



**First Lutheran Church
Ascension Day 2021
May 13, 2021
6:00 PM**

(*indicates please stand if you are able)

Opening Prelude
Welcome and Announcements

AS WE GATHER

("I'll see you soon!" So says the parent, spouse, or friend leaving for an errand or a short trip, with certainty that time together will soon be had again. "I'll see you soon!" so says Jesus as He departs and ascends into heaven. And though it has not been hours or days or even weeks, rather nearly two thousand years later, we still hold to the certainty of His promise that we shall see Him again soon at His time. Until that day, though, we are wise to not stay looking up into the sky, as the disciples began to do long ago. Rather, we heed His mission to make disciples and keep ourselves prepared for that day. Even as we long to see Him soon, we know that Jesus is enough for us every day, and we take comfort in the fact that our ascended Lord Jesus remains present with us now, in this life, even amid troubles and trials. We hold on to His promises by the faith given, and we anticipate that joyful day when He will come again in the same way He was taken up into heaven.)

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

READING *Acts 1:1–11*

P: Our First Reading, the account of Christ's ascension, from Acts, the first chapter:

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And 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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked Him,

C: "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

P: He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. 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."

HYMN (vs 1 & 2)..... On last two pages "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"

P: 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. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said,

C: "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."

HYMN (vs 3 & 4)..... On last two pages
“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 47:2–3; 124:8*

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

C: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

C: We confess before God and before one another that we have failed to live in the image of Christ. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

P: We stand guilty before our Father in heaven and are in need of His forgiveness.

C: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Because of and in Christ’s continued presence through all our days,

C: renew us and strengthen us for Christlike living and service in Your kingdom until the day when we ascend to the heavenly realm where we shall be in the presence of Christ forever and ever.

HYMN (vs 5-7)..... On last page
“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

P: Jesus Christ, your ascended Lord, has heard your confession, and He alone has the power to forgive all sin. His presence and grace are enough for us in this time and eternally. God has promised His merciful forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus, to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in faith. As a called and ordained servant of

the Word, in His stead and by His command, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✕ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you in ways of faith and obedience, and finally bring you to live with Him forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

CHRISTIAN HOPE

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All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, Who from his al - tar call;
3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race Now ran - somed from the fall,
4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call—

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.
The God In - car - nate, man di - vine—And crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.
The God In - car - nate, man di - vine—And crown him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet
And crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all.

*Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, alt.
Tune: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844*

CORONATION
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✠ WORD ✠

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: 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. Amen.

PSALM (Read responsively by whole verse)Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 The 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!

GRADUAL *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

L: 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.

Epistle Ephesians 1:15–23
*(Thanksgiving and prayer through our risen and ascended
 Savior)*

VERSE Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b

L: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will
never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
Alleluia. Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
Alleluia.

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL..... Luke 24:44–53
(Jesus fulfills all Scripture.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY On next two pages
“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne; Hark,
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born, Whose
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and side, Rich
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave And

how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own. A -
 arm those crim - son tro - phies won Which now his brow a - dorn; Fruit
 wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No
 rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save. His

wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And
 of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
 an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
 glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who

hail him as thy match - less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
 down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of peace,
Whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
And round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

6 Crown him the Lord of years,
The potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

DIADEMATA
SMD

HOMILY Pastor Chuck Mann

CATECHISM *Explanation of the Second Article*

P: Jesus fulfilled all Scripture as the Word made flesh. Forty days after His victory over sin, death, and the devil by His rising from the dead, He ascended into heaven. Believing in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, as our Lord and Savior and humanity's redemption and source of all salvation, we focus on the Small Catechism's explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, which we confess together:

C: 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.

P: What does this mean?

C: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN **On next page**
“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
 4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.

Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.

In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."
 Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

DISMISSAL

P: With the power He has given through His Spirit, as His loved and forgiven people and as His witnesses here, nearby, and to the ends of the earth, go in peace as you serve our risen and ascended Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

CLOSING MUSIC

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS – THANK YOU!

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READER..... Donna Sommer

ORGANIST..... LeAnn Richard

STREAMING SYSTEM..... Matt Gardner

ASCENSION

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A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the Mount of
3 To whom . . shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up -
4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up to the por - tals

world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As - cends un - to
 And with his faith - ful fol - l'wers see Their Lord as - cend
 "This is the Sav - ior!" Thus they say, "This is his glo -
 "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re - turn - ing in

the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 O Lord, our homeward pathway bend,
 That our unwearied hearts ascend.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Where, seated on your Father's throne,
 You reign as King of kings alone.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 Give us your joy on earth, O Lord,
 In heav'n to be our great reward.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 When throned with you forever, we
 Shall praise your name eternally.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 7 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!