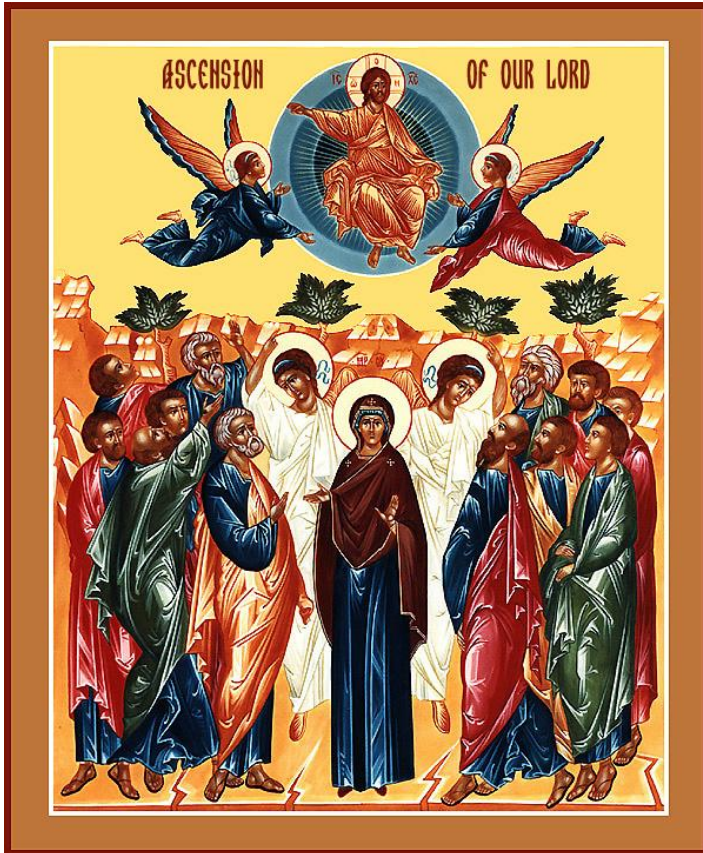


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To God Be the Glory!

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 21, 2023

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

Liturgy: Divine Service 3, pg. 184

Hymns: 492, 495, 553, 493, 554, 534

Organist: Ruth Fiscus

Acolyte: Janie Zoske

Ushers: Curt Winter, Roger Zoske

THIS WEEK AS GOD LEADS US TOGETHER

Next Sunday: 9:00a.m. Christian Education Classes

10:00a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion

Acolyte: Logan Zoske

Ushers: Curt Winter, Roger Zoske

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Rev. Daniel & Amy Johnson in observance of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

VBS VOLUNTEERS: We are in need of anyone wanting to volunteer to help out with Vacation Bible School this year. There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please consider this opportunity to enjoy time with the children as they hear God's Word.

LWML BAKE SALE is **today** in the Fellowship Hall! All sales are by donation. Thank you for your support!

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: There will be a celebration at Dakin's Community Center in Zearing, IA on May 28th from 11:30a.m.-3:00p.m. for Keith & Elsie Frohwein's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Everyone is invited to help them celebrate.

VBS CRAFT HELPERS: We will meet on Wednesday, May 24th at 1:30p.m. If anyone is interested in helping, please be at the meeting. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS: Tues.-Riley Zoske; Wed.-Eugene Zoske, Kassidy Winter; Sat.-Tracy Below.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES: Thurs.-Larry & Jan Zoske (44); Fri.-Keith & Elsie Frohwein (50), Michael & Debra Dubberke (50).

PSALM 51:1-12

antiphon vs. 12



¹²Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*

and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your | steadfast love; *
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my trans- | gressions.

²**Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity, *
and cleanse me | from my sin!**

³For I know my trans- | gressions, *
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

⁴**Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil | in your sight, *
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your | judgment.**

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity, *
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

⁶**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being, *
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.**

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I | shall be clean; *
wash me, and I shall be whit- | er than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and | gladness, *
let the bones that you have bro- | ken rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins, *
and blot out all my in- | iquities.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, | O God, *
and renew a right spirit with- | in me.**

¹¹Cast me not away from your | presence, *
and take not your Holy Spirit | from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation, *
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.**

**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.**

¹²Restore to me the joy of your sal- | vation,*
and uphold me with a willing | spirit.

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."

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MARK 16:4-20

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away--for it was very large.

⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

⁷But go, tell His disciples--and Peter--that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

⁸So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

⁹Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.

¹⁰She went and told those who had been with Him, as they mourned and wept.

¹¹And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe.

¹²After that, He appeared in another form to two of them as they walked and went into the country.

¹³And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either.

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.

¹⁵And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

¹⁶He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

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

¹⁸they 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."

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

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