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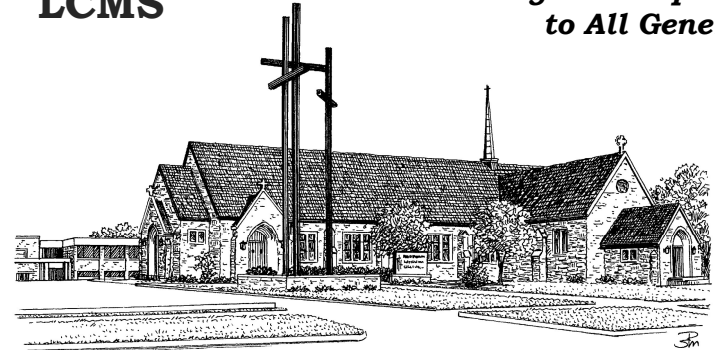
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PARENTS OF INFANTS AND TODDLERS: Here at Redeemer, we strive to help parents as they accompany their children's walk with Christ. We encourage families of all ages to worship with us. We understand that there are times when children's attention spans falter. To assist parents, we have activity bags located in each narthex. We have a nursery with an audio-video feed located in the southeast corner of the lower level of the church. A diaper changing station is in the nursery as well as in the main narthex bathroom and the women's bathroom on the lower level. If you have any questions, please ask an usher to assist you.

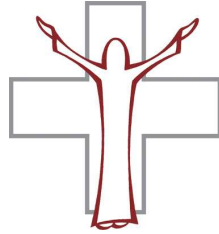
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LISTENING DEVICES are available for those who need assistance in hearing the service. Please speak to the Elder on duty (main narthex) if you need one.

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Often a forgotten Thursday, Ascension Day should not be ignored. The day does not merely commemorate the physical fact of Jesus' ascension, it is an essential part of the Easter event. The resurrection, ascension, and promise of Pentecost are all tied together.



The disciples had just become used to having Jesus with them again when they were left staring into the sky and He was gone. They remembered His words and went back to the city to wait for the Spirit whose presence would open their eyes to recognize the risen Savior in Word and Sacrament. The Spirit would unleash their wills and tongues to "tell everyone what He has done."

So today we trust and wait in the power of the Spirit. Though not having seen Jesus, we love Him. Until He comes again in glory, we wait for Him. Released from our fears by the Spirit, we boldly proclaim Him risen, ascended, and glorified!

THE PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ORDER OF VESPERS

(LSB, pp. 229-234)

THE HYMN: 493 – "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

(Please stand for the last stanza)

THE VERSICLES, RESPONSES, AND ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

(LSB, p. 229; Spoken)

P (Pastor): O Lord, open my lips,

C (Congregation): and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O Lord.

All: 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.

All: Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

THE PSALM *(Psalm 47; Spoken responsively)*

P: Clap your hands, all peoples!

C: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

P: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

C: a great king over all the earth.

P: He subdued peoples under us,

C: and nations under our feet.

P: He chose our heritage for us,

C: the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

P: God has gone up with a shout,

C: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

P: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

C: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

P: For God is the King of all the earth;
C: sing praises with a psalm.

P: God reigns over the nations;
C: God sits on his holy throne.

P: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
C: For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

All: 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.
(Please be seated)

THE OFFICE HYMN: 491 - “Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels”
➔ **Choir Only on v. 2**
(Please stand for last stanza and then be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11
P: The First Reading for the Ascension of Our Lord is from the 1st chapter of Acts.

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ 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; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

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

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23
P: The Second Reading is from the 1st chapter of Ephesians.

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ 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. 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. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

THE THIRD READING: Luke 24:44-53
P: The Third Reading is from the 24th chapter of Luke.

⁴⁴ Then he 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.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ 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.”

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was

carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God. (ESV)

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSORY (*LSB, p. 230; Spoken*)

P: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

C: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

P: Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

C: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

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

C: Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

THE EXTINGUISHING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

(Note: At this point in the service, the Christ Candle is extinguished. While Christ is always present with believers, the extinguishing of the candle symbolizes His visible ascension into heaven. The Christ Candle is lighted again in the services where there is a baptism.)

THE SERMON

(Please stand)

THE VERSICLE AND RESPONSE (*Spoken*)

P: Let my prayers rise before You as incense,

C: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

THE CANTICLE: 933 – “My Soul Rejoices”

- 1) My soul now rejoices, My spirit voices—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior Has shown me favor—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing God, who is solely
Mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely Shall rest securely On all who fear Him, Love
and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord

- 2) His arm now barring, His strength declaring—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; The meek exalted. Full are the hungry; Empty,
the wealthy—
O Sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token All that was spoken To A-br’ham’s offspring
God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

(Please be seated)

THE OFFERING

THE HYMN DURING THE OFFERING: 539 – “Christ Is the World’s Redeemer”

(Please stand for last stanza and then be seated)

(Please stand)

THE PRAYER (*Spoken*)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

(Silence for individual prayer)

P: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C: To You, O Lord.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

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.

(Please be seated)

THE CHOIR ANTHEM: "The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation"

The Redeemer Choir

(Please stand)

THE SALUTATION AND RESPONSE *(Spoken)*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

THE PRAYERS *(Spoken)*

P: Let us pray.

P: 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; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot

give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS *(LSB, p. 234; Spoken)*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING *(LSB, p. 234; Spoken)*

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.

THE SILENT PRAYER

THE THREE CHIMES

(Please be seated)

THE POSTLUDE

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SERVING US TODAY

Liturgist & Preacher: Rev. Daniel Lewis

Organist: Joe Herl

Choir Director: Michael Werner

Choir: The Redeemer Choir

Acolyte: TBD

Elder on Duty: Bob Geisler

Greeters: Richard & Kathy Nobbe (Main)

Mike Hansen & Elizabeth Hansen (West)

Head Usher: Greg Bouwens



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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 and 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).



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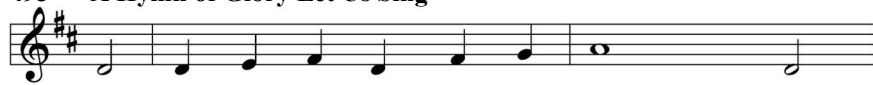
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493 – “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why
 4 “You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
 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! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l’wers
 al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior,” thus they
 al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
 say; “This is His glo - rious tri - umph
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 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!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

5. 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!

6. 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!

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THE OFFICE HYMN: 491 – “Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels”



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph
 2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual
 3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d’ring Send Your Spir - it,
 △ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in His ears, To His heav’n - ly throne as - cend - ing,
 to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther
 prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure
 Spir - it’s grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -
 As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our
 With Your pow’r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as
 Oh, to see the Fa - ther’s face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.
 world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!
 You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.
 al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son’s em - brace!

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933 – “My Soul Rejoices”



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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539 – “Christ Is the World’s Redeemer”



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,
2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,
3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,
△ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav'n - ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,
Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.
And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant - ly.
All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,
Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done
And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne
And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.
And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.
Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.
Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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