

The Service of the Sacrament

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[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body & Blood of Christ]

[We are seated]

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A Guide to The Divine Service

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Himmelfahrt Jesu Christi.

The Eve of the Ascension of Our Lord

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice "closed communion," even as we continue to work toward the day in which all divisions over doctrine and practice within Christ's Church will be resolved. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with one of our pastors.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p.185

Entr. Hymn "On Christ's Ascension" #492

The Service of the Word begins with the Introit



Antiphon: Ye / men of / Galilee * why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Alleluia! / Alle - / lu_ - / ia . || This same Jesus which is taken up from you / into / heaven: * shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven. / Alle- / lu_ - / ia. (*Acts 1.11*)

Psalm: Oh, clap your hands, / all ye / people! * Shout unto / God with the / voice of / triumph! || For the LORD Most / High is / awesome: * He is a great / King over / all the / earth.

God is gone / up with a / shout, * the / LORD with the / sound of a / trumpet. || God reigneth / over the / heathen: * God sitteth up- / on the throne / of His / holiness. (*Psalms 47:1-2, 5, 8*)

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The Collect for The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord:
Almighty, everlasting God, make us to have always a devout will toward Thee and to serve Thy Majesty with a pure heart; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and

the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen!

[We are seated]

Old Testament of the Day 2 Kings 2.5-15
[Elijah Went Up by a Whirlwind into Heaven]
This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

Epistle of the Day Acts 1.1-11
[Why Do You Stand Looking into Heaven?]
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise]

The Holy Gospel of the Day
The Gradual and Alleluias

God is gone up with a shout: Alleluia! / Alle - / luia: *
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet. / Alle- / lu_ / **ia!**
Thou hast ascended on high: Alleluia! / Alle - / luia: *
Thou hast led captivity captive. / Alle- / lu_ / **ia!**

The Triple Alleluia p. 190

Announcement of the Holy Gospel

Holy Gospel of the Day Luke 24.44-53
[The Ascension of Our Lord]

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[We are seated]

Chief Hymn "See, The Lord Ascends" #494

Sermon "*The Blessings of the Ascension*"

[We rise]

Offertory: "This is the Feast" p. 155
[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

[We rise]

The Prayers of the Church

The Te Deum Laudamus Handout

The Kyrie, The Our Father, The Collects
"God Bless Our Native Land" #965