksgiving, Salutation, *Benedicamus*, Benediction

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[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

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***Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!***