

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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## Communion Statement:

In our congregation we follow the historic Lutheran practice of closed communion. This is nothing new, nor a novel innovation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Rather, for many centuries, this was the universal practice of all of Christendom, and to this day, is still practiced by the majority of the Christian Church.

*We observe closed communion because the Lord's Supper is a public profession of our unity of faith. (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)*

*We believe Christ's body and blood are truly present in the bread and the wine for forgiveness of our sins. (1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

*We observe closed communion to protect people in body and soul from taking the Lord's Supper to their judgment and harm. (1 Corinthians 11:27-32)*

Our practice is prompted by our love, care, and concern for all people. If you are not a communicant member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, please do not commune today.

However, please know that we look forward to having you at the Lord's Table soon. We sincerely invite you to visit with Pastors Moline or Goodroad about the joys of Holy Communion. They will offer you instruction about our Lutheran faith and this sacrament of the Lord's Supper, so you will be ready to stand with us and partake of this wonderful meal. **If you are not yet prepared to receive communion, please come forward and cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will give you a baptismal blessing.**

## The Ascension of Our Lord

(Transferred)

May 8, 2024

Introit (Ps. 47:1-2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11)



Men of | Galilee,\*

*why do you stand looking into heaven? | Alleluia.*

*This Jesus, who was taken up from you | into heaven,\**

*will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. | Alleluia.*

Clap your hands, all | peoples!\*

Shout to God | with loud songs of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,\*

a great king | over all the earth.

God has gone up | with a shout,\*

the LORD with the sound | of a trumpet.

God reigns over the | nations,\*

God sits | on his holy throne.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

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## Collect of the Day

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.

**Verse (Psalm 47:5; 68:18a)**

*God has gone up with a | shout,*

*The LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.*

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*You ascended on | high,*

*leading a host of captives in your | train.*

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING

THREE LSB 184

**Opening Hymn.....LSB 493**

Invocation, Confession and  
Absolution\*..... LSB 184-185  
Introit—*See Propers\**

Kyrie\* ..... LSB 186

Hymn of Praise\* ..... Gloria in Excelsis

Salutation and Collect of the Day\*

Scripture Readings (*on back*):

Old Testament ..... 2 Kings 2:5-15

Epistle ..... Acts 1:1-11

Alleluia and *Verse\** ..... LSB 951

Gospel\* ..... Mark 16:14-20

Apostles' Creed\* ..... LSB 192

**Hymn of the Day..... LSB 491**

Sermon..... *Pastor Thomas Goodroad*

Offertory and Offering\* .. LSB 192-193

Prayer of the Church\*

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

Preface\* ..... LSB 194

Sanctus\* ..... LSB 195

Lord's Prayer\* ..... LSB 196

Words of Institution\* ..... LSB 197

Agnus Dei\* ..... LSB 198

**Distribution Hymns.....LSB 494,**

**495, 754, 761, 578**

Nunc Dimittis\* ..... LSB 199-200

Thanksgiving\* ..... LSB 200-201

Salutation\* ..... LSB 201

Benedicamus\* ..... LSB 202

Benediction\* ..... LSB 202

**Closing Hymn.....LSB 805**

\*Please Stand

## Hymns for today—

### OPENING HYMN

**LSB 493**.....A Hymn of Glory  
Let Us Sing

### SERMON HYMN

**LSB 491** ..... Up through  
Endless Ranks of Angels

### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**LSB 494**..... See, the Lord  
Ascends in Triumph

**LSB 495**..... Look, Ye Saints,  
the Sight Is Glorious

**LSB 754** ...Entrust Your Days  
and Burdens

**LSB 761** .. Rock of Ages, Cleft  
for Me

**LSB 578** .... Thy Strong Word

### CLOSING HYMN

**LSB 805** ....Praise God, from  
Whom All Blessings Flow

### Old Testament: 2 Kings 2:5–15

<sup>5</sup>The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.” <sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground. <sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” <sup>11</sup>And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup>And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over. <sup>15</sup>Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

### Epistle: 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.”

### Holy Gospel: Mark 16:14-20

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. <sup>17</sup>And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup>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.”

<sup>19</sup>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. <sup>20</sup>And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

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