



*Ascension
of the
Lord*

FOR OUR 10:45 A.M. DIVINE WORSHIP

The Ascension of our Lord

May 29, 2022

WE PRAY: Transcendent Christ, by Whose authority and power all created things exist, and under Whose dominion the holy Church has its being, keep us, Your people, in safety in the world and bless us whom You call beloved with all spiritual blessings; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God with dominion over us forever. Amen.

(Please turn off cell phones in preparation for Divine Worship)

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PRELUDE - "Andante" - J.S. Bach

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING HYMN

TLH 218

See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

1 See, the Conqu'ror mounts in triumph;
See the King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, His chariot,
To His heav'nly palace gate!
Hark, the choirs of angel voices
Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted
To receive their heav'nly King.

2 Who is this that comes in glory
With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies,--
He hath gained the victory.
He who on the cross did suffer,
He who from the grave arose,
He hath vanquished sin and Satan;
He by death hath spoiled His foes.

3 While He lifts His hands in blessing
He is parted from His friends;
While their eager eyes behold Him,

He upon the clouds ascends.
He who walked with God and pleased him,
Preaching truth and doom to come,
He, our Enoch, is translated
To His everlasting home.

4 Now our heav'nly Aaron enters
With His blood within the veil;
Joshua now is come to Canaan,
and the kings before Him quail.
Now He plants the tribes of Israel
In their promised resting-place,
Now our great Elijah offers
Double portion of His grace.

5 Thou hast raised our human nature
On the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heavenly places,
There with Thee in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne.
Mighty Lord, in Thine ascension
We by faith behold our own.

6 Glory be to God the Father;
Glory be to God the Son,
Dying, risen, ascending for us,
Who the heavenly realm hath won;
Glory to the Holy Spirit!
To One God in Persons Three
Glory both in earth and heaven,
Glory, endless glory, be.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

A: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT

P: 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.

GLORIA PATRI

C: Glory to be 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

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

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

C: Glory be to God on high:

C: And on earth, peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord God, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

COLLECT

P: 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.

LESSONS

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1: 1-11

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began

both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His

mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

L: Here ends the Epistle.

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

HOLY GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel is written in the 24th chapter of St. Luke, beginning at the 44th verse.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Luke 24: 44-53

Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And you are witnesses of these things. “Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED (*In Unison*)

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth 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 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM - "Jesus, My All, to Heaven is gone" - H. Helvey

SERMON "Where to Find Hope Today" Eph. 1: 15-23

OFFERTORY

A: 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.

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES and SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

OFFERING PRAYER (*Pastor*)

THE PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

C 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

TLH 216

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

1 On Christ's ascension I now build
The hope of mine ascension;
This hope alone has ever stilled
All doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there full well
I know His members are to dwell
When Christ shall come and call them.

2 Since He returned to claim His throne,
Great gifts for men obtaining,
My heart shall rest in Him alone,
No other rest remaining;
For where my treasure went before,
There all my tho'ts shall ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.

3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,
Recalling Thine ascension,

That I may ever walk with Thee
Adorning Thy redemption;
And then, when all my days shall cease,
Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading. Amen.

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THE NUNC DIMITTIS

C 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.

FIRST ANTIPHON AND COLLECT

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C And His mercy endureth forever.

P We give thanks to Thee, Almighty God, that Thou hast refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech Thee that of Thy mercy Thou wouldst strengthen us through the same in faith toward Thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

TLH 213

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

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 See He lifts His hands above;
See, He shows the prints of love.
Hark! His gracious lips bestow
Blessings on His church below.

5 Still for us He intercedes,
His prevailing death He pleads,
Near Himself prepares our place,
Harbinger of human race.

6 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.

BENEDICTION
Amen."

ALL: "Amen, Amen,

SILENT PRAYER

RECESSIONAL

POSTLUDE - "Allegro in F" - J.S. Bach

Officiant: Pastor Randy Boelter

Lector: Jean Azar

Music Director: Bruce Sininger

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SUNDAY, MAY 29, 2022



GOOD MORNING and welcome to worship. Today is officially appointed as the 7th Sunday of Easter on the Church Calendar, but because we could not gather to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord this past Thursday (40 days after the Resurrection), we will celebrate this wonderful event in Christ's work for our salvation. The Ascension of our Lord is a unique celebration in the life of the Church because of the tremendous hope that it brings us as we live in what is often a seemingly hopeless world. Today in Word and Sacrament, we are encouraged by the knowledge that our Lord Jesus sits enthroned at God the Father's right hand, and that our inheritance in heaven through Him is certain, and glorious, although currently hidden from our eyesight. Thank God that in a world of sin and hopelessness, we can know that because Jesus ascended to His Father, our eternal place with Him is certain! **THAT TRUTH** gives us hope as we live in our chaotic, fallen world. Come again to worship the Ascended Lord Jesus with us soon!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Pam Zimmer- who will undergo surgery this next week.

Heidi Zook- who is recovering from surgery she had on May 2nd.

Julia Hingst, Roger Parke, Jim Paavola, Kelley

Hauschulz and Clifford Popp and James Guzmano- for continued healing.

For those with cancer: Roy Koeppel, Tom Harms, Lisa Zimmermann, Keith Josefiak, Shiela Rice, Frank Erbecker, Cathy Surhigh and Patty Bennett.

For the people of Ukraine.

For our lawmakers at this time in our nation's history, that their decisions would be godly and in keeping with His Holy Word and Will.

That our Memorial Day weekend will be marked with thanksgiving to God for our country, its freedoms, and those who have defended her.

Jonathan McLaren Sr. -son of Mark and Betty Gade, who will undergo surgery June 1.

Eric Hingst, brother of Julie Hingst, who is being treated for prostate cancer.

Daniel Champine, grandson of LeRoy and Judy Champine, who is graduating with honor from Anchor Bay High School.

THANK YOU to all that have contributed to the memorial flowers.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Thomas Carlyle wrote, "Adversity is sometimes hard upon man, but for one man who can stand prosperity, there are a hundred that will stand adversity." Of the two extremes, wealth or poverty, we seem to be much more capable of handling the scarcity of money rather than the abundance of it. God's Word suggests that the possession of riches is often a spiritual liability Jesus said, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter

the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:25). Money can become a curse if we treat it as a substitute for God. When God has our hearts, He has us and our money.

ALTAR FLOWERS

have been donated by Jean Azar for blessings received.

LIFE QUOTES

“Every child is created by God, in His image, on purpose—for His purpose! This is the wonderful thing about human babies: ALL of us share this exact same thing in common—each of us is planned!” Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M.
Lutherans For Life assistant director of volunteer relations –
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"**A HUGE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with Spring Clean-up last Saturday. In addition to the clean-up, we spread 15 yards of mulch and prepared the beds around the cherry trees with peat - all while dodging the rain. Your help was greatly appreciated." Thank you! – Diane Wyrock

THE LUTHERAN HOUR TOPIC

for next Sunday: "**A Place in the Choir**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. God's world is like a big, beautiful choir in which everyone has a place and a part to sing. (Colossians 1:15-20) Tune in to *The Lutheran Hour* every Sunday on WDFN (1130 AM) at 6:30 A.M., WRDT (560 AM) at 7:30 A.M. and at Noon, XM Satellite Family Radio Dial 170 at 1:00 P.M. or RealAudio on the internet at www.lhm.org.

THE 2020 ENGLISH DISTRICT'S LUMEN CHRISTI AWARD

will be presented to Janet Ropes at the 10:45 A.M. Service on Sunday June 26th. Jan was nominated in 2020 and received notification of this award from the English District the week that our state and nation was shut down due to covid-19. Soon after this, Jan and Jim Ropes moved

to their new home in Grand Rapids. We are so happy that their entire family will be able to gather with us the last Sunday in June so that she may finally receive this well-deserve award. The Lumen Christi award is given every year in the English District both to a professional teacher as well as to a qualified layperson who has demonstrated exceptional faithfulness to the Lutheran teaching Ministry. Jan received the layperson award for 2020, even though she herself is a Lutheran day School teacher. While raising her children and working full time, Jan assisted three generations of pastors and our Congregation in teaching confirmation classes for over 40 years! She was also a leading person on the Preschool Committee and worked to develop and expand our Pre School Ministry for over 30 years. We are most happy that the English District also recognized Janet's faithful service with us, and have bestowed this award upon her. We are sorry that the award could not be presented sooner, but such could not be the case with covid 19, low attendance, and their family's move to western Michigan. A reception will be held for Jan after the 10:45 service on June 26th. We hope you will be able to join us.

ALTAR GUILD

Serving with the Altar Guild for the month are Beverly Zimmermann and Ellen Nelson.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to water annuals in front of CTK. Please contact Noel at 313-520-0396 (text, call) if you can help one day a week.

ONE WEEK AGO TODAY:

8:00 Service: 29
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