PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

"A Disciple Making Community"
"KNOW, GROW, and GO"

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Holy Communion at Prince of Peace, LCMS

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod practices "Close Communion" as an expression of unity in doctrine (1 Corinthians 10:16-17; Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10). When a person partakes of the Sacrament at the Altar he is also confessing his unreserved agreement with that church body's doctrine. Because of doctrinal differences existing between the Missouri Synod and other Lutheran bodies, and also with other denominations, we cannot expect their members to make that kind of confession at our altar, nor do we desire anyone to compromise his own convictions and his church body's teachings. Therefore, our practice of "Close Communion" admits only those in doctrinal agreement who are members of congregations of the Missouri Synod.

The Holy Sacrament requires a mature participation which includes self-examination (1 Corinthians 11:28). Scripture also warns against "unworthy" reception (impenitence or unbelief) which would bring God's judgment on the recipient: 1 Corinthians 11:27; 1 Corinthians 11:29. Thus, out of loving concern for all, and commitment to the Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, we practice "Close Communion". We thank you for your cooperation and respect for our practice.

Those who will not be communing, but would like to receive a blessing are invited to come forward. Please cross your arms on your chest to indicate that you are requesting a blessing. May the Holy Spirit bless us all as we "Search the Scriptures" (John 5:39), and humbly strive to "Continue in His Word." (John 8:31) Please speak to an elder if you have questions concerning communion.

Theme

Jesus promises to release the power of the Holy Spirit that will sustain the church as she magnifies the name of Christ, in all wisdom, knowledge, and enlightenment. Today, the church honors Jesus' ascent into the heavenly realms. In His absence from us, we shall be comforted and sustained by the Spirit of God. In our waiting for Christ's return, we boldly proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins to all nations.

Order of Service: **Divine Service 1, p. 151**

Opening Hymn **492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build**
Confession and Absolution **(LSB p. 151)**

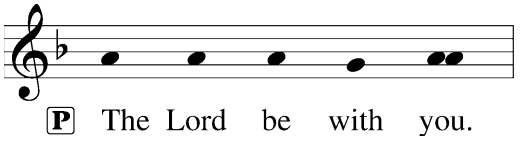
Introit *Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

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

Kyrie **(LSB p. 152)**

Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast **(LSB p. 155)**

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.
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

First Reading: Acts 1:1–11 *Acts 1:1–11*

[1]In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and
teach, [2]until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the
Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. [3]To them he presented himself alive
after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking
about the kingdom of God.

[4]And 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; [5]for John
baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from
now."

[6]So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time
restore the kingdom to Israel?" [7]He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or
seasons that the Father has fixed 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
and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." [9]And when he had said
these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of
their sight. [10]And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men
stood by them in white robes, [11]and 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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle: Ephesians 1:15–23

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15For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love
toward all the saints, 16I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my
prayers, 17that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a
spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18having the eyes of your
hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you,
what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19and what is the
immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the
working of his great might 20that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the
dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21far above all rule and
authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in
this age but also in the one to come. 22And he put all things under his feet and gave
him as head over all things to the church, 23which is his body, the fullness of him who
fills all in all.

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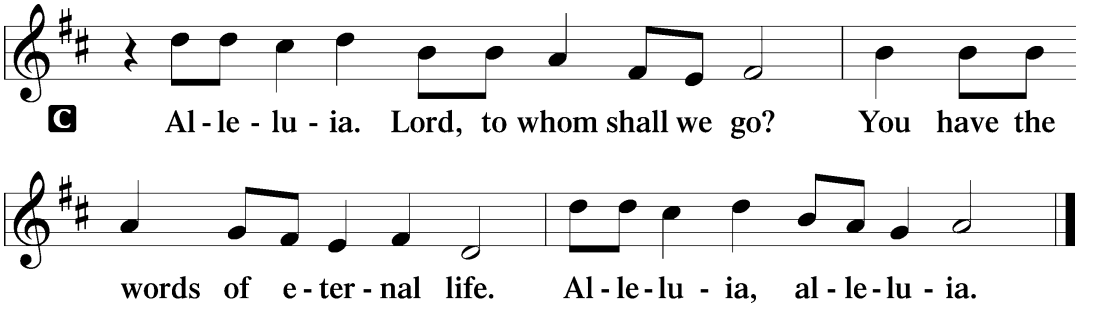
Stand

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44–53

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

[44]Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." [45]Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, [46]and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, [47]and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. [48]You are witnesses of these things. [49]And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

[50]Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. [51]While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. [52]And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, [53]and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Nicene Creed **(p. 158)**

Sit

Hymn of the Day **493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**

Sermon **"The Human Heir of Heaven" Ephesians 1:15-23 Vicar Josiah Junkin**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, since Your Son has gone up with a shout and the sound of a trumpet,

ascended in triumph and seated at Your right hand, so open our lips to sing praises to our King, rejoicing and living in the truth of His victory for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father of glory, pour out the Holy Spirit upon the Church, that she may proclaim to the ends of the earth the good news of what Your Son has accomplished in His life, death, resurrection and ascension. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, since Your Son will shatter kings when He executes judgment on the nations, keep Donald all our leaders from acting in ways that will earn them His wrath. Bless them with wisdom to govern us in accord with Your righteous ways. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Merciful Lord, Your Son has ascended to sit at Your right hand until You make all enemies His footstool. Fix our eyes on Him, ruling in the midst of His enemies, that we may have no fear of them but abide in His peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, You have seated Christ at Your right hand for our deliverance. Remember those who are afflicted with illness and injury *[including _____]*. Give them health and strength according to Your will. Sustain them in faith, knowing that, for Jesus' sake, You will raise them in glory on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, keep us from hardness of heart and unbelief. Help us by Your Spirit to believe the witness of those who saw Your Son after His resurrection, that we may joyfully recline at table with Him today to eat His body and drink His blood in a worthy manner. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Blessed Lord, You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. From You all things come and to You all things must return. Receive our thanks for the

saints of every generation whose fidelity has commended the faith to us. Make us also faithful in preserving the hope to which we have been called. Bring us at last to that day when all things are under Your feet, Your name is above all names, and we shall rest in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Offering **Special Music** **"Agnus Dei"** **POP Choir**

Offertory **(p. 159)**

Service of the Sacrament **(p. 160-166)**

Distribution Hymns

619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior
491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels
829 Christ the Eternal Lord

Post-Communion Canticle **Nunc Dimittis** **(LSB p. 165)**

Post-Communion Collect **(LSB p. 166)**

Benediction **(LSB p. 166)**

Closing Hymn **564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand**