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The Ascension of Our Lord

May 21, 2020 – Divine Service, Setting One

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, CHIMES, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

♪ **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

LSB 821

Invocation

LSB 151

Confession of Sins and Absolution

LSB 151

SERVICE OF THE WORD

♪ **Introit**

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



- P** God has gone up | with a shout,*
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.
- C** **The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,*
until I make your enemies your | footstool.”**
- P** The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,*
“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”
- C** **The Lord is at your | right hand;***
he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
- P** God has gone up | with a shout,*
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

♫ Kyrie

LSB 152

♫ Hymn of Praise – This Is the Feast

LSB 155

♫ Salutation and Collect of the Day

LSB 156

P 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.

C Amen.

First Reading – Acts 1:1–11*Pew Bible, p. 909*

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.”

Epistle – Ephesians 1:15–23*Pew Bible, p. 976*

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.

♪ Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel – Luke 24:44–53

Pew Bible, p. 885

(After the reading, the paschal candle will be extinguished, reminding us that at His ascension Christ withdrew His visible presence from the world.)

⁴⁴Then [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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

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

♪ A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493

Sermon

Nicene Creed

LSB 158 or inside back cover of hymnal

Prayer of the Church

♪ Offertory

LSB 159

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

♪ Preface

LSB 160

♪ Sanctus

LSB 161

Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

Lord’s Prayer

LSB 162

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

♪Pax Domini

LSB 163

♪Agnus Dei

LSB 163

Distribution – *If you are visiting with us, please read “Guests and Holy Communion,” printed below. If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please notify the pastor or an usher. If possible, please sit near the center aisle, and it will be brought to you at the conclusion of the distribution. Wine greatly diluted with water is available in purple-tinted cups in the center of each Communion tray for those with alcohol sensitivities.*

Distribution Hymns:

♪Beautiful Savior

LSB 537

♪Draw Us to Thee

LSB 701

♪Post-Communion Canticle – *Thank the Lord*

LSB 164

Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

♪Benediction

LSB 166

♪On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build

LSB 492

+ TO GOD BE THE GLORY +

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Holy Communion is a gift Christ gives to His Church. In it, He offers His true Body and Blood, in, with and under the bread and wine. When received in faith, it brings forgiveness, new life and salvation.

Holy Communion is also a statement of our unity in Christ (*community*). Those who receive the Lord’s Supper at Grace Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith.

For this reason, *only members of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* are ordinarily communed at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine of Close Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the service.