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The Celebration of the Ascension of Our Lord

May 31 & June 1, 2025

5:30 PM & 8:00 AM

PRESERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN TO OPEN “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” LSB 493, sts. 1, 2, 4, 6△

Please stand

INVOCATION

P We begin our service in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

P O Lord, open my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.

C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;
 as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.
 Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- P** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen

PSALM 47 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse*)

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| <p>P ¹Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!</p> <p>C ²For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.</p> <p>P ³He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.</p> <p>C ⁴He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.</p> | <p>P ⁵God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.</p> <p>C ⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!</p> <p>P ⁷For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!</p> <p>C ⁸God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.</p> |
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(continued...)

P 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!

Please be seated

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

**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.**

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."

L This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 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, *(continued...)*

not only in this age but also in the one to come.²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

GOSPEL READING Luke 24:44-53

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

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

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] 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 O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

COMMON RESPONSORY

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.



C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Please be seated

HYMN "See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph" LSB 494, sts. 1-5

SERMON "ASCENSION – WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?"
The Rev. Bruce Stam

HYMN OF PRAISE "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" LSB 680, sts. 1, 4, 5

(8:00 ONLY) RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Please stand

CREED *Apostles' Creed*

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.

Please be seated

TITHES & OFFERING

(8:00 ONLY – “Christ, Be Our Light” ~*Summer Choir*)
[Feel free to join the choir in singing.]

1. Longing for light, we wait in the darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to You.
Make us Your own, Your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in Your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us Your living voice. *Refrain:*
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water many still thirst
Make us Your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed. *Refrain:*
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us Your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone. *Refrain:*
5. Many the gifts, many the people.
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making Your kingdom come. *Refrain:*

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Please stand

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

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray as our Savior taught us...

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.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Each intercession ends with the words **P** "Lord, in Your mercy,"
to which the congregation responds, **C** "hear our prayer."

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God. Defend us with Your mighty power and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**BENEDICAMUS**

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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.

Please be seated

HYMN "Christ Be My Leader" LSB 861, sts. 1-3

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

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