

# St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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### HOLY COMMUNION

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34)

### The Confessional Service with Holy Communion

#### Prelude

#### Hymn of Invocation – #212

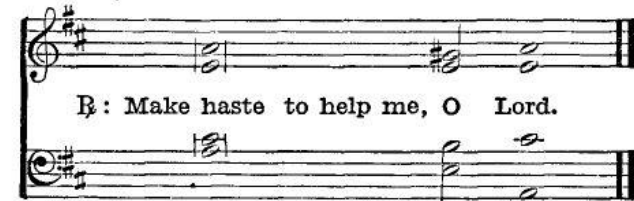
“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

**Minister:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

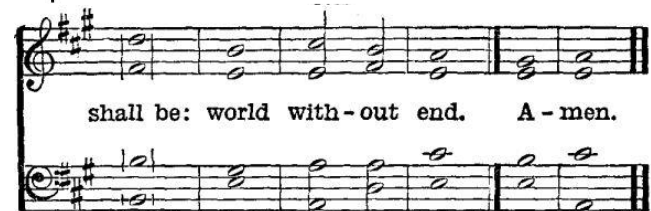
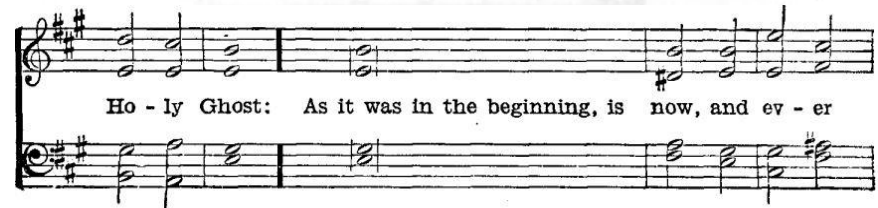
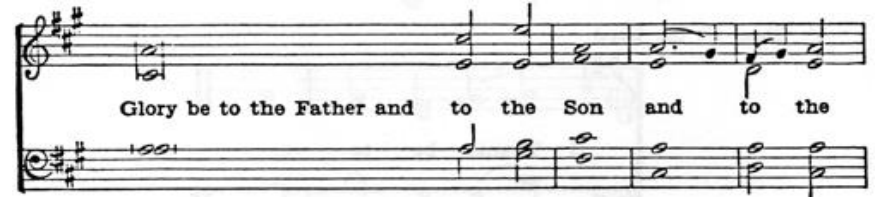
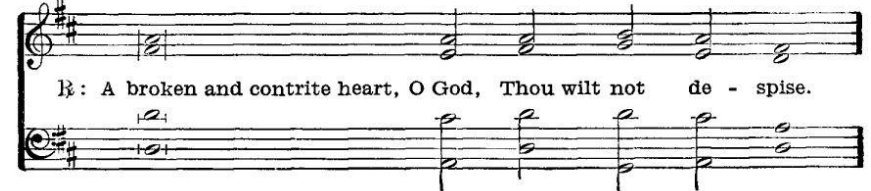
*The Congregation shall say or chant:*



**Y:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



**Y:** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.



#### Introit

*Psalm 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

*God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.*

**The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”**

*The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,*

*"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."*

**The Lord is at your right hand;**

**he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

*God has gone up with a shout,*

*the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.*

### The Confessional Address

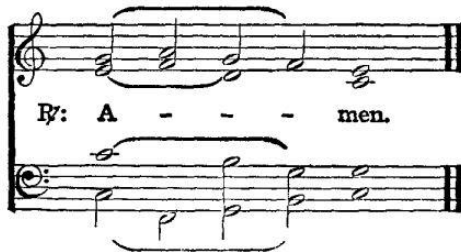
O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

I now ask you before God, Is this your sincere confession, that you heartily repent of your sins, believe on Jesus Christ, and sincerely and earnestly purpose, by the assistance of God the Holy Ghost, henceforth to amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: Yes.

Yes

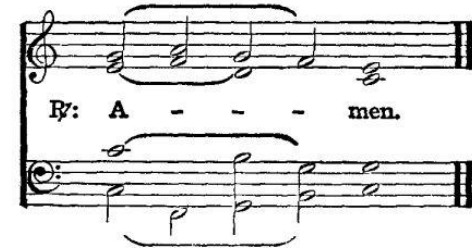
### The Absolution

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.



### The Collect for the Day

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.



### Lections:

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-2:7

Luke 14:1-6

### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Hymn #216

"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

### Sermon – "Seated with Christ in the Heavenly Places"

Ephesians 2:6-7

- I. We do not deserve and cannot earn a seat in the heavenly places.
- II. Christ earned and ascended to His seat in the heavenly places.
- III. God seated us with Christ in the heavenly places by His grace.

## The 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 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.

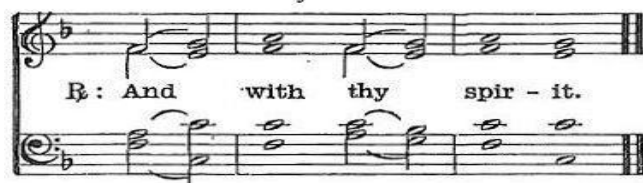
## The Offering

Choir "We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend"  
(You may follow the text of Hymn 223, v. 1, 2 & 4.)

## The Prayer for Ascension

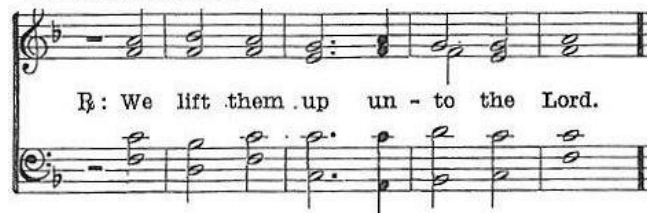
## The Preface:

V: The Lord be with you.



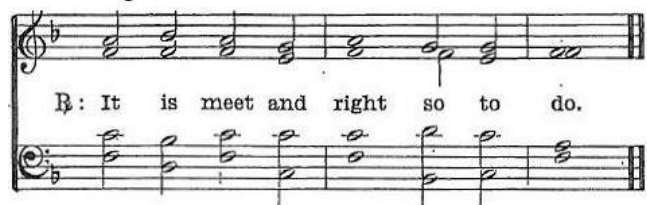
R: And with thy spir-it.

V: Lift up your hearts.



R: We lift them up un-to the Lord.

V: Let us give thanks unto the lord our God.



R: It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine nature. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

## The Sanctus



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Sab-a-oth;



Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho-san-na, Ho-

san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,

Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil;

R: For Thine is the king-dom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### The Pax Domini

V: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!

R: A - - - - men.

### The Agnus Dei

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that

tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. . . . A - - - - - men.

### Communion Distribution

Hymn #214 – “Lo, God to Heaven Ascendeth”

Hymn #218 – “See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph”

### The Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a Light to light - en the Gen-tiles and the Glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - - - - - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the 'Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it was in the be-  
ginning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end.. A-men.

### The Thanksgiving

V: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

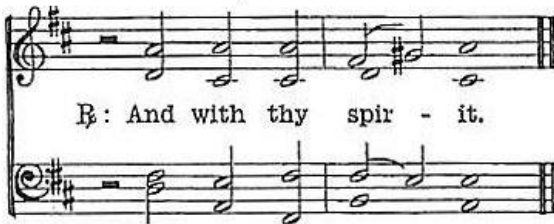
R: And His mercy en - dur-eth for - ev - - - - er.

## The Post-Communion Collect

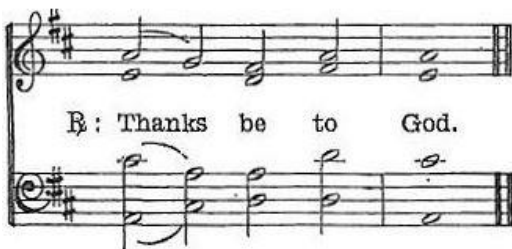
O God the Father, Fount and Source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness didst send Thine only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank Thee that for His sake Thou hast given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament; and we beseech Thee not to forsake Thy children but evermore to rule our hearts and minds by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may be enabled constantly to serve Thee; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reignth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



V: The Lord be with you.

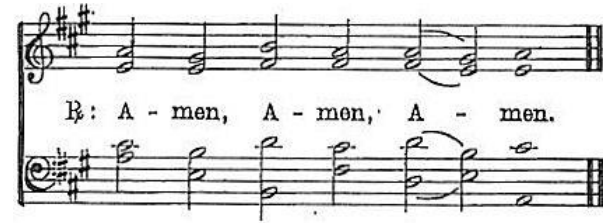


V: Bless we the Lord.



## The Benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.  
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.



## Closing Hymn - #221

"Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices"

## Silent Prayer & Postlude