



He ascended INTO Heaven

Peace Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MAY 13, 2021

CHRIST'S BODY AND BLOOD, for the forgiveness of sins, are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar. Due to theological differences among Christians regarding beliefs about this Supper, only confirmed members of an LCMS church are invited to the Lord's table. Ask a pastor if you have questions or concerns! Please register your taking of communion on your attendance card.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

P = Pastor

***** = Stand

C = Congregation

Opening Voluntaries

Concerto Grosso

Canzone

G. F. Handel

Girolamo Frescobaldi

*LSB 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C A _____ men

Reading

Acts 1:1-11

P Our First Reading, the account of Christ's ascension, 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,

C "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

P 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."

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2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers
see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- P** 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,
- C** “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.”

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3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why
4 “You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up
stand and gaze up - on the sky?” Al - le - lu - ia,
to the por - tals of the sky.” Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior,” thus they
al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
say;
see “This is His glo - rious tri - umph
Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -
day!” Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
ty.” Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

*Confession

P For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

C He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth.

P Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

C We confess before God and before one another that we have failed to live in the image of Christ. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

P We stand guilty before our Father in heaven and are in need of His forgiveness.

C Father, forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P Because of and in Christ's continued presence through all our days,

C Merciful God, renew us and strengthen us for Christlike living and service in Your kingdom until the day when we ascend to the heavenly realm where we shall be in the presence of Christ forever and ever.

*Absolution

P Jesus Christ, your ascended Lord, has heard your confession, and He alone has the power to forgive all sin. His presence and grace are enough for us in this time and eternally. God has promised His merciful forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus, to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in faith. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, in His stead and by His command, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.

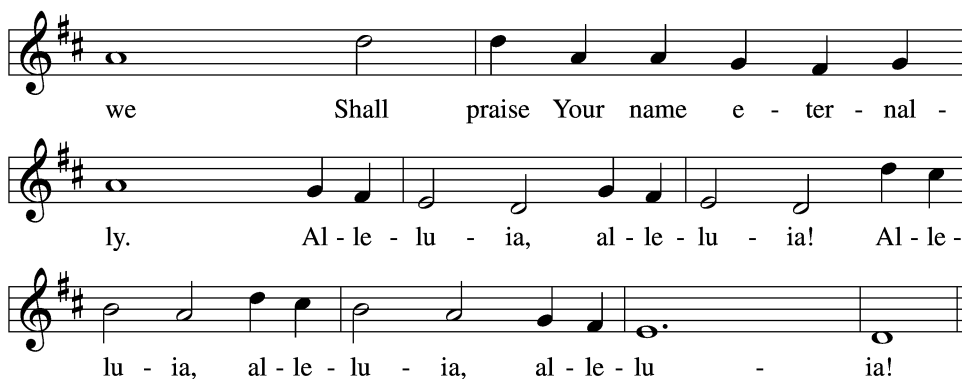
C Amen.

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5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And

be our fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Then, throned with You for - ev - er,



Epistle

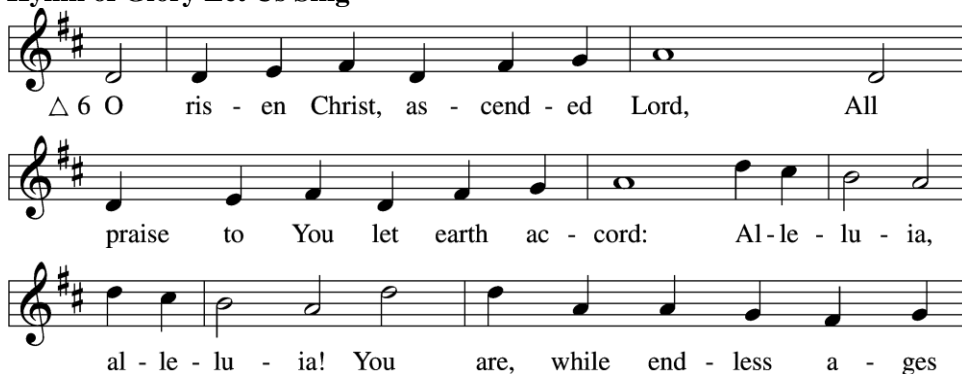
Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that 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, ¹⁸having 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far 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. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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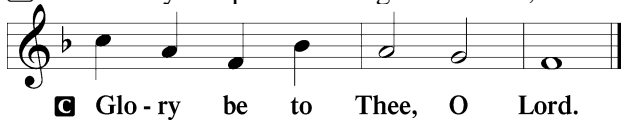




*Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

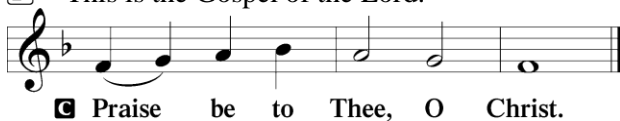
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



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

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Nicene Creed

C 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

LSB 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Sermon

“From Fear to Joy”

(Luke 24:44-53)

Anthem

Alleluia! Sing To Jesus

HYFRYDOL/Mark Hayes

*Offertory



☐ 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.

*Prayer of the Church

*Lord's Prayer

☐ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, 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.

Service of the Sacrament

*Preface

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 unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

*Proper Preface

P We give thanks to You, holy Lord, 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 singing:

*Sanctus



C 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.

*The Words of Our Lord

*Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



G A - men.

*Agnus Dei



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.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -
 2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -
 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and
 tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er
 cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I
 rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There
 my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.
 all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
 me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

Distribution Hymn

622 Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for
 2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel
 7 Grant that we wor - thi - ly re - ceive Your sup - per,
 8 For Your con - sol - ing sup - per, Lord, Be praised through -



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence
 Lord, our Sav - ior, And, tru - ly griev - ing
 out all a - ges! Pre - serve it, for in



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
 for our sins, May prove by our be - hav - ior
 ev - 'ry place The world a - gainst it ra - ges.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to
And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry
That we are thank - ful for Your grace And day by
Grant that this sac - ra - ment may be A bless - ed



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.
and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
day may run our race, In ho - li - ness in - creas - ing.
com - fort un - to me When liv - ing and when dy - ing.

Distribution Hymn

LSB 537 Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

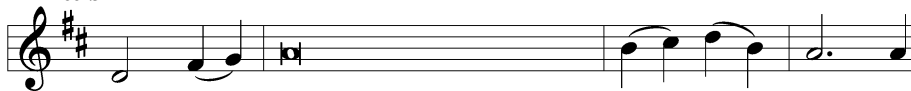


God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

*Nunc Dimittis



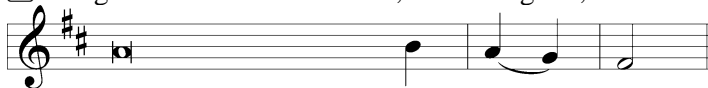
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



*The Dismissal

*Thanksgiving

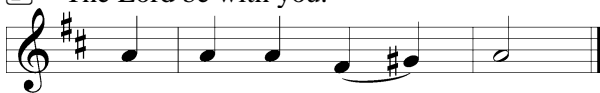
P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



P Let us pray. . .



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

*Benedicamus

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

*Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Hymn to Depart

LSB 886 The Day Thou Gavest



1 The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
5 So be it, Lord! Thy throne shall nev - er,



The dark - ness falls at Thy be - hest;
Like earth's proud em - pires, pass a - way;



To Thee our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed,
Thy king - dom stands and grows for - ev - er,



Thy praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
Till all Thy crea - tures own Thy sway.

*Silent Prayer

Closing Voluntary

Cantate Domino

Hans Leo Hassler

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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| Choir Director: | Burnell Hackman, DMM |
| Elders: | John Hooss, Kyle Hopfer |
| Ushers: | Vern Bollman, Bill Petrovic, Jeff Orf, Greg Wirtel |
| Altar Comm: | Jeanne Hooss |