

After He rose from the dead, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, “appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3).

After 40 days, He ascended to the heavens.

This year 40 days past Easter was Thurs, May 9, but we moved our celebration to today.

CELEBRATION OF THE ASCENSION



SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024
(MOTHER'S DAY)

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NARRATIVE LECTIONARY – YEAR 2

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Year 2 of the Narrative Lectionary from the appointed readings from the Old Testament, Acts, and 1 Corinthians.

Anthem **Apple-Red Happiness** **Cherub & Junior Choirs**

Explanation of the Christ Candle



The Christ Candle was lit on Good Friday, remaining lit through the dark days of crucifixion and burial of Christ, reminding us that death was not victorious. The Christ Candle continued to burn on Easter Morning—the Day of Resurrection. We’ve lit the Christ Candle on the altar each week since in celebration of the same. But today the Christ Candle is removed from the altar, as a reminder that Christ ascended into heaven and was hidden from the eyes of the disciples. They awaited His promise to send His Holy Spirit.

Ascension Refrain

Hail Thee, Festival Day

LSB 489, ref-a

All

Ascension Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;
 Day when our ris - en Lord Rose in the heav - ens to reign. reign.

Ascension Reading from the Gospel of Luke

Luke 24:44–53 (ESV)

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to [His disciples], “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: This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Ascension Verses from 1 Timothy & Removal of the Christ Candle

P: Jesus was revealed in the flesh,

1 Timothy 3:16; liturgical verse based on Luke 24:49,53

C: **declared righteous in Spirit,**

P: seen by angels,

C: **proclaimed among the nations,**

P: believed on in the world,

C: **taken up in glory.**

P: Send us Your power from on high through Your Holy Spirit,

C: **So that we may go forth with joy,**

proclaiming Your Name. Amen.

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Invocation (based on Deuteronomy 6:4-6)

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Years ago Moses said, “Hear, O Israel.” Today I say, “Hear, O people of God.”

C: **We hear!**

P: Then declare the words of faith which God gave to your ancestors through Moses:

C: **The LORD is our God,
the LORD is one!**

We love the LORD our God with all our soul and all our heart and all our strength.

P: Keep these words in mind today even as we enter into His presence in worship.

C: **The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!**

We love the LORD our God with all our soul and all our heart and all our strength. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821 sts. 1-2, 4-5



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
nip - o - tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
Mar - y, Earth Your foot - stool, heav'n Your throne.
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
As with - in the veil You en - tered, Robed in
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
flesh, our great High Priest, Here on earth both
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

Confession and Absolution (Hosea 11:1-9)

P: The Lord spoke to His people through the prophet Hosea:

“The more I summoned them, the farther they departed from Me.
They sacrificed to the Baal idols and burned incense to images.”

C: *We, too, are confronted with our sin:*

God took us by the arm,

but we did not acknowledge that He has saved us.

God lifted the yoke of sin from our necks,

placing the burden on Jesus,

but we have often refused to repent!

We look for help in ourselves and in others and in false things.

We know we continue to turn away from the Lord God.

Forgive our sinful hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ who died and rose again. Amen.

P: Again the Lord spoke to His people through the prophet Hosea,

and He speaks these words of His enduring love to us:

“How can I give you up? How can I surrender you?

How can I treat you like a people destined for destruction?

How can I make you like a city wiped off the face of the Earth?

I will show you mercy, pulling back the punishment that you deserve.

All My tender compassions are aroused.

I will not carry out My fierce anger!

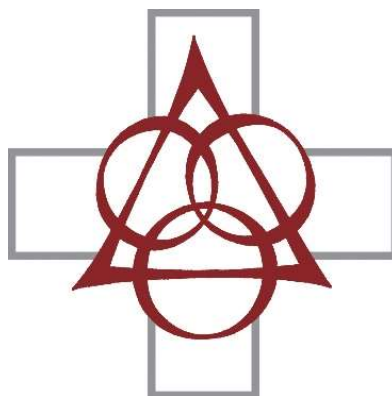
I cannot totally destroy you!

Because I am God—the Holy One among you—

I will not come in wrath!”

Therefore, based on this promise of God’s steadfast love, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



Song of Praise (based on Hosea 11:8-9)

Tune: LSB 816

1 The Lord God will not give up you, And He will not sur-
2 In Je - sus He shows stead - fast love; He puts His wrath on -

ren - der you; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
to His Son; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

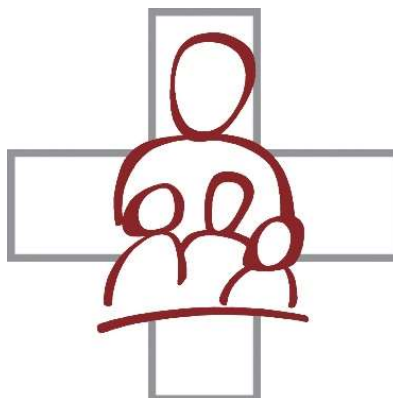
He will not wipe out or con - demn; He will show mer - cy
You now are ho - ly in His sight; Je - sus has giv - en

to the end; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
you His life; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

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Children's Message



Song of Praise

Glorify Thy Name

1. Fa - ther, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
2. Je - sus, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
3. Spir - it, we love You, we wor - ship and a - dore You,
glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth. Glo - ri - fy Thy
name,
glo - ri - fy Thy name,
glo - ri - fy Thy name in all the earth.

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The Ascension Story in Acts

Acts 1:1-14 (ESV)

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 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.”



¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn of the Ascension A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493 sts. 3-4

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column starting at the beginning of each line and the second column starting further to the right, often overlapping with the end of the first column's line.

3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why
 4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up

stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,
 to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
 al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall

say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -

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

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day **Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven**

LSB 477



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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 & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

Offertory (Based on Genesis 2 and Isaiah 11:2)

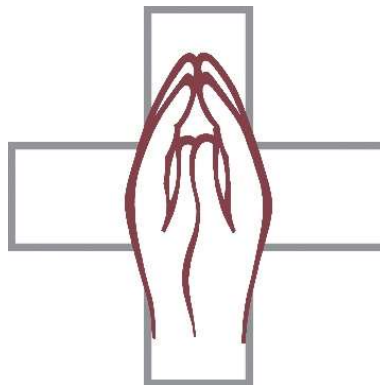
LSB 500 sts. 1, 3

(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 Cre - a - tor Spir - it, by whose aid The world's foun - da - tions
3 Giv - er of grace, de - scend from high; Your sev'n - fold gifts to
first were laid, Come, vis - it ev - 'ry hum - ble mind; Come,
us sup - ply; Help us e - ter - nal truths re - ceive And
pour Your joys on hu - man - kind; From sin and sor - row
prac - tice all that we be - lieve; Give us Your - self that
set us free; May we Your liv - ing tem - ples be.
we may see The glo - ry of the Trin - i - ty.

Prayers



The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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 (Blessing) (based on Deuteronomy 6:4-8)

P: Hear, O people of God.

C: We hear!

P: Declare the words of faith which God gave to your ancestors through Moses:

**C: The LORD is our God,
the LORD is one!**

We love the LORD our God with all our soul and all our heart and all our strength.

P: Keep these words in mind as you go from this place. Teach them to your children and speak of them as you sit in your house, as you walk along the road, as you lie down, and as you get up. May the Lord God keep these words of faith in your heart in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***The LORD is our God,
the LORD is one!***

We love the LORD our God with all our soul and all our heart and all our strength. Amen.



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Closing Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493 sts. 1, 5-6



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And
6 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
be our fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia,
praise to You let earth ac - cord: Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
al - le - lu - ia! Then, throned with You for - ev - er,
al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
we Shall praise Your name e - ter - nal -
run, With Fa - ther and with Spir - it



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
ly. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



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

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