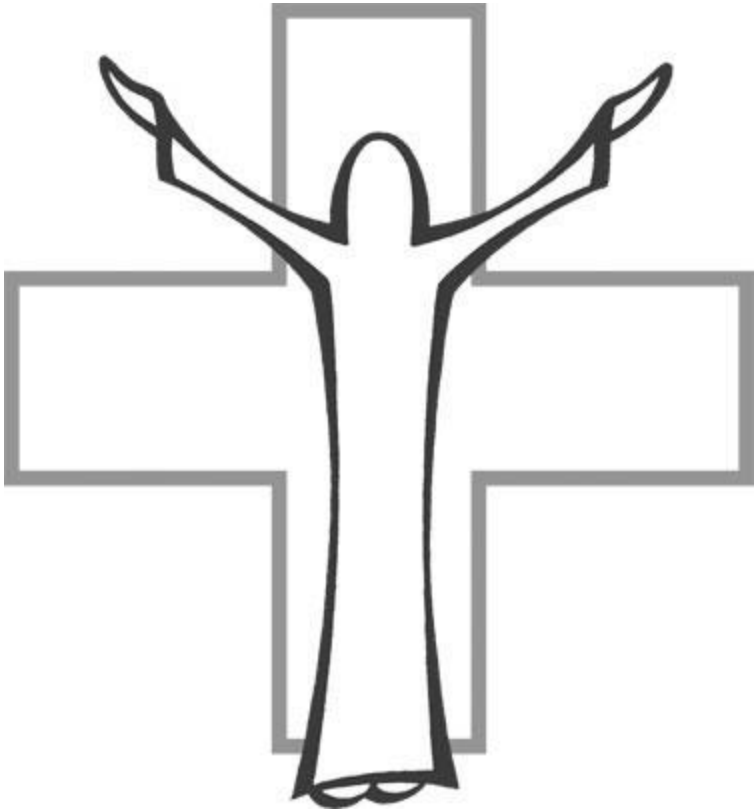


The Lutheran Church of the Savior

A Community of Faith: *Centered in Christ – Called to Serve*



Lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. *Luke 24:50b-51*

Order of Worship

May 16, 2021 9:45 AM

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Introit

Psalms 47:5; 110:1, 4-5

God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,

until I make your enemies your footstool."

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

The Lord is at your right hand;

he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

Communion Theology and Practice

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is intended for those:

- who have been baptized in the name of the Triune God,
- who have faith in Jesus Christ as God the Son in the flesh and their personal Savior from sin, death, and the devil;
- who believe that they have sin that needs forgiving, hurt that needs healing, and faith that needs strengthening;
- who are committed to amending their sinful ways; and
- who believe that in, with, and under the bread and wine they receive the true body and blood of the risen Christ, together with the forgiveness of all their sins.

If you are a visitor with us this morning and wish to receive the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Thank you.

Ascension of Our Lord

Welcome

Invocation and Call to Worship

P Christ suffered for us. Christ died for us. Christ rose again for us!

C **Christ is risen! Christ is ascended! Christ will come again!**

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

C **Amen.**

P We Christians live within a paradox. Christ said, "I am with you always,"

C **and yet the disciples saw Him ascend into heaven.**

P We are earthbound now but have been called heavenward by grace through faith.

C **We struggle with sin and yet we have the promise of the Spirit of God who strengthens us to lead lives of love and service.**

P On this Ascension Day, let us look heavenward in faith,

C **growing in humility, devotion, and faithfulness, as the Spirit leads through the Word and Sacraments.**

P Christ suffered for us. Christ died for us. Christ rose again for us!

C **Christ is risen! Christ is ascended! Christ will come again!**



Opening Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Baloche

Chorus x2, Verse, Chorus, Verse x2, Tag

CHORUS



O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord,



o - pen the eyes of my heart, I want to see You,



I want to see you; To see you

VERSE



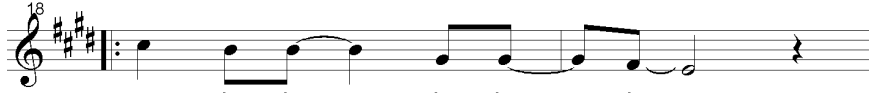
high and lift - ed up, shin - ing in the light of Your glo -



ry; Pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing,



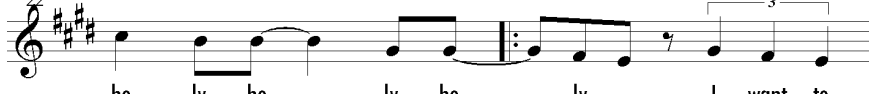
"ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,"



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly;



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to



see You. see You.

Confession and Absolution

P Christ suffered for us. Christ died for us. Christ rose again for us!

C **Christ is risen! Christ is ascended! Christ will come again!**

P We have been called by Baptism and the Word, yet we still struggle in the face of temptation, as St. Paul writes, "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ... Wretched man that I am!"

C **Who will deliver me from this body of death?"** *Romans 7:15, 24a*

P "Humble yourselves before the Lord,

C **and He will exalt you."** *James 4:10*

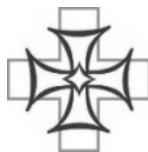
Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to Your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, since You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for His sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will, and faithfulness to Your Word, to the end that, by Your grace, we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**



Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 47

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

¹Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**²For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.**

³He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

**⁴He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

⁵God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

⁷For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

**⁸God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

⁹The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

Song of Praise

He is Exalted

Paris

Sing through twice

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on
high, I will praise Him.
He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed and
I will praise His
name.
He is the Lord, for - ev - er His truth shall
reign. Heav - en and earth re -
joice in His ho - ly name. He is ex - alt - ed, the
King is ex - alt - ed on high.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.

C **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And 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; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴Then he 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.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Pascal Candle has remained lit since Easter, signifying the presence of the resurrected Lord with the people. It is now extinguished, signifying the Son's ascension to the right hand of the Father.

**☩ 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.**



Sermon Song

High and Lifted Up

Sadler

Verse, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus

O Lord, our Lord, You are high and lift - ed up,

all the saints give hon - or to Your name; O,

Lamb of God, by the pow-er of Your blood, You

crushed the deeds of dark - ness and rose from death to reign And

we be - hold Your maj - es - ty; We're in awe

of Your pow-er and glo - ry: O

Lord, You are high and lift - ed up, O

Lord, You are high and lift - ed up, Andhe

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splendor of Your presence we can plain-ly see, O Lord, _

— You are high and lift - ed up, high and lift - ed up, _

— You are high and lift - ed up, _____ O

_____ O _____

Sermon

“Do You have to Leave?”

Luke 24:44-53

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- C** **Lift us up and hear our prayer.**

- P** For the government and leaders of our country and other lands, that they might serve as they would be served, uphold the right, administer justice, and seek peace.
- C** **Lift them up and hear our prayer.**

- P** For the sick and suffering, and anyone in need ... that they may receive Your help and comfort, Your presence and strength.
- C** **Lift them up and hear our prayer.**

P For the lonely, the unloved, the poor, the depressed, those imprisoned by addiction, and all who might need our help, that they may know Your love and comfort and that we may be moved to care for them out of the bounteous blessings You have showered upon us.

C **Lift them up and hear our prayer.**

P For those who rejoice in good news and blessings ... that their lives may reflect Your goodness.

C **Lift them up and hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

C **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,

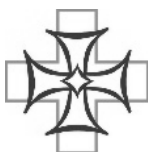
but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**



Song

Resound in Praise

Funk

Verse, Chorus, Chorus, Verse, Chorus, Chorus

Verse

We've been cre-at - ed as kings and priests, to
wor-ship Your roy - al - ty; To pro - claim Your awe-some,
might - y works, Your ex - cel - lence for all to see.
Heav - en and earth re - flect Your glo - ry, the
sun, moon, and stars give You praise; You are the great and might
- y God, for - ev - er Your king - dom will reign
will reign.

Guitar Chords: D, D2F#, G2, Asus

Chorus

Let the sanc - tu - ar - y be filled with Your glo - ry, we
lift our voic - es up in praise;

Let the sanc - tu - ar - y be filled with Your glo - ry, each

in - stru - ment re - sound in praise. 1. 2. praise.

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Resources for Meditation this Week

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - OBSERVED

16 May 2021

Readings

Acts 1:1–11

Ephesians 1:15–23

Luke 24:44–53

The Ascended Lord Jesus Is with Us Always in His Church on Earth

After He rose from the dead, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, *“appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God”* (Acts 1:3). When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, He did not orphan His Church, but He fills all things in heaven and on earth and gives gifts to His disciples. Even now, through His Church, He continues *“to do and teach”* (Acts 1:1), preaching *“repentance for the forgiveness of sins”* (Luke 24:47), even *“to the end of the earth”* (Acts 1:8). Though the cloud hid Jesus from the sight of His disciples then, and He remains hidden from sight even now, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments. He comes to us by the word of His apostles, by the promise of His Father and by the power of the Holy Spirit, whom He pours out upon *“the church, which is his body”* (Eph. 1:22–23). In this Holy Christian Church, we bless God and worship Christ with joy, for in His Church He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself *“in the heavenly places”* (Eph. 1:20).



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

23 May 2021

Readings

Ezekiel 37:1–14

Acts 2:1–21

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

The Holy Spirit Brings the Dead to Life by the Righteousness of Christ

In returning to His Father by way of the cross and resurrection, Christ Jesus sends *"the Helper"* to His Church, that is, *"the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father."* The Spirit testifies of Christ and glorifies Him by taking what is His and declaring it to the world in the preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (John 15:26; 16:7, 14). He convicts the world of sin by the word of the Law, He forgives sins and justifies sinners by the Word of the Gospel, and He bestows the faith that says "Amen" to this righteousness of God (John 16:8–11). Therefore, the Lord pours out His Spirit on the apostles, that by their preaching, the Spirit should be given to His entire Church. As the multitudes are gathered from all the nations by *"this sound,"* that is, by the preaching of *"the mighty works of God"* in Christ Jesus, so does God the Father pour out the Spirit of His Son *"on all flesh"* (Acts 2:6, 11, 17). The Lord God breathes upon the slain, and so shall they live; for so the Lord has spoken, and He shall do it (Ezek. 37:5–14).

