

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN**

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

TLH 213

1. **Hail the day that sees Him rise To His throne above the skies!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Reascends His native heav'n.**
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 heav'n its Lord receives, Yet He loves the earth He leaves;
Though 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.**
5. **There we shall with Thee remain Partners of Thy endless reign,
There Thy face unclouded see, Find our heaven of heavens in Thee.**

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: Amen.

L: Jesus, King of Glory, who ascended into heaven before Your Apostles;

C: Jesus, seated in glory at the right hand of the Father;

L: Jesus, to whom all power is given in heaven and on earth and whose kingdom is forever;

C: Jesus, who has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

L: Jesus, who has gone to prepare a place for us and who will come again in glory.

C: Hear our prayer and confession, as unto You we confess our sins.

L: Most merciful God,

C: I have sinned against You by what I have done and by what I have not done. I have loved myself more than you, and I have not loved others as I ought. For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive my sins. Reconcile me to You. Deliver my soul in safety. Make me ever one in the body of your Son, who reigns with you, the Father, and You, the Holy Spirit, ever one God. Amen.

*** THE ABSOLUTION**

C: Amen.

***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.

***THE KYRIE**

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

L: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: **✠ Amen.**

THE FIRST READING for the Ascension of our Lord is recorded in Acts 1:8-11, page 909:
8:00 & 10:30)

(5:00,

⁸But 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." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **✠ Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE READING is from Ephesians 1:19b-23, page 976:

¹⁹According 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

*** THE ALLELUIA VERSE**

C: **✠ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Luke 24:45-53, pages 885-886:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **✠ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***CREEDAL HYMN** *Great God, Our Creator*

(TUNE: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise - LSB 802*)

**Great God, our Creator, from whom all receive
Their being and blessing, in You we believe.
Almighty, all-knowing, all-gracious, all-true,
Provider and Father, our trust is in You.**

**And You, Jesus Christ, we affirm as our Lord,
True Son of the Father, by angels adored;
Redeemer incarnate, You paid for our sins,
And, joined in You rising, our new life begins.**

**Free Spirit of wisdom, of power and love,
On us, as on Christ, You descend from above;
You call us, You cleanse us, You open our eyes,
You keep us in peace, You restore paradise.**

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

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*THE OFFERTORY LSB page 192

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

***LITANY OF THE ASCENSION**

L: Jesus, King of Glory, Who did ascend up into heaven, in the sight of Your disciples:

C: Have mercy upon us.

L: Jesus, seated in glory at the Right Hand of the Father:

C: Give ear to our supplications.

L: Jesus, unto Whom all power is given in Heaven and in Earth, Whose Kingdom shall have no end:

C: Ever rule in our hearts.

L: Jesus, adored by all the Angels of God:

C: Attune our lips to Your praise.

L: Jesus, gone to prepare a place for us and Who will come again in glory to judge the world:

C: Keep us faithful to the last.

L: Jesus, Who will receive Your own unto Yourself, that they may be with You where You are:

C: Have mercy upon us.

L: By Your glorious Resurrection and Ascension:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

L: That we who are risen with You may set our affections on things above, and that we may abide in Your love.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*LORD'S PRAYER (Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

NEW MEMBER WELCOME (10:30)

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

C: ✠ Amen.

*THE AGNUS DEI

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

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire

LSB 553

1. **O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, Creation's mighty Lord,
Redeemer of the fallen world, By holy love outpoured:**
2. **How vast your mercy to accept The burden of our sin
And bow Your head in cruel death To make us clean within.**
3. **But now the bonds of death are burst, The ransom has been paid;
You now ascend the Father's throne In robes of light arrayed.**
4. **O let Your mighty love prevail To purge us of our pride
That we may stand before Your throne By mercy purified.**

5. Christ Jesus, be our present joy, Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be To glory in the Lord!

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMN

LSB 770, 539 (Tune: ELLACOMBE) , 701, 493

*NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32

LSB page 199

♫ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy 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.

L: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: ♫ Amen.

L: The Lord be with you.

C: ♫ And with thy spirit.

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: ♫ Thanks be to God.

*THE BENEDICTION

C: ♫ Amen, amen, amen.

*THE CLOSING HYMN

Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels

1. Up through endless ranks of angels, Cries of triumph in His ears,
To His heavenly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears,
Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears.
2. To our lives of wonton wandering Send Your Spirit, promised guide;
Through our lives of fear and failure With Your pow'r and love abide;
Welcome us, as You were welcomed, To an endless Eastertide.

*SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

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

Organist: 5:00 & 9:20: Alice Kastens; 8:00 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Dean Seyfert/Jeanette Mattingly

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

JUNE 2, 2019

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. Please register by marking the attendance card in the pew rack.

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): The Gospel of Luke

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Gr: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner

7th Gr: Greg Wirtel & Louise Oster

ALTAR FLOWERS today are from the children and grandchildren of Glenn and Jacqueline Uthoff in loving celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary; from Chris and Jeri Johnston in loving celebration of their June 2 wedding.

ATHENS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is right around the corner, June 24-28. Please sign your children and grandchildren (ages 3 - 6th grade) up for VBS.. Registration can be found on our church website: peacelutheranstl.org.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PRESCHOOL TEACHER JOB OPENING AVAILABLE - Call Sue Velten at 314-892-8844 for information.

ADULT CONFIRMATION (10:30) Mary Jean Miles; NEW MEMBERS by transfer: Larry & Elise Akins, Patrick Irwin, Chuck & Judy Mitchell, Kirk & Amy Narzinski & family, Dr. Andrew Oster, Betty Steffens, and Betty Workman.

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY Thursday evening, June 13, Boy Scout Troop 584 will be holding a retirement ceremony on the parking lot behind the kitchen for all non-serviceable United States flags. Beginning today, a container will be in the upper commons for placement of any of these non-serviceable flags. Questions? Contact Ralph Truemper.

YOUTH NEWS: Sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board to attend Youth Service Projects or the Six Flags event in June.

VBS MEETING for all Youth and Adult Staff will be today, June 2 from 11:30a.m. - 1:00p.m.

SAVE THE DATE The 5th Annual Green Park Golf Scramble is Sunday, September 15. More information can be found in the June/July newsletter.

GRADUATING? Names of those graduating from college, high school, elementary and other schools needed for future acknowledgement.

LUTHERAN SOUTH SUMMER CAMPS registration is now open for 2019 camps. Visit lhsstl.org for more information and to sign up.

INTERESTED IN BEING A PRAYER PARTNER? Are you interested in being a prayer partner for the High School Youth and adults attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering (Real. Present. God.) in Minneapolis this July? Talk with Christina about how you and your family can be a part of this exciting week.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF JUNE 2, 2019:

Today: 11:30 VBS Mandatory Meeting for Volunteers
11:30 Life Ministry
Mon: 6:30 Council
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
9:00 Plastic Mat Making
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 Bells of Peace Small Group Rehearsals
Thu: 8:00 Jr. Youth Service Day
6:30 College Girls' Bible Study
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service
Sun: 11:30 NYG Meeting