

Pax Domini
Agnus Dei
Distribution

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The Lord's Supper is celebrated today in the joyful confidence that our Lord gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, just as His Testament declares. The host congregation is Bethany Lutheran Church, Fairview Heights IL. We welcome to the altar today those baptized Christians who have publicly confessed the faith of the Lutheran Church and are members in good standing of an LCMS or partner church congregation. All others are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. If you are not receiving the Sacrament, you may indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest in the shape of an X.

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In the Lord's Service

Preacher and Celebrant Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Assisting Minister Rev. Peter Lange
First Vice—President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Organist Rev. Sean Daenzer
Director, LCMS Worship/IC Chaplain

Choir IC Choir

Usher David Fiala
MADV Mission Advocate

The Ascension of Our Lord

Divine Service



International Center
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May 18, 2023

Divine Service, Setting Three

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Ps. 47:1; antiphon: Acts 1:11

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Alleluia!

This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven. Alleluia!

O clap your hands, all ye people;

Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.



☐ 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.

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Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect

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First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 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.

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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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.” 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. And while they were gazing into heaven as he

went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 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.”

Alleluia and Verse

(The triple alleluia is sung before and after the verses)



*God has gone up | with a shout**

the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

*You ascended | on high**

leading a host of captives | in your train.

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:14-20

Afterward [Jesus] appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

“Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels” LSB 491

Sermon

Offertory

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Prayer of the Church

Preface

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Sanctus

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Lord’s Prayer

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The Words of Our Lord

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