

CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed church members who are of one faith with us are invited to the Lord's table.

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist

* = Stand

C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***HYMN OF INVOCATION** *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

- 1. Hail the day that sees Him rise To His throne above the skies!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Reascends His native heaven.**
- 2. There the glorious triumph waits: Lift your heads, eternal gates.
He hath conquered death and sin; Take the King of Glory in!**
- 3. See, the heaven its Lord receives, yet He loves the earth He leaves;
Through returning to His throne, Still He calls mankind His own.**
- 4. Still for us He intercedes; His prevailing death He pleads,
Near Himself prepares our place, Harbinger of human race.**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. (Sung)**

BAPTISM (10:30) LSB, page 270

L: In the name of one true God, Father Almighty,

C: **Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

L: And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,

C: **Begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

L: God of God, Light of Light,

C: **Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.**

L: And in Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

C: **Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified.**

L: We humbly confess our sins.

C: **O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserve Your punishment now and forever. 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.**

***THE ABSOLUTION**

C: **Amen. (Sung)**

***THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)

C: **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. (Sung)**

***THE KYRIE**

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us. (Sung)

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit. (Sung)

L: Let us pray.

C: Amen. (Sung)

THE FIRST READING for the Ascension of our Lord is recorded in Acts 1:8-11, page 810: (8:00, 10:30)

⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (Sung)

THE EPISTLE READING is from Ephesians 1:19b-23, page 869:

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (Sung)

***THE HOLY GOSPEL - according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter, verses 45-53, page 788:**

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (Sung)

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (Sung)

***THE NICENE CREED (8:00, 10:30)**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was

made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Draw Us to Thee* **701**

THE SERMON “Ascension Blessings” (Luke 24:50-53)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

VOLUNTARY

***THE OFFERTORY** (LSB pg 192)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

C: Amen. (Sung)

***THE AGNUS DEI** (sung)

LSB page 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation.**

Blessing, honor, glory, and might;

Be to God and the Lamb for ever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain,

Has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

493, 637, 503

***THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE #11 (sung)**

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel. 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.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: and His mercy endureth forever. (Sung)

L: Let us pray.

C: Amen. (Sung)

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit. (Sung)

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. (Sung)

***THE BENEDICTION**

C: Amen, amen, amen. (Sung)

THE CLOSING HYMN *Before the Lord We Bow

- 1. Before the Lord we bow, The God who reigns above
And rules the world below, Boundless in power and love.
Our thanks we bring, In joy and praise
Our hearts we raise To heaven's high King.**
- 2. The nation Thou hast blest May well Thy love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, protected by Thy care,
For this fair land, For this bright day.
Our thanks we pay — Gifts of Thy hand.**

***SILENT PRAYER/POSTLUDE + + + + +**

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist 5:00, 8:00 & 10:30 - Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20 - James Prothro

Organist: Alice Kastens

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MAY 24, 2009

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Sam and Marcy Marshall in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary on May 23rd; from Karen and Dale Bazzetta in celebration of their 18th wedding anniversary on May 25th; and from Steve and Lisa Andrews, in celebration of Sarah and Steven Andrew's graduation from Concordia University.

BAPTISM (10:30) Braden David Fridley, son of Brenton D. & Kimberly M. nee Huber Fridley. Sponsors: Craig A. & Ginger U. nee Dubrouillet Fridley.

VICAR Terry (Mary) Makelin depart this week. We wish them well. Their new address: Vicar Terry (Mary) Makelin, Box 67, Chambers, NE 68701.

JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER is in your mailslot.

REV. TODD WILKEN preaches next weekend, May 30/31 (5:00, 8:00, 9:20, 10:30). Invite others!

ALTAR CANDLES (of same size, height & color) are needed to replace existing ones which are leaking. Total cost \$1,112.

YOUTH NEWS: The new 9th Grader Party will be held on Friday, May 29. Come join in on the surprises. Cost is \$20. Time: 7-12:30 p.m. Sign up TODAY! Interested in attending some of our St. Louis Service Events or our Fellowship Event to Six Flags? Sign up at the Youth Ministry desk.

MARY/MARTHA BIBLE STUDY will meet May 28 (the last class until class resumes Sept. 10), 9:30 a.m. in the Meeting Room. Ladies, you are all welcome.

2009 GRADUATES

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Sarah Andrews, B.A. in Ed. & DCE Concordia-Nebraska
Steven Andrews, B.A. Concordia-Nebraska
Ashley Ebmeier, B.S. in Nursing University of Missouri.-St. Louis
Lisa Flaherty, B.S. in Nursing Chamberlain College
Natalie Jones, B.S. University of Missouri-Columbia
Joe Karasek, B.A. in Ed. Missouri State
Deanne Maloney, B.S. in Psychology Drury University
Jamie Marsh, B.S. in Business St. Louis University
Kristen Rapp, B.S. Food Science University of Kentucky
Barbara Schneider, M.B.A. Lindenwood University
Chris Sumski, B.S. Kansas City University of Medicine
Laura Twillmann, M.A. Truman State
Jennifer Velten, B.S. in Nursing Maryville University
Amy Waser, B.S. Education SEMO - Cape Girardeau, MO

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Lisa Adams	Dayna Jensen	Nathan Kreps
Dannah Basgall	Brett Johnson	Andrew Sasenger
Michael Doerr	Brett Justus	Katrina Williams
Kelsey Fulkerson	Brittany Klann	Elsa Mort
Kelly Gallagher	Cassie Kreitler	Chiara Sulze
Grace Gralike		

8th GRADE GRADUATES

Nikka Bazzetta	Melanie Hosty	Joshua Teague
Jillian Beckerle	Samuel Kimmich	Matt Thiel
Colten Ebmeier	Breah Kreitler	Meghan Uthoff
Ian Ebrecht	Madeleine Lauer	Todd Waser
Breanna Hastings	Claire Luther	Dillon Werner
Jeffrey Hennen	Nick Murphy	Josh Whitney
Anthony Herrera	Ashley Sneed	Daniel Yaeger

ARTS CAMP

It's not too late to register for the "**No Strings Attached**" **Arts Camp** coming June 15 - 19. All students (members and non-members) entering grade 4 through grade 7 (fall of 2009) are invited to attend. Have you ever wanted to play handbells? Do you like cooking? How about playing a recorder! Register now and join us for a week of fun. Be sure to invite your friends. Information and Registration Forms are available on the table in the Commons or by calling Sherry Bierwagen, DMM at 314-892-5610.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 24, 2009:

Mon: **Memorial Day—OFFICE CLOSED**

9:30 Berean Careciples
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
6:00 Men's Club
6:30 Elders
7:00 Alleluia Ringers
Wed: 7:00 Adult Inquiry
7:00 Wed. Bible Study
7:30 Sr. Youth B-ball
Thu: 6:00 Men's Bible Study
9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service
Sun: 10:30 Adult Confirmation