



**The Ascension of Our Lord  
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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

## **The Ascended Lord Jesus Is with Us Always in His Church on Earth**

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). When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, He did not orphan His Church, but He fills all things in heaven and on earth and gives gifts to His disciples. Even now, through His Church, He continues “to do and teach” (Acts 1:1), preaching “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47), even “to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Though the cloud hid Jesus from the sight of His disciples then, and He remains hidden from sight even now, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments. He comes to us by the word of His apostles, by the promise of His Father and by the power of the Holy Spirit, whom He pours out upon “the church, which is his body” (Eph. 1:22-23). In this Holy Christian Church, we bless God and worship Christ with joy, for in His Church He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself “in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:20).

*Ringing of the Bells*

*Welcome*

## Confession and Absolution

**493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

### Exhortation

*LSB 151*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### Absolution

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- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

- P** God has gone up with a shout,  
**C** **the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**  
**P** The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,  
**C** **until I make your enemies your footstool."**  
**P** The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,  
**C** **"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."**  
**P** The Lord is at your right hand;  
**C** **he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**  
**C** **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.**  
**P** God has gone up with a shout,  
**C** **the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

## Kyrie

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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### This Is the Feast

LSB 155



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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** A - men.

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Acts 1:1–11*

**A** The First Reading for The Ascension of Our Lord is from the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>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."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

*Revelation 5:1-14*

**A** The Second Reading is the fifth chapter of the Revelation of St. John.

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, <sup>4</sup>and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

<sup>6</sup>And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell

down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy are you to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for  
God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
<sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.”

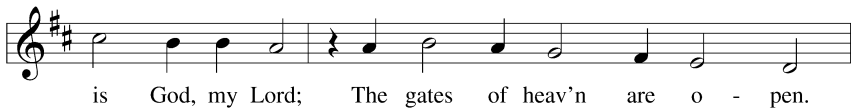
<sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

#### 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word









### 955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
 give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Tune: Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

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### Prayer of the Church

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- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

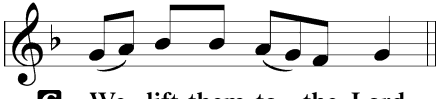
### Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** And al - so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### Proper Preface (Full)

**P** 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 161*



**C** 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.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving***LSB 161*

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer***162*

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

**The Words of Our Lord**

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  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 testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini**

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 163



**C** 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.

Sit

**Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood**

*Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.*

**Silent Prayer Before Communing:** *Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**Silent Prayer After Communing:** *Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

### 537 Beautiful Savior

### 832 Jesus Shall Reign

*Stand*

### The Communion Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**G** **Amen.**

### Thank the Lord

*LSB 164*



**G** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy

You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You  
and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your  
Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.



## Benediction

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- 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.



## 547 The Lamb

*Silent Prayer*

*Announcements*

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# The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

May 12, 2024

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Janet Sanders  
Erik & Teresa Schassburger, Family Tara  
Alec Schassburger  
Aaron Schassburger  
Ethan Schassburger

### BIRTHDAYS

Norma Allen, 5/17

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Emily Hudson, 5/12      | Emily Hoeksema, 5/14  |
| Genevieve DeJesus, 5/16 | Brianne Giba, 5/16    |
| Brian Orth, 5/16        | Nicole Reichert, 5/16 |

### CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Austin Brandy, 5/15      | David Capodagli, 5/15    |
| Taylor VanDommelen, 5/15 | Jenna Wiltjer, 5/15      |
| Chris Baker, 5/16        | Bob Brandy, 5/18         |
| Kristi Hudson, 5/18      | Steven Michels, 5/18     |
| Heather Reichert, 5/18   | Aaron Schassburger, 5/18 |
| Melanie Wiltjer, 5/18    |                          |

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Micci & Brian Orth, 5/13

### SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Pray for** Diane Akers, Norma Allen, Janice Abel, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Shirly Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

**Serving as First Responders** – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.

## NEWS UPDATE

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The bulletin and eternal light for Mother's Day are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dorothy VanMynen by her children Norma Allen & family and Warren & Chris VanMynen & family.

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St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday May 15 at 10:00 am, to review *The Loser Club* by Yvonne Vincent. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

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**Christ For You this week on KFuo.org:** Hear stories from around the Synod on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT), study Daniel 9-12 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study The Church on Concord Matters (5/18 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and the KFuo Radio app!

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**Limited Space for “Making the Case” Conference...** There are less than 100 slots left for the 2024 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: 12 Time All-American Swimmer Riley Gaines, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Pastor Chris Rosebrough of Fighting for the Faith, Aaron Renn of The American Conservative, Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller of “Has American Christianity Failed?,” and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.

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**We'd love to see** you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at [www.facebook.com/splcms/videos](http://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos). A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at [www.splcms.org/worship](http://www.splcms.org/worship).

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“Now we get to receive and enjoy our times and our lives as blessings. And we get to do the same with the gifts and privileges that each of our neighbors embodies, from unborn to elderly and from fertilization to forever. The Lord our God has blessed us for the purpose of life, and He

has blessed us for the duration of life. So, let's partake in the blessing of proclaiming God's truth and putting Christ's love into practice, even as the Psalmist himself does!" Pastor Michael Salemink – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

## The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Based on Luke 24:44-53

B T Q O M D Q S U F F E R U F  
 F N C Q W O P S A L M S T S A  
 G X N Q O F S M Z Z H N U C O  
 B B Y C R O T E C M E T N R J  
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RISE  
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REPENT  
 PSALMS  
 SCRIPTURE  
 BLESSING

PROPHETS  
 OPENED  
 FULFILLED  
 UNDERSTAND

TAKEN  
 FORGIVE  
 MOSES  
 MINDS

# GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

May 5<sup>th</sup> Attendance 27, 26 Communed, 7 Online

|                       |                  |                           |                 |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Basket                | \$200.00         | Weekly Missions           | \$80.00         |
| Envelopes             | 992.00           | Luth. Church Charity      | 10.00           |
| Ash Wednesday         | <u>5.00</u>      | Church Maint              | <u>100.00</u>   |
| <b>Budgeted Total</b> | <b>1,197.00</b>  | <b>Non-budgeted Total</b> | <b>\$190.00</b> |
| Offering Needed       | <u>1,362.00</u>  |                           |                 |
| <b>Short</b>          | <b>\$-165.00</b> |                           |                 |



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

|           |          |                 |
|-----------|----------|-----------------|
| Today     | 9:30 am  | Worship Service |
|           | 10:30 am | Coffee &...     |
| Monday    |          |                 |
| Tuesday   |          |                 |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am | Book Club       |
| Thursday  |          |                 |
| Friday    |          |                 |
| Saturday  |          |                 |
| Sunday    | 9:30 am  | Worship Service |
|           | 10:30 am | Coffee &...     |

## SERVANT SCHEDULE

|            |                             |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
|            | <b>Sun, May 12, 9:30 AM</b> | <b>Sun, May 19, 9:30 AM</b> |
| Pastor     | Pastor Fluechtling          | Pastor Udoekong             |
| Usher      | Dave Bloom                  |                             |
| Lay Reader | Mary Sella                  | Deb Brandy                  |

## DONATIONS



FOOD PANTRY



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