

# The Ascension of Our Lord

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## **WELCOME**

**TEMPLE TALK:** Vacation Bible School—Jonathan Loesch

## **INVOCATION:**

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

## **EASTER GREETING:**

*Pastor: Christ is risen!*

**People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6*

*Pastor: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*

**People: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.**

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

**People: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

*Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **OPENING HYMN:** “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” (Lutheran Service Book, #493)

A hymn of glory let us sing!

New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.

Alleluia, alleluia!

And with His faithful foll'wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To them the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"

Alleluia, alleluia!

"This is the Savior," thus they say;  
"This is His glorious triumph day!"

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

"You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky."

Alleluia, alleluia!

"Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty."

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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!

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Christ Jesus is risen from the dead and has ascended into heaven. He sits at God's right hand and wields the scepter of divine power with mercy and grace. He is mighty to save and tender to forgive. Confident of His favor, we confess our sins to our triumphant Redeemer:*

**People: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we sing our alleluias to You, the God of pardon and peace. We have fallen grievously short of Your glory because we are sinful by nature. Our descent is complete. We sin against You moment by moment and day by day. In thought, word, and deed we disobey Your commands, utterly failing to love God with all our heart, mind, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse and renew us, that we may honor You with lives of faith; and daily attend us by Your Spirit, that we may not waver in our devotion to You but daily be strengthened in it.**

*Pastor: Rejoice, dear friends. Our heavenly Father takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but wills that they turn away from evil. To this end He sent His Son Jesus Christ to wrest life from death and declare innocent the guilty. You are marked with the cross of Christ and are washed in His blood. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord Jesus 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.*

**People: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Let us pray.*

**People: Grant, we pray, almighty God that even as we believe Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to have ascended into heaven, so may we in heart and mind ascend and continually dwell there with Him; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** “God Is Gone Up with a Shout”

**FIRST READING:** *Acts 1:1–11*

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, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 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.” 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, “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.”

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 47:7-8

*Lector: God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!*

**People: God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.**

**EPISTLE READING:** *Ephesians 1:15–23*

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that 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, having 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that 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 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. And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as Head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all.

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 47:9

*Lector: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.*

**People: For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted.**

*Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter:*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL READING:** Luke 24:44–53

Then [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.” Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And 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.”

Then 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. And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Nicene Creed*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Nicene Creed

**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!

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN:** "See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph" (LSB, #494)

See, the Lord ascends in triumph;  
Conqu'ring 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.

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

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.

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.

He has raised our human nature  
On the clouds to God's right hand;  
There we sit in heav'nly places,  
There with Him in glory stand.  
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;  
Man with God is on the throne.  
By our mighty Lord's ascension  
We by faith behold our own.

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**SERMON:** "Triple Vision" (*Ephesians 1:18-19*)

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**DEDICATION OF PARACORD BRACELETS**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.**

## PREFACE

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## PROPER PREFACE

*Pastor:* It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, Who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS: page 161

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**People:** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI: page 163



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

**The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.**

## DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Christ Be Magnified"

Were creation suddenly articulate  
With a thousand tongues to lift one cry  
Then from north to south and east to west  
We'd hear Christ be magnified

Were the whole earth echoing His eminence  
His name would burst from sea and sky  
From rivers to the mountain tops  
We'd hear Christ be magnified

O Christ be magnified  
Let His praise arise  
Christ be magnified in me  
O Christ be magnified  
From the altar of my life  
Christ be magnified in me

When ev'ry creature finds its inmost melody  
And ev'ry human heart its native cry  
O then in one enraptured hymn of praise  
We'll sing Christ be magnified

O Christ be magnified  
Let His praise arise  
Christ be magnified in me  
O Christ be magnified  
From the altar of my life  
Christ be magnified in me  
(repeat)

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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Whom Shall I Fear"**

You hear me when I call,  
You are my morning song.  
Though darkness fills the night  
It cannot hide the light.  
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy  
Underneath my feet.  
You are my sword and shield,  
Though troubles linger still.  
Whom shall I fear?

I know Who goes before me,  
I know Who stands behind.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.  
The One who reigns forever,  
He is a friend of mine.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.

My strength is in Your name,  
For You alone can save.  
You will deliver me,  
Yours is the victory.  
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

I know Who goes before me,  
I know Who stands behind.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.  
The One who reigns forever,  
He is a friend of mine.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.

And nothing formed against me shall stand,  
You hold the whole world in Your hands.  
I'm holding on to Your promises,  
You are faithful, You are faithful.

(REPEAT)

I know Who goes before me,  
I know Who stands behind.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.  
The One who reigns forever,  
He is a friend of mine.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build” (LSB, #492)**

On Christ’s ascension I now build  
The hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled  
All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there as well  
I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.

Since Christ returned to claim His throne,  
Great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart will rest in Him alone,  
No other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before,  
There all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.

O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,  
Recalling Your ascension,  
That I may serve You faithfully  
In thanks for my redemption;  
And then, when all my days will cease,  
Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Draw Us to Thee” (LSB, #701)**

Draw us to Thee,  
For then shall we  
Walk in Thy steps forever  
And hasten on  
Where Thou art gone  
To be with Thee, dear Savior.

Draw us to Thee,  
Lord, lovingly;  
Let us depart with gladness  
That we may be  
Forever free

From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

Draw us to Thee;  
O grant that we  
May walk the road to heaven!  
Direct our way  
Lest we should stray  
And from Thy paths be driven.

Draw us to Thee  
That also we  
Thy heav'nly bliss inherit  
And ever dwell  
Where sin and hell  
No more can vex our spirit.

Draw us to Thee  
Unceasingly,  
Into Thy kingdom take us;  
Let us fore'er  
Thy glory share,  
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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### **COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, after Your resurrection You appeared openly to Your disciples and in their sight were taken up into heaven. Include us in the roster of Your followers, we pray, that in this life we may share in Your ministry and in the next life bask in the fullness of Your glory; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **EASTER GREETING:**

*Pastor: Christ is risen!*

**People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## **BENEDICTION:** (*Hebrews 13:20-21*)

*Pastor: May the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will,*

**People: and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (LSB, #525)

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love.  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.

His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.

Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of all.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Proclaimer & Liturgist – Rev. Walt Pohland

Musicians: Adam Perez and Amanda Theilen

Organist: Adam Perez

Faith Lutheran Church Choir

Choir Director – Amanda Theilen

8:15 Lay Reader – Al Basler

11:00 Lay Reader – Dolores Karkoska

Children's Message: DCE Austin Angerman