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The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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Sunday Worship-10:00am

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 26, 2022

HOLY COMMUNION Our congregation believes and confesses that in Holy Communion not only does Jesus give us forgiveness; He also miraculously gives us His actual body and blood.

We seek to receive our Lord's Supper according to the guidelines God has established in His Word. God's Word states that the Sacrament is to be an expression of like-mindedness in faith (same in doctrine) and that only those should commune who are worthy to receive it (who have been properly instructed and are truly repentant).

In keeping with God's instruction, and out of deep love for the souls of His people, we invite visiting members of other Missouri Synod Lutheran congregations, who are members in good standing, to receive Holy Communion with us after announcing their intent to the pastor. Visitors who are not members of a Missouri Synod Lutheran congregation are asked to please refrain from the Sacrament at this time. Thank you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP: Holy Communion

Liturgy: Divine Service 2, pg. 167

Hymns: 492, 495, 840, 493, 496

Organist : Ruth Fiscus

**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.**

⁵The Lord is at your | right hand;*
he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.

2 KINGS 2:5-15

⁵Now the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the Lord will take away your master from over you today?" So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!"

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the Lord has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on.

⁷And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan.

⁸Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

¹⁰So he said, You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."

¹¹Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire,

and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

¹²And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.

¹³He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan.

¹⁴Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ACTS 1:1-11

¹The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

²until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,

³to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

⁴And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

⁵for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

⁸But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

⁹Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

¹⁰And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,

¹¹who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MARK 16:14-20

¹⁴Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart,

because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen.

[15](#) And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

[16](#) He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

[17](#) And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

[18](#) they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

[19](#) So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

[20](#) And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.