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Our Mission:
As God's forgiven family,
we grow in faith through
Word and Sacrament to
share the Gospel of
Jesus Christ.

WELCOME!

WE ARE HAPPY YOU WERE LED TO WORSHIP WITH US! IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME IN A LUTHERAN CHURCH, WE WANT YOU TO FEEL COMFORTABLE AND "AT HOME" IN OUR WORSHIP SETTING.

The Lord speaks to us through His Word and Sacrament and we respond with joy in song and prayer. This rhythm reflects our rich worship heritage built on the teachings of the Bible placing Jesus Christ at the center of all we do.

Check out the back of this bulletin for information on Bible Classes, upcoming events, how to get involved and more!

Holy Communion: CTK practices "close" communion. This expression means that all who receive the Sacrament believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, and embrace the teachings of the Lutheran faith according to the Scriptures. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, we ask that you please contact one of the pastors prior to receiving the Sacrament. You are welcome to approach the altar with folded arms to receive a blessing.

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

AS WE GATHER Some days we don't want to get up at all, and some days it seems that we have to do it all by ourselves. Although the disciples felt that way at first on the day of Jesus' ascension, today's Readings tell us to look up in hope and confidence, for our Lord is still with us through everything. Jesus' promise about power from the Holy Spirit is ours, for we have been given faith in our great God. Whether we see much evidence, Paul writes that the Father gave His Son complete authority. And we are the Body of Christ! Jesus' instruction to await power is now past tense; we have received authority to proclaim forgiveness of sins to all nations. Bodies and minds may be mended, but complete forgiveness to spirits provides comfort and strength for today and forever!

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Up through Endless Ranks of Angels" *LSB* 491

**Up through endless ranks of angels, Cries of triumph in His ears,
To His heav'nly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears,
Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears.**

**Death-destroying, life-restoring, Proven equal to our need,
Now for us before the Father As our brother intercede;
Flesh that for our world was wounded, Living, for the wounded plead!**

**To our lives of wanton wand'ring Send Your Spirit, promised guide;
Through our lives of fear and failure With Your pow'r and love abide;
Welcome us, as You were welcomed, To an endless Eastertide.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to see the Father's face!
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!**

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INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Acts 1:6, 11; Luke 24:46–47; Ephesians 1:22–23*

P: Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?

C: Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?

P: It is written, that the Christ should suffer

C: and on the third day rise from the dead,

P: and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations.

C: God gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins to our gracious God.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: God did not leave us devoid of power and love. Christ ascended to His throne above but is with us still. The Holy Spirit did not give us faith for a short time but is with us throughout our time on earth. Your sins were forgiven by the death of Christ on the cross and by His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT

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.

C: Amen.

† SERVICE OF THE WORD †

FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11 (*Angels promise that Jesus will return and that Jesus' followers are witnesses.*)

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.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Ephesians 1:15-23 (*Paul thanks God that we know the power of Christ over all things.*)

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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53 (*Jesus commands forgiveness to be proclaimed, and then ascends in front of the disciples.*)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then he 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious” *LSB* 495

**Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious; See the Man of Sorrows now!
From the fight returned victorious, Ev’ry knee to Him shall bow.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crowns become the victor’s brow. Crowns become the victor’s brow.**

**Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
On the seat of pow’r enthrone Him While the vault of heaven rings.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown the Savior King of kings. Crown the Savior King of kings.**

**Sinners in derision crowned Him, Mocking thus the Savior’s claim;
Saints and angels crowd around Him, Own His title, praise His name.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
Spread abroad the victor’s fame. Spread abroad the victor’s fame.**

**Hark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station; Oh, what joy the sight affords!
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!
King of kings and Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!**

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SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Christ has ascended to the Father but is with us in power to continue the mission of the church, the Body of Christ. Let us pray for people everywhere. For the whole church, witness to the risen and ascended Christ,

C: that we all proclaim His victory over sin and death;

P: for all who proclaim the Gospel,

C: that they announce the promise of a new heaven and a new earth;

P: and for all who have just come to faith,

C: that the Spirit enable them to understand the fullness of Christ's love. Lord have mercy.

P: For the nations of the world and all relief agencies,

C: that God guide them in seeking peace and cooperation;

P: for all who work in business and all who help the downtrodden and distressed,

C: that they provide all that is needed in food, clothing, and shelter;

P: and for continued scientific research,

C: that we may utilize the bounty of God's good creation. Lord, have mercy.

P: For favorable weather,

C: that we may praise God for recreation, leisure, and the growth of crops;

P: for all who suffer, including . . . , that God provide relief where it fits His plans for them,

C: and that we may be part of His answer to prayer;

P: for this congregation and all who work with us,

C: that we rededicate ourselves to the mission of our ascended Lord. Lord, have mercy.

P: Into Your hands we entrust ourselves and all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING + Solo "Be Thou My Vision" (arr. Craig Courtney)

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night.
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

OFFERTORY LSB 492 v.3

**O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling Your ascension,
That I may serve You faithfully In thanks for my redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.**

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✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body

and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, 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. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-11*

C: 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. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION

+ Instrumental

“Beautiful Savior” *LSB 537*

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

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“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior” LSB 619

**Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain**

**Refrain Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!**

**With Thee, Lord, I am now united; I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain**

**Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain**

**Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the master With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain**

**My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” *LSB 493 vv.1,2,5,6*

A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand. Alleluia, alleluia!

And with His faithful foll’wers see Their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward. Alleluia, alleluia!

Then, throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to You let earth accord: Alleluia, alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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POSTLUDE

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 2.

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In our prayers this week: Kathie Jenkins, Kim Weidenhamer, John Mewbourn, Margo McKee, Gene Mallett, Noah Rhoden, Floyd Bearly, Mark Lemley, Violet Lakatos, Dylan Bruns, Bruce Forsythe, Jeff & Ellen Strum, Lori Nogueira, Julie Bourie, Stephanie Dublin, Zachary Rakow, Leigh Wilson, Zane Brooks, Tamara Scott, Sarah Gaddie, Lisa Chapman & family, Hannah Miller, Stephanie McNeese, Jeff & Cheryl Harrell, Judy Jacquez, Ross & Jackie Butler, Jean & Cliff Gorham, Lorna Schmidt, Jan Mathis, Glenda Wade, Kelly Swan, Valarie Boston, Norma Moore, Maurice Troyer, Ben Gerrey.

Heavenly Father, we ask you to protect our troops and all service personnel. Lord of all nations, bring Your peace to our troubled world, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine, and guide all world leaders in wisdom.

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