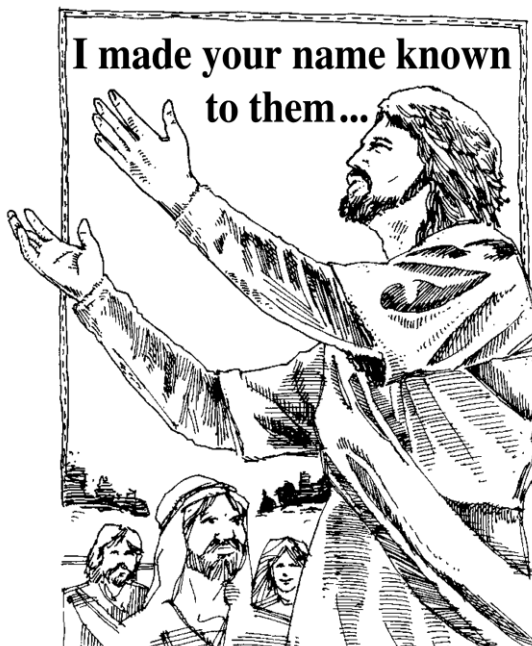


The Ascension of Our Lord
May 29, 2022 10:30 a.m. Service



**And he led them out as far as Bethany,
and lifting up his hands he blessed them.
While he blessed them, he parted from them
and was carried up into heaven.**

John 24:50-51

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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Divine Service – Setting Four

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Welcome & Announcements

+ INVOCATION +

LSB 203

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

A We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Opening Hymn

LSB 493 sts. 1-3, 6

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,



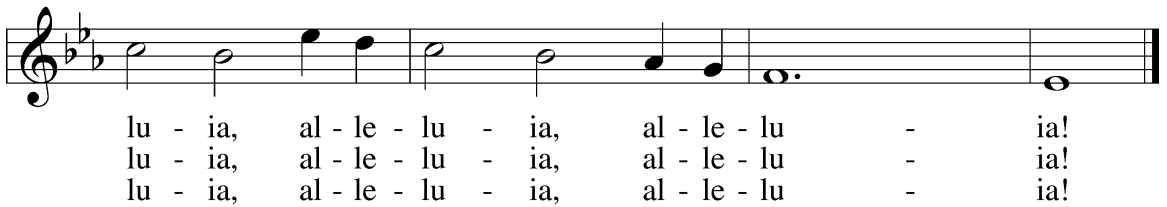
al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers
al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
 All praise to You let earth accord:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 You are, while endless ages run,
 With Father and with Spirit one.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION + *LSB 203*

A Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

A If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,
 O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness;
 therefore You are feared.

A Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God. Reflect on His Word and consider your life according to the Ten Commandments: This and whatever comes to mind, confess now, and receive God's total absolution.)

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: *Luke 18:13*

C God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
**Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
forgive us our sins, and lead us to
everlasting life. Amen.**

A Almighty God, merciful *LSB 203*
Father, in Holy Baptism You
declared us to be Your children and
gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in
which You daily and richly forgive us our
sins and grant us new life through Your
Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith,
and graciously receive our prayer and
praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Lord.

C Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + *LSB 204*

Introit *Ps. 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Ps. 47:5*

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

C The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”

A The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

A The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

A C 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.

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

Kyrie

Mark 10:47, LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise/Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

Luke 2:14, John 1:29



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day *LSB 205*

A The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C And also with you.

A 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.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach
2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

7 He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

11 “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matt. 28:8; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

A C Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with
glory and honor, He has given him
dominion over the works of his hands;
He has put all things under his feet.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. 18 I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and

seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

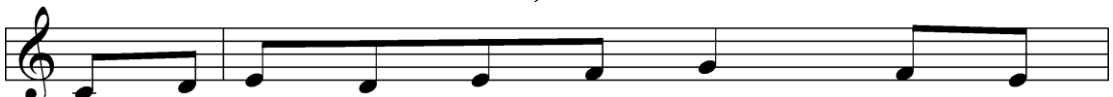
A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 680 sts. 1-5

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”



1	Thine	the	a	-	men	Thine	the	praise	Al	-	le	-
2	Thine	the	life	e	-	ter	-	nal	-	ly	Thine	the
3	Thine	the	tru	-	ly	Thine	the	yes	Thine	the		
4	Thine	the	king	-	dom	Thine	the	prize	Thine	the		
5	Thine	the	glo	-	ry	in	the	night	No	more		



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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Stand

Alleluia

John 20:31, LSB 205



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

44 He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me

in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

45 Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was

blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. 53 And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

LSB 492 sts. 1-3


“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.

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Sermon “Given, Not Sold!”

Pastor Tom Rhodes (*On Screen*)

Stand

Apostle’s Creed *LSB 207*

**[A] [C] I believe in God, the Father
Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from
the dead.
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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

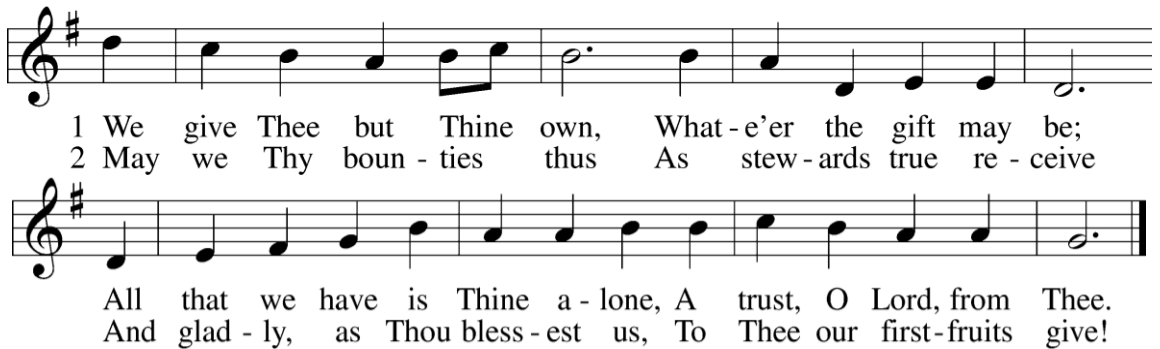
Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)

Offertory (no intro)

LSB 781 sts. 1-2

We Give Thee But Thine Own



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Prayer of the Church

LSB 207

[A] God has gone up with a shout and the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn. Come let us raise up our prayers to ascend before Him and to plead for us and for all people as they have need.

Brief silence

[A] Blessed Lord, in humility You served us even to death, and in Your resurrected and ascended glory You reign over all that You have redeemed with Your blood. Give to us hearts that may be enlightened by Your Word and our wills be directed toward giving away the grace You have so freely shared with us according to Your purpose and for Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A For a long memory, that we recall with gratitude all those in the last nearly 250 years, who gave the full measure of their devotion to our country and served faithfully unto death for the protection of our freedom and in the defense of our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Blessed Lord, You have given to us the Father's will in words and works that show forth His saving love for us. Bless those who govern in our land, and cause them to consider the sacred character of their responsibility and serve You for the protection of the weak, the relief of the

oppressed and the defense of Your precious gift of life. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A Blessed Lord, You have called us to see by faith through the darkened mirror of these times. Help us to know clearly Your Gospel, to give it away without fear and to serve our neighbor with Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

A Blessed Lord, You give us great gifts for the relief of pain and for healing. Be with all who serve us in the medical arts, who search for medicines and cures for our afflictions, who care for the sick and who offer comfort while waiting with the dying.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Blessed Lord, You reassured the weary, healed the sick and raised the dead. Come to the aid and comfort of those whose names we lift before You, that in their illness, pain or struggles they may know Your healing power, especially for those on our prayer list and prayer cards. Give them strength to endure their afflictions and patience as they await with us the perfect healing of everlasting life.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Blessed Lord, You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, from You all things come and to You all things must return. Receive our thanks for the saints of every generation whose fidelity has commended the faith to us, and make us as faithful in sharing the hope to which we have been called. Bring us at last to that day, when Your name is above all names and we shall rest in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

A All these things, blessed Lord, we pray to the Father in Your name, and by the Spirit we trust that You will answer the prayers of Your people and well provide us

with grace sufficient for every need. To
You, the Triune God, we pray.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 209*

A Lord, remember us in Your kingdom
and teach 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.**

Benedicamus and Benediction *LSB 212*

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

A The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you. The Lord look
upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn

LSB 643 sts. 1-2

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,
2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,
The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.
The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.
The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed
Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,
The fruits of this ser-vice in all who be-lieve.
Em-brac-ing His chil-dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of His teach-ing, Re-cep-tive souls reach-ing,
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all.
U-nite us as one in this life that we share.

His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing

To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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