

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service I LW pages 136-157

L = Liturgist \* = Stand 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)**

**(5, 8, 9:20)**

**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.**

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 heaven of heavens in Thee.**

THE SERMON

“Ascension—Gone Yet Here”

(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. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

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.**

**\*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**

**\*THE LORD’S PRAYER (5, 8, 9:20)** (Found on back cover of the hymnal)

(10:30) ADULT CONFIRMATION

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**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

LSB 770

- 1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!**
- 2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged — Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness — Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

3. **Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge — Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.**

**OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**LSB 619 (1-3), 606 (Tune: Aurelia), 965**

**NUNCI 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.

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**

*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.**

**\*SILENT PRAYER**

*Taps*

Trumpet: Bill Dalton

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: Burnell Hackman, DMM; 8:00 & 10:30: Kendra Ruesler

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Bob Uthoff/Jeanette Mattingly

**NEWS AND NOTES:**

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MAY 28, 2017

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): Augsburg Confession

Bible Study for 18 - 25 Year Olds (Former Sanctuary Overflow Room):

Discussions led by group members with mentors present.

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

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade: Rick Goodman & Mike Renner

7th Grade: Greg Wirtel & Louise Oster

**PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.**

**HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS** are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

**FOOD & DRINK consumption** should be kept inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are from Ken and Gina Werkmeister in honor of Ethan and Hannah's 1st Wedding Anniversary.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS (10:30): Tamara Joi Neff, Derrik Michael Ward, and Devan Douglas Ward.

FREE WILL DOORWAY OFFERING next weekend (June 3/4) to be received in support of the Chester Bluette family. Checks may be made to Peace Lutheran Church and earmarked "Bluette Family".

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Sun., June 4th following 10:30 service to visit Peace shut-ins. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Sandi Akers for more info.—Life Ministry Team

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED Can you help by housing students in your home from the Wisconsin Children's Choir the evening of June 12? We still need homes for about 10 students in grades 8 – 12. We also need housing for 10 adults from the Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble Saturday evening June 24. Both groups will be giving concerts at Peace. Please fill out a form at the Welcome Center or visit [www.peacestlmusic.org](http://www.peacestlmusic.org). If you have questions, please contact Director of Music Ministry, Burnell Hackman. Thank you!

PEACE'S MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE plays every Thursday starting at 6:00 p.m. at Clydesdale Park. Contact Joe Western if you are interested in playing. If you do not want to play, come and cheer on your team!

SUMMER CAMP FOR SCHOOL-AGERS begins May 30, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m., for ages 5-13. Youth will enjoy sports, crafts, and field trips. All meals included. For information and a tour, call Sue Velten, 892-8844.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - July 10-14, 9a.m. - 12p.m.** We are looking forward to Mighty Fortress adventures this year as we explore our faith in Christ! Registration is now open for children age 3 through going into 4th grade. Early registration is appreciated as we move forward with preparations. Go to [www.peacelutheranstl.org](http://www.peacelutheranstl.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

YOUTH NEWS: Youth 6th-12th Grade - Join us on Wednesday, June 7 for Six Flags. Cost is \$25 if you do not have a pass or free reading ticket from school. Meet at church at 9:00 a.m. We will return at 5:30 p.m.

### 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.

### TRIUMPHAL RESURRECTION

The Christian remembers another important death, one that is not associated with a quiet spot in some cemetery but with a triumphal resurrection. By Christ's resurrection, He overcame "him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrews 2:14). Today we do not recall some beautiful gravesite in Jerusalem. Instead we observe the Ascension of Him into heaven who has risen and is alive forevermore; and who has promised "Because I live, you too shall live," both now and forevermore!

### CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 28, 2017:

Mon: OFFICE CLOSED  
Tue: 9:00 Quilters  
Wed: 7:00 Bells of Peace  
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study  
Thu: 9:30 Berean Careciples  
7:00 Chancel Choir  
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service w/Comm  
Sun: 11:45 Life Ministry Team