

Before Service Prayer

Holy God, creator of all, the risen Christ taught from Scripture of his death, resurrection, and ascension into your glorious presence. May the living Lord breathe on us his peace, that our eyes may be opened to recognize him in breaking of bread, and to follow wherever he leads.

Zion Lutheran Church The Divine Service

The Ascension of our Lord (Observed)

Welcome

While our Lord walked the roads during the days of His obedience, people could talk with Him and get His help only when He happened to be in their vicinity. While He was in [flesh], the people in [flesh] could get in touch with Him only with great difficulty. Christ Himself was restricted by the limitations which He had set upon Himself in order that He might live our life and die our death. He set those limitations upon Himself in order that He might be our Redeemer. At our Lord's Ascension into Heaven these restrictions were lifted. As He stood out there with them on the mountain, speaking with them and blessing them, His visible Presence was taken from them, and His Form disappeared into a cloud. But He did not disappear.

Book of Common Worship

Oswald Hoffmann, "Heaven's Hero Returns," (a Lutheran Hour Address)

The Ascension of our Lord (Observed)

We are very happy that you are here today!

At Zion, the bulletin and Lutheran Service Book (LSB) are both used to lead us through our worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- For each section of the Divine Service, the page number in the hymnal is listed in the bulletin on the right side of the page, i.e., *LSB 184,* which is found towards the front of the hymnal. All responses are sung unless they are printed in the bulletin.
- **P** indicates sections spoken by the Pastor. **C** indicates responses by the Congregation and will be in **bold print**.
- All hymns are listed in the bulletin with the name of the hymn and page number, i.e., *Thy Strong Word LSB 578.* They are also shown on the Hymn board at the front of the church.
- The *red text* in both the bulletin and the hymnal shows when the congregation should stand or sit during the Divine Service. The Pastor may also provide direction.

A Special Welcome to Those with Young Children

At Zion we want families with children to feel at home.

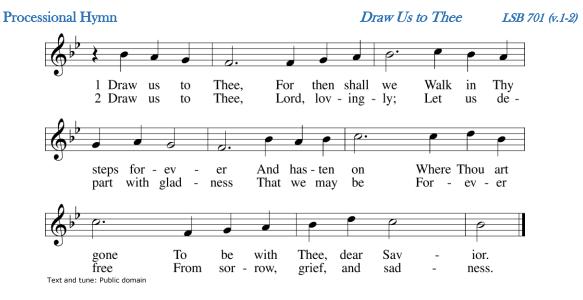
- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Zion.
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the Church, note the colors, watch the pastor, wonder about the stained-glass windows above the altar and embrace the action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with thy Spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.

- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend you a hand.
- Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help and bless you all. Welcome to Zion!



The Preparation



Stand

Invocation

■ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

Confession of Sins and Absolution

- 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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.

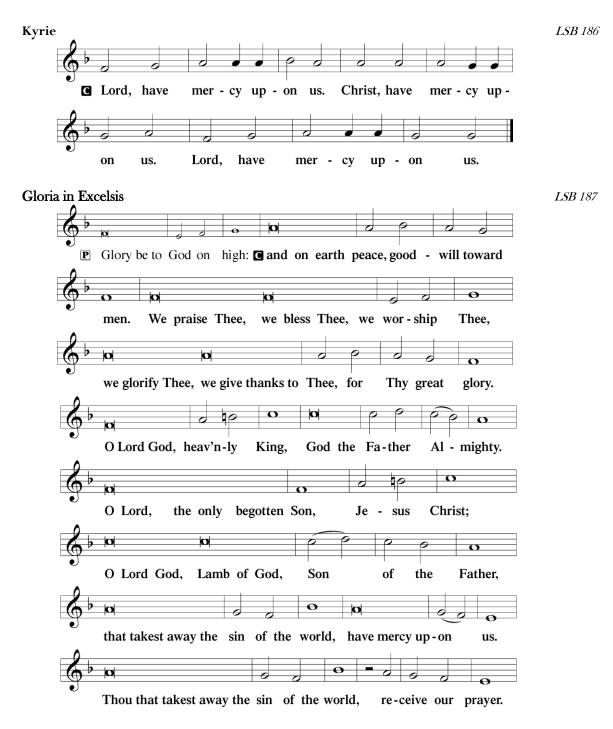
C Amen.

Service of the Word

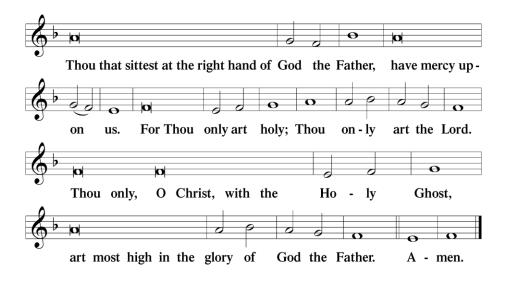
Introit

Psalm 41:1-2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11

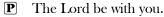
P	Men of Galilee,*	
	why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- luia.	
С	This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,*	
	will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alle- luia.	
P	Clap your hands, all peoples!*	
	Shout to God with loud songs of joy!	
С	For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,*	
	a great king over all the earth.	
P	God has gone up with a shout,*	
	the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.	
С	God reigns over the nations;*	
	God sits on his holy throne.	
С	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.	
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	why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- luia.	
С	This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,*	
	will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alle- luia.	



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Salutation and Collect of the Day





- And with thy spirit.
- 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.

С Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

The Old Testament reading for the Ascension of Our Lord is from Second Kings, the second chapter.

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."

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. 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. Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled

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2 Kings 2:5-15

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.

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." 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." 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. 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. And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. 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.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

adapt. From Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

C He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

Second Reading

The Epistle reading is from Acts, the first chapter.

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,

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Gradual

Acts 1:1-11

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."

This is the Word of the Lord.



Stand



Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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



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." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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."

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

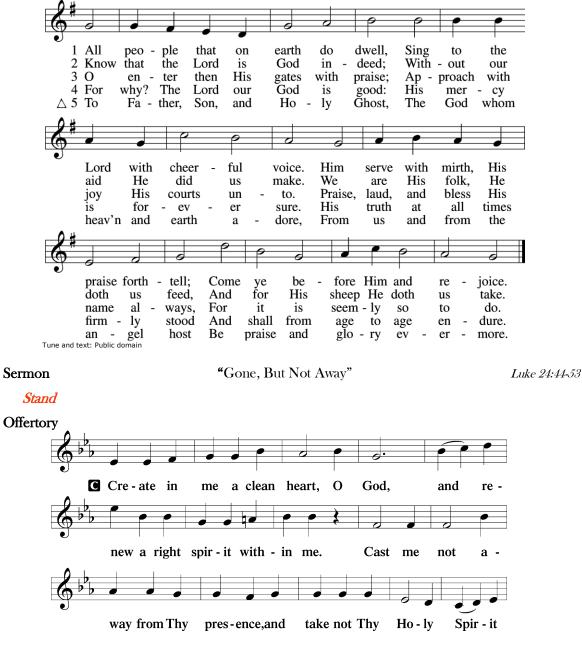


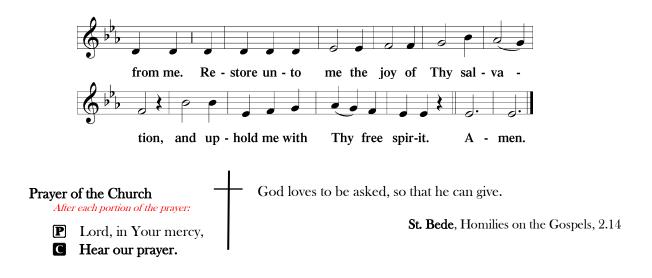
Nicene Creed

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.

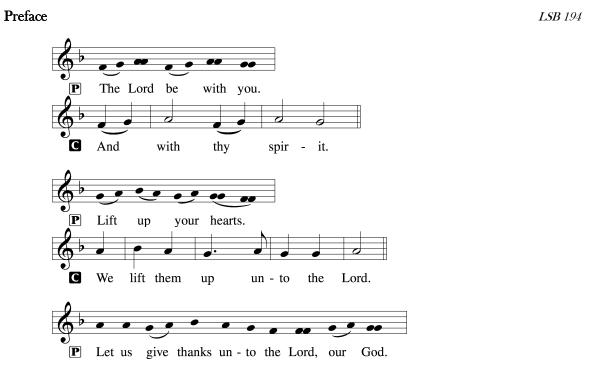
Hymn of the Day

All People That on Earth Do Dwell LSB 791





Service of the Sacrament





Proper Preface

▶ 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Thy will be done on earth

as it is in heaven;

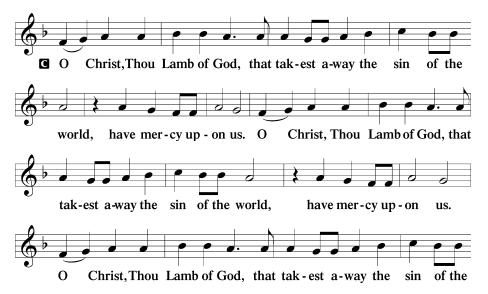
give us this day our daily bread;	
and forgive us our trespasses	
as we forgive those	
who trespass against us;	
and lead us not into temptation,	
but deliver us from evil.	
For Thine is the kingdom	
and the power and the glory	
forever and ever. Amen.	
Words of Our Lord	LSB 197

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 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 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

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen.

Agnus Dei



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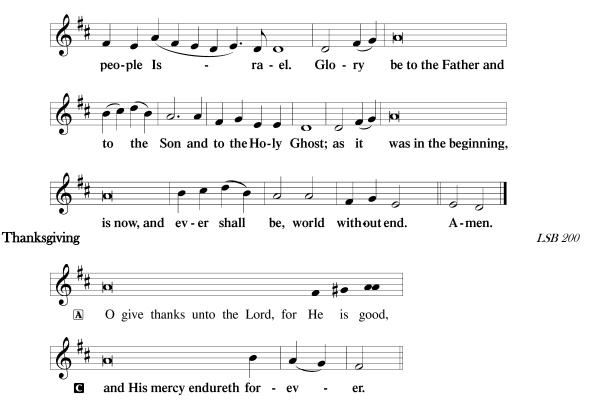


Distribution

We at Zion Lutheran Church of Augsburg believe and confess along with the Holy Scriptures, that this bread and wine in the Sacrament of Holy Communion are truly the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, instituted by Christ Himself, for us Christians to eat and drink. The gifts of His physical body and blood are given in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine at the altar Those who are communicant members of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation are welcome to commune at this altar with us. Other guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament are asked to meet with the Pastor in the weeks before communing for the first time. Anyone not communing may still come forward, crossing their arms at the rail, to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

The apostle Paul encourages everyone coming to the Sacrament to examine him/herself (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). Ask yourself the following questions: 1) Are you aware that you are a sinner; and, are you sorry for your sins? 2) Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and in His words of promise in the Sacrament: "This is my body," "This is my blood"? 3) Also, do you intend with the help of the Holy Spirit to live as a forgiven, redeemed child of God, resisting the devil, saying no to sinful desires, and walking in the new life God provides?





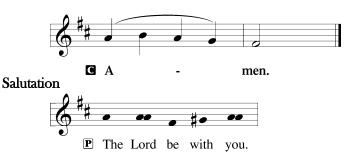
Post-Communion Collect

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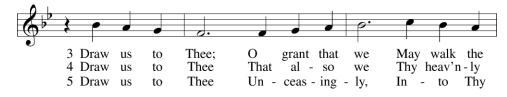
P Let us pray.

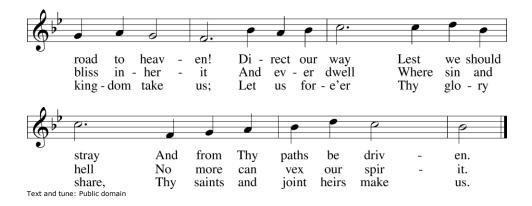
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.











Pray as You Go

O God, the Father of our Savior Jesus Christ, Your name is great, Your nature is blissful. Your goodness is inexhaustible, God and Ruler of all things, who is blessed forever. [...] Sanctify, O Lord, our souls and bodies and spirits, search our consciences, and cast out of us every evil thought, every base desire, all envy and pride, all wrath and anger, and all that is contrary to Your holy will. And grant us, O Lord, lover of men, with a pure heart and contrite soul, to call upon You, our holy God and Father who is in heaven. Amen.

"The Lord Will Answer: A Daily Prayer Catechism", p. 239

The Prayers of the Church

Persecuted Christians in:

Morocco Brunei Tunisia Qatar Mexico

Partner Church

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana

Comfort, Health, and Recovery

Rick Shott Tom Harms Rev. Herb Swanson Frances Anderson (family of Diane Ragsdale) Ryder Locke (great grandson of the Boswells) Amy Villalobos (sister-in-law of Katie) Glenda Schrock Dianne McKissack (boss of Nikki Dorn) Lance Spence (friend of Katie Villalobos) Marie Heiser Joyce Mendenhall (friend of Susan Colles) Charlotte Hottinger Julie Buchy (friend of Tony Waldo) Patti Ward Tasha Jarmillo (*sister of Joe Villalobos*)

Homebound

Dorothy Birkhahn Joyce Boswell Betty Bocksnick Nettie Grant Gwen Hale Kenneth Hottinger Sr. Helen Rick Regina Steuber Lawrence Steuber

Catechumens

Amanda Bowden Emory Kuretsch Emmett Schlittenhart Isabella Schroeder Gavin Rion Tatum Rion Alison Waldo Alivia Waldo Chance Paylor

Serving in the armed forces

Logan Kremers Matthew Allen Brian Rutledge Trent Hale Josh Imme Dale Ozment

When hospitalized, sick, needing prayer or absolution, contact Pastor Ralston any time at 501-454-0581.





Seventh Sunday of Easter May 24, 2020

Offering

If you are not able to attend church, we still encourage you to send in your tithes. Send your offerings to the following church PO Box address:

Zion Lutheran Church PO Box 327 Dover, AR 72837

There are some pre-made stamped envelopes in the foyer of the church on the back table if you'd like to pick some up.

Fall Fest 2020 Update

Calling all artisans, crafters and bakers!

This year, the Fall Fest Committee is asking church members to consider making items to sell in the Silent Auction and Country Market. If you want to participate, please contact Susan Colles or Patti Ward. Watch for more information either in Life Together or an email.

Service Update!

We have switched to having services with 20 people or less at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM on Sunday mornings and 6:00 PM on Monday Evenings. We will also begin having adult Sunday School in the sanctuary next week, starting after the 10:30 AM service. To see the service time sign up list, the web address can be found below, or you can click the link on the homepage at zionaugsburg.org.

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Fall Fest and Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 2nd a planning meeting for Fall Fest will be held at 6:00 p.m. with a Church Council Meeting following at 7:00 p.m. The meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall with seating spread out among the tables.

There are many topics to discuss and decisions to be made that will impact how Zion will address summer and fall activities at the church. Please make plans to attend these important meetings. If you are not comfortable in attending, please talk with Rusty or Pastor about any topic that needs to be discussed.

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If calling for a Pastoral Emergency, contact Pastor Ralston directly:

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Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary and in the basement Fellowship Hall. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Nursery

The Nursery is located in the Narthex outside of the Sanctuary.

Congregational Membership

New members are received by Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer, or Profession of Faith (after receiving Pastoral instruction). Please speak with Pastor Ralston for more details.

Pastoral Consultation

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the Pastor. Please speak with Pastor Ralston to make an appointment.

Sick and Homebound

The sick and homebound are visited regularly by the Pastor with the Scriptures and Sacrament. Please contact Pastor Ralston if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

Pastor's Bible Study, Teen, and Children's Sunday School

Sunday School begins at 9:15 am. Anyone from confirmation age on up is welcome to attend Bible Study. Teen and Children's Sunday School is held **every Sunday** in the basement Fellowship Hall/Family Center (Ages 0 and up).

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