

# +The Ascension of our Lord+

*(Observed) | May 16th, 2021 | 8 and 10:15am*



*Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive.*

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# The Divine Service

*When the bells ring, stand and face the cross.*

Opening Hymn | On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

LSB 492

## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,  
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

## The Service of the Word

Introit

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

*God has gone up | with a shout,\*  
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.*  
The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,\*  
until I make your enemies your | footstool.”  
**The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,\*  
“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”**  
The Lord is at your | right hand;\*  
he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

*God has gone up | with a shout, \**  
*the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.*

### Kyrie

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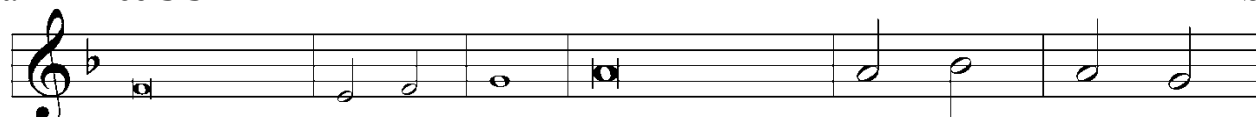
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis

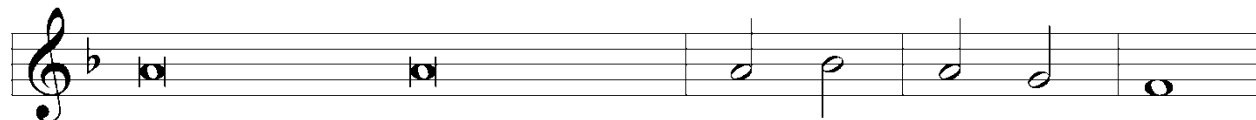
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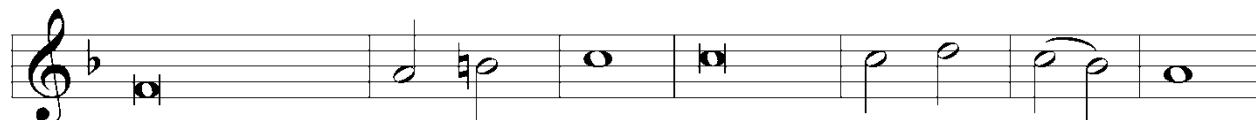
**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

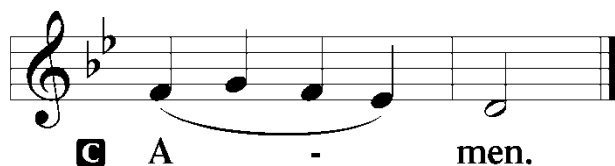
### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

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.



*Sit*

## First Reading

*Acts 1:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And 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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But 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.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that 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, <sup>18</sup>having 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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far 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. <sup>22</sup>And

he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

*Face the cross as it enters the nave.*

**Alleluia and Verse**

*LSB 190*



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word**



He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled



is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.



My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -



rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.



O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,

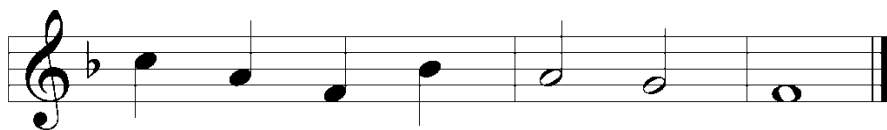


Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 24:44-53*

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

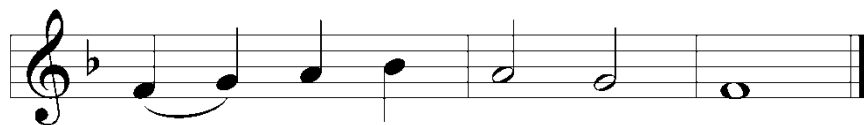


**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed**

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*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day | Up through Endless Ranks of Angels**

**LSB 491**

**Sermon**

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!

*Stand*

**Offertory**

*LSB 192*



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## The Prayer of the Church

### The Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

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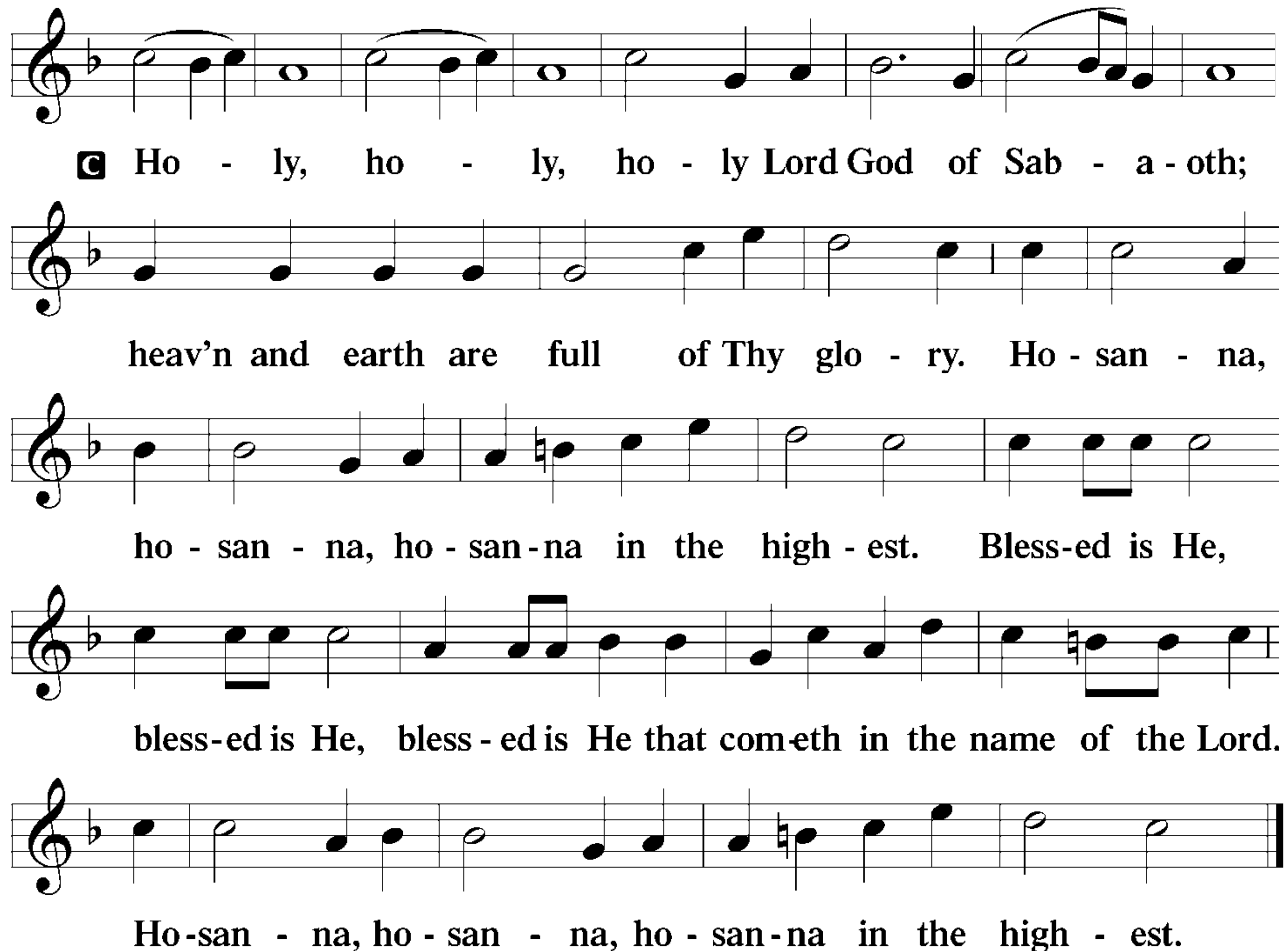
**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.



- P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

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## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**A** - men.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198



**O** Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## Distribution

### Holy Communion at St. Paul.

Our congregation confesses the Bodily Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of the Pastors before communing today.

Thank you.

## Communion Distribution

+Continuous distribution is still in practice. When a space opens on your side of the Altar rail, come forward and fill that space. Once you have received both the Body and Blood of Christ, you may return to your pew immediately. The deacons will not send more than *three* communicants per side of the Altar rail.

+Kneeling. You are free to kneel or to stand as you receive the Sacrament.

+The common cup is offered to all communicants along with individual cups. The pouring chalice will follow the common cup. If you have an individual cup in your hand, pastor/assistants with the common cup will know to bypass you with the common cup.

**Distribution Hymn | See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph**

**LSB 494**

**Distribution Hymn | Before the Throne of God Above**

**LSB 574**

*Stand*

### The Dismissal

P The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace.

C **Amen.**

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*



**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving

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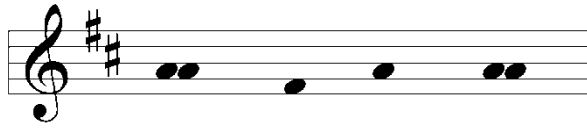
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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. **Amen.**

### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Rite of Farewell and Godspeed

*The honoree is presented before the altar. The presiding minister addresses the congregation:*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, Mrs. Janine Albert is retiring as teacher of Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. At this time of farewell and Godspeed, let us hear the Word of the Lord.

**A** <sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

Commit your way | to the LORD; \*  
trust in him, and | he will act.

**I lift up my eyes | to the hills. \***

**From where does my | help come?**

My help comes | from the LORD, \*  
who made | heaven and earth.

**Lord, you have been our | dwelling place \*  
in all gener- | ations.**

Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth | and the world, \*  
from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

**Blessèd shall you be in the | city, \*  
and blessèd shall you be | in the field.**

Blessèd shall you be when | you come in, \*  
and blessèd shall you be when you | go out.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your | steadfast love, \*  
that we may rejoice and be glad | all our days.**

Let your work be shown to your | servants, \*

and your glorious power to their | children.  
**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,**  
**and establish the work of our hands up- | on us;\***  
 yes, establish the work | of our hands!  
**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.**

*The retiring worker may kneel.*

- P Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks for all the blessings You have bestowed on this congregation through the faithful service of teacher Janine Albert. Grant that her example of faithful devotion to Your Word and loving service to others may, by Your grace, be a blessing and encouragement to many. In Your mercy support and strengthen her in her retirement, and grant her Your peace and blessedness now and forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

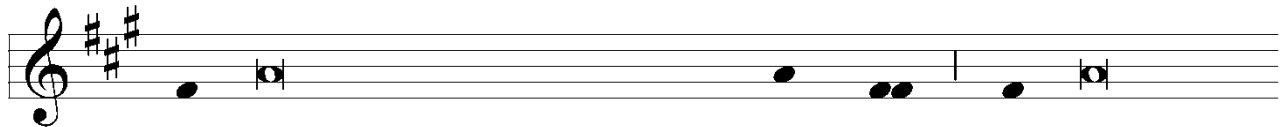
**The Doxology is sung**

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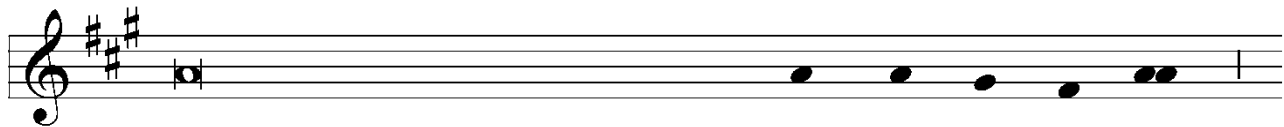
- P Go in peace and joy. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and bless and strengthen you both now and forevermore.
- C **Amen.**

**Benediction**

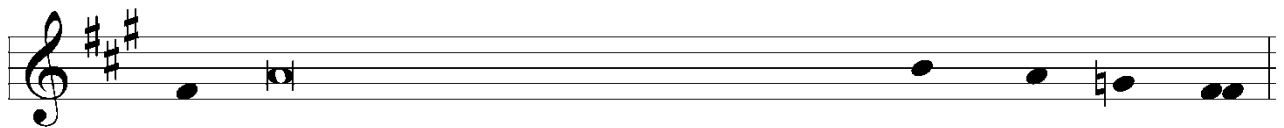
*LSB 202*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**Sung: Amen! Amen! Amen!**

**Hymn to Depart | Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious**

**LSB 495**

*The Divine Service is ended. Go in peace.*



## **Ascension Day**

*A Poem of*

**John Keble 1792 – 1866**

Soft cloud, that while the breeze of May  
Chants her glad matins in the leafy arch,  
Draw'st thy bright veil across the heavenly way  
Meet pavement for an angel's glorious march:

My soul is envious of mine eye,  
That it should soar and glide with thee so fast,  
The while my grovelling thoughts half buried lie,  
Or lawless roam around this earthly waste.

Chains of my heart, avaunt I say -  
I will arise, and in the strength of love  
Pursue the bright track ere it fade away,  
My Saviour's pathway to His home above.

Sure, when I reach the point where earth  
Melts into nothing from th' uncumbered sight,  
Heaven will o'ercome th' attraction of my birth.  
And I shall sink in yonder sea of light:

Till resting by th' incarnate LORD,  
Once bleeding, now triumphant for my sake,  
I mark Him, how by seraph hosts adored,  
He to earth's lowest cares is still awake.

The sun and every vassal star,  
All space, beyond the soar of angel wings,  
Wait on His word: and yet He stays His car  
For every sigh a contrite suppliant brings.

He listens to the silent tear  
For all the anthems of the boundless sky -  
And shall our dreams of music bar our ear  
To His soul-piercing voice for ever nigh?

Nay, gracious Saviour--but as now  
Our thoughts have traced Thee to Thy glory-throne  
So help us evermore with thee to bow  
Where human sorrow breathes her lowly moan.

We must not stand to gaze too long,  
Though on unfolding Heaven our gaze we bend  
Where lost behind the bright angelic throng  
We see CHRIST'S entering triumph slow ascend.

No fear but we shall soon behold,  
Faster than now it fades, that gleam revive,  
When issuing from his cloud of fiery gold  
Our wasted frames feel the true sun, and live.

Then shall we see Thee as Thou art,  
For ever fixed in no unfruitful gaze,  
But such as lifts the new-created heart,  
Age after age, in worthier love and praise.

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## **Announcements**

*St. Paul*

**Service Schedules.** Next Sunday will be the last Sunday with two services at St. Paul. Summer schedule resumes on Memorial Day weekend. In summer months until Labor Day weekend, we will celebrate one Divine Service at *9am*. There will be no Bible Class or Sunday School.

**Liturgy Note.** The hymnals are back in the pews and will be used for the hymns. Since the prayers for before and after worship and also before and after Communion are located in the front cover of the hymnal, we will no longer print them in the bulletin, but please continue to pray them that your hearts may be prepared for worship and a right reception of Jesus.

**Mrs. Albert.** Today, we give thanks to God Mrs. Albert with the Rite of Farewell and Godspeed in both services. A card shower for Mrs. Albert and a fellowship reception with light refreshments is today during the Sunday School hour. There is no Bible Class or Sunday School. Greeting cards may be passed along to pastor and he will give them to Mrs. Albert.

**The Ladies' Aid** will meet (also LWML meeting) on May 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm.



**Gemütlichkeit.** The first-ever St. Paul Gemütlichkeit (*pronounced GE-MOOT-LICK-KITE, n. German: a situation that induces a cheerful mood, peace of mind, with connotation of belonging and social acceptance, coziness, and unhurry*) will take place from 12-3pm on Thursday, May 27, 2021. What, pray tell, is Gemütlichkeit, you ask? It is a fancy word for fun. There are members clamoring for fellowship at Church. So, we are going to get together. Pastor Yeager decided to ‘baptize’ the idea, vague as it is at this point, with a German word to lend the event legitimacy and *gravitas*. But really, it is just a fellowship event. Ask Pr. Yeager for more information and he will simply shrug, turn around, and walk away, not because he is mean, but because he knows as much information as you do at this point. We have no idea what this event might become. Will it meet monthly? Perhaps. Time will tell. Where there is a will, there is a way. Who is invited? Anybody. Everybody. Bring a friend. Bring a deck of cards for a Euchre game. Bring a dish to share. Bust out the secret recipes your mother would give to no one and really ‘wow’ us. Make the best batch of cookies the world has ever known. Bake something with Preble noodles, showcasing their culinary versatility. Honestly, bring whatever you want. We will start with lunch (or, as many Midwestern individuals call it as is their wont [wrongly, mind you]—‘*dinner*’), and then we will have fun. Maybe Euchre. Maybe conversation. Maybe euchre and conversation. If it is Gemütlichkeit though, it must be toward the purpose of having a cheerful mood, peace of mind, belonging, social acceptance, coziness, and unhurry. This is commanded. Anyone not working toward this common purpose will be kindly asked to depart in peace. So, please join us. Oh, and there are no dues or fees. Also no boards or organizations are officially tied to this event, so, if it fizzles and fails, no one will get in trouble. Thank you.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.** The year 2023 will be the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Preble. To give thanks to God for this important milestone in our Church’s history, the Voters Assembly has determined that an Anniversary Committee should be created, to be comprised of five members of the congregation who love St. Paul, who would delight in examining the Church’s history, and who would rejoice to create events on our Anniversary year to commemorate that history. The invitation is open to all our members with such willingness—you do not have to be a voting member to join this committee. Talk to Pr. Yeager.

**Our Fieldworkers.** Seminarian Anthony Keilani has received his Vicarage Assignment to Faith Lutheran Church, Green Bay, WI. Seminarian Timothy Schmeisser has received the Divine Call into the Office of the Holy Ministry to serve a tri-parish in the N. Minnesota District: Grace Lutheran Church, Sebeka, MN; Nimrod Lutheran Church, Nimrod, MN; and Zion Lutheran Church, North Germany, MN. The Lord bless and preserve our Vicar-elect and Pastor-elect and their families. We give thanks to God for their service to St. Paul, Preble.—Pr. Yeager

**Baby Shower.** Please join us in “showering” Pastor and Heather with gifts as they await the arrival of their daughter in May. A table will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for any gifts you would like to give them (diapers, wipes, gift cards, etc.) If you have any questions contact Kelly Todd 260.466.7494 or Susie Ehlerding 260.413.2735.

### *Youth*

Sunday, May 16; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – H.S. Gathering at Parsonage 1

Sunday, May 23 – **Middle and High School Youth Event** - Sky Zone.

We will leave from the Bingen parking lot at 1:15 p.m. and drive to Sky Zone in Fort Wayne. We will return around 5:30 p.m. All participants are required to have a waiver filled out prior to the event, and they ask that these be filled out 48 hours before arriving. Parents, please fill out the waiver at the following link: <https://waivers.adv.centeredge.io/#/kiosk/waiver-welcome>. Pizza and pop will be provided. Cost per youth is \$20. Please contact Pastor Brock (260-30-1640) with any questions.

Sunday, May 30 – Memorial Day Eve – No Youth Event

*Wyneken, Circuit, Synod*

**Wyneken Childcare Positions-** Do you have a love for children? The Wyneken Child Care has some part-time positions open. If interested or desiring more information, please contact Christine Cornett, Director of the Wyneken Child Care program, at 639-6064.

**Custodian Substitutes-** We are seeking an individual willing to substitute for our custodian, evening hours. If interested, contact Mr. Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or [principal@wyneken.org](mailto:principal@wyneken.org).

**SCRIP-** A limited amount of Scrip is available daily in the school office; for large orders, please contact a Scrip representative. At St. John, Bingen-Teegen Brock (260-301-1606); St. Paul, Preble-Jennifer Faurote (260-223-1509); Zion, Friedheim-Cheryl Lengerich (260-701-4326). An order form is available on the Wyneken website, [www.wyneken.org](http://www.wyneken.org) or go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com), open Join A Program, and use organization code 7CA2BE4B468.

**LWML – The 39<sup>th</sup> Biennial LWML Convention** is being held face-to-face in Lexington, Kentucky June 24-27, 2021. Our Decatur Zone delegate is Vicki Schallhorn, Bethlehem-Ossian. Any of the following NEW items may be donated as a “Gift from the Heart”. Recipients include Assurance for Life Ministry (Lexington), MOST Ministries, and Food Bank Support at Fort Wayne and St. Louis Concordia Seminaries. Baby toiletries (shampoo, soap, lotion) – Baby bath towels, wash cloths, burp cloths, baby wipes, crib sheets, laundry baskets (small or collapsible), disposable diapers (size three), clothing for sizes newborn-12 months, diaper bags, toys (teething rings, rattles), small “First” Christian books (board books, vinyl books). Other items needed are gift cards in denominations of \$ 10, \$20, and \$ 25 (Walmart or Target), and new and “like-new” eyeglasses. Contact person for your donated items to be picked up is Marilyn Bulmahn, 260-919-5007. Deadline is June 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **We Give Thanks to God for Mrs. Albert**

Today we give thanks to God for Mrs. Janine Albert, a faithful member of St. Paul, Preble, and teacher at our Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School. She is retiring from teaching at the end of the school year. We pray God's richest blessings upon Mrs. Albert and her family, even as we thank God for the many years Mrs. Albert has given in service to the Lord's Church and School and for the many students who learned of God's Word and world under her instruction.

Mrs. Albert has been a teacher at Wyneken since 2006. Before her time at our school, she was a part time science teacher at Emmanuel-St. Michael (1994-1995), a grade 4 teacher at Emmanuel-St. Michael (1991-1992), a grade 6 teacher at St. John Lutheran School, Defiance, OH (1987-1991), and a teacher of grades 6-8 at Holy Cross, Detroit, MI in 1986. Altogether, Mrs. Albert has 22 years of teaching experience in Lutheran schools—thanks be to God.

Mrs. Albert went to Central Lutheran School in New Haven. She graduated from Paul Harding High School in Ft. Wayne. Mrs. Albert's original plan was not to become a teacher, but to attend Ball State and pursue a career in architecture. Yet, the Lord led her in a different direction. She found herself at Concordia College in Ann Arbor, where she was prepared for a career in teaching. She graduated Concordia with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education, and then pursued a Masters Degree in Education at Indiana University, Ft. Wayne.

Mrs. Albert would like to thank to congregation for supporting the wonderful ministry of Wyneken. Today, we sing the Doxology, a song that all of her students learn in Pre-Kindergarten. We sing it in her honor and in thanksgiving to God for her service as teacher in the Lord's Church and School. *Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*

## Prayer of the Church

- +**The Sick and Recovering:** Alvira Bienz, Bonnie Gallmeyer.
- +**Expectant Mothers:** Heather Yeager, Kacey Fuelling.
- +**The Homebound:** Edna Mesing, Faye Keuneke (Woodcrest Skilled Nursing); Marge Merriman (Woodcrest Assisted Living); Ken Schueler (home); Bonnie Gallmeyer (home); Anita Spiegel (home); Ted Reinhart (home); Don Haines (home).
- +**Farmers:** seasonable weather, and an abundance of the fruits of the earth.
- +**The Military & Veterans:** Austin Comer, Taylor Blum, Isabelle Friedt.
- +**Birthdays:** Shannon Merriman, Garrett Strome, Leslie Miller, Laura Baker, Jon Miller, Joshua Vogel.

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## Acolytes

8am Evan Sovine

10:15am Caleb Dicke

## Next Sunday 5/23

8am Jacob Miller

10:15am Calvin Faurote

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## Attendance 5/9

8am 95

10:15am 105

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## Offerings 5/9

Need Weekly: \$7,487.69      Week/Plate: \$4,707.00      Online \$1,102.03

For the week: -\$1,678.66

For the year: -\$5,037.07

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## Weekly Calendar

**Sunday 5/16**

*Divine Services* 8 and 10:15am

Fellowship reception—Mrs. Albert, no Bible Class/Sunday School

H.S. Youth Gathering, parsonage #1, 6:30pm

**Tuesday 5/18**

Early Bird Bible Study at St. John, Bingen 6am

**Thursday 5/20**

Wyneken Graduation 7pm, St. John, Bingen

Ladies Aid, LWML Business Meeting, 7pm

**Friday 5/21**

Wyneken Last Day of School

**Sunday 5/23**

Divine Services 8 and 10:15am, Bible Class/Sunday School 9:15am,

**This will be the last Sunday with two services—summer schedule:  
one Divine Service at 9am starting 5/30/21.**