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TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service I LW pages 136-157

L = Liturgist                      C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

*Christ is the World's Redeemer*

LSB 539 (Tune: Ellacombe)

1. Christ is the world's Redeemer, The lover of the pure,  
The font of heav'nly wisdom, Our trust and hope secure,  
The armor of His soldiers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
Our health while we are living, Our life when we shall die.
2. Down through the realm of darkness He strode in victory,  
And at the hour appointed He rose triumphantly.  
And now, to heav'n ascended, He sits upon the throne  
Whence He had ne'er departed, His Father's and His own.
3. Glory to God the Father, The unbegotten One,  
All honor be to Jesus, His sole begotten Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit—The perfect Trinity.  
Let all the worlds give answer: Amen! So let it be.

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 while before the 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: Ascended Lord and Savior,

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 Your sake, forgive my sins. Reconcile me to You. Deliver my soul in safety. Make me ever one with Your body, the Church. We pray this to You, Jesus, as You reign with the Father, and 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:

<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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

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

<sup>19</sup>According to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far 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. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which 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.**

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>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." <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## THE CREED (Luther's Explanation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article)

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SONG

*Draw Us to Thee*

LSB 701

- 1. Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy steps forever  
And hasten on Where Thou art gone To be with Thee, dear Savior.**

2. **Draw us to Thee Unceasingly, Into Thy kingdom take us;  
Let us fore'er Thy glory share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Christina Stackle

SERMON 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 heav'n of heav'ns in Thee.**

THE SERMON

“Blessings of the Ascension”

(Luke 24:50-53)

VOLUNTARY

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 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.**

#### **BLESSING OF DIGITAL SIGN**

- L: Beloved in the Lord, the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Make two silver trumpets, of hammered work you shall make them, and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for breaking camp. And when they are sounded, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the entrance of the tent of meeting.”  
Therefore, it is fitting that this digital sign, dedicated to the memory of Fred Seiller, be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer to call us to the activities and services of God’s house.
- L: Let us pray, Almighty God, by Your servant Moses You commanded two silver trumpets to be made for the convocation of solemn assemblies and gathering of Your people. Accept our offering of this digital sign and bless it with Your heavenly benediction. Grant that this generation and those to come may be called by it to gather for fellowship and service, and to hear Your Word and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: 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

**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.**

#### THE BENEDICTION

**C: 🎵 Amen, amen, amen.**

#### THE CLOSING HYMN

*God Bless Our Native Land*

LSB 965

- 1. God bless our native land; Firm may she ever stand  
Through storm and night.  
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave,  
Do Thou our country save By Thy great might.**
- 2. So shall our prayers arise To God above the skies;  
On Him we wait.  
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,  
To Thee aloud we cry: God save the state!**

SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE    + + + + +

#### SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: Pastor Jon C. Furgeson

Organist: Burnell Hackman, DMM

Cantor: Anna Renner

Children's Message: Christina Stackle

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#### NEWS AND NOTES:

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MAY 24, 2020

#### MEMORIAL DAY

This weekend our nation honors the memory of those who have departed this life, especially American men and women who gave their lives fighting for their country. It is fitting that we should do this. Most states observe this holiday at the end of May, though some celebrate it at other times. Actually, the day originated during the Civil War. A Virginia woman of French descent, accompanied by others, decorated the soldiers' graves, both Union and Confederate. Some think she chose May 30 because on that date Napoleon's body was returned to France from the island of St. Helena.

### PROMINENCE OF CHRIST'S ASCENSION IN APOSTLES' CREED

The Creed devotes only one comma to the entire public ministry of Jesus. There is nothing in that Creed between the virgin birth of Jesus and His suffering under Pontius Pilate except a comma. And yet two whole lines are devoted to the Ascension. "He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead."

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY reports (of May 11, 2020 cancelled meeting) are now available from the Pastors, DCE, DMM, EC Director, as well as all boards and committees by accessing Peace's website.

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VOLUNTEERS are needed at de Greeff Hospice. Contact 314-525-7368 for particulars if able to assist. Thank you.

ALTAR FLOWERS are from Helen Breitenfeld, remembering Marvin on what would have been their 63rd wedding anniversary.

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ART TEACHER (part-time) at Green Park Lutheran School needed for 2020/21. Call 314-544-4248.

SHOES OF HOPE collection to be scheduled soon. Questions? Contact Julia Petrovic, Guild Chairperson.