

# The Ascension of Our Lord

## Worship Service



*The Ascension (The Rabbula Gospels, ~6<sup>th</sup> Century)*

*Oh, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.  
(Psalm 47:1)*

***Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church***

*10:15AM, Sanctuary | May 17, 2026*

## **Visitors & Saints of Emmanuel:**

Welcome!

Contact Pastor Justin Baker by phone, email, or office visit, or you can request prayer or a visit by placing a Contact Card in the offering.

The liturgy (our worship service) comes from Scripture. The whole service is ordered and designed to use God's Word to bring praise and thanks and glory to God. The earliest Christian churches gathered to pray, to hear teaching, and to partake in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

*All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

## **On this Ascension Sunday**

*Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Alleluia: in like manner as ye have seen Him ascending into heaven, He shall so come, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

The ascension of our Lord Jesus to the right-hand of the Father is a critical piece of our Gospel. Simply put, Christ's ascension means at least two things: (1) He continues his work as the great High Priest interceding for us; (2) He takes up his work as the Eternal King, beginning his rule over his creation.

(1) Christ our High Priest: Our Lord Jesus hears our prayers, and he intercedes for us. It is through Christ we receive salvation, forgiveness, and life.

(2) Christ our Eternal King: Our Lord Jesus reigns in heaven. It's good that the only One who is Good is the One who reigns over us. We want *his* kind of Kingdom!

*Holy God, keep us in the faith of the crucified & risen Lord Jesus, who reigns as our King Eternal, in His name we pray, Amen.*

+ Pastor Justin Baker

**Announcements:** (1) Today: Redstone Worship Service at 2:30PM; (2) Wednesday: 5:45-7:15PM GriefShare Program; (3) Friday: Brookdale Worship at 11:10AM  
 ~ Please refrain from recording & using cell phones during the service. ~

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Sunday, May 17	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Luther Hall</b>
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Worship: Ascension</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Redstone Worship</b>	<b>Redstone</b>
Monday, May 18	~ ~	<b>Office Closed</b>	~ ~
	6:00 PM	Start the Week	Luther Hall
Tuesday, May 19	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Music Room</b>
	5:30 PM	Champion Cheerleading	Heritage Hall
	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Leaders	Luther Hall
Weds, May 20	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>GriefShare Session 1</b>	<b>Heritage Hall</b>
	6:00 PM	Steps and Stories	Luther Hall
Thurs, May 21	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts	Luther Hall
	7:30 PM	Al-Anon	Heritage Hall
Friday, May 22	<b>11:10 AM</b>	<b>Brookdale Worship</b>	<b>Brookdale</b>
	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts	Luther Hall
Saturday, May 23			
Sunday, May 24	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Luther Hall</b>
	<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Worship: Pentecost</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>

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## Prelude

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*Lord, I Want to be a Christian*

Arr. Richard Warner (1908-1983)

*The service begins from the baptismal font.*

## Invocation

P In the Name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

## Easter Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Let us make our confession to God.

*Silence follows for confession. The pastor then pronounces the absolution.*

C Amen.

## The Resurrection Promise of Baptism<sup>1</sup>

P What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?

C Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

P We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

C we too might walk in newness of life.

P Then let us walk in this newness of life, knowing we have been redeemed from sin and from death.

C Amen

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<sup>1</sup> From Romans 6:1-4, ESV.

Processional Hymn | A Hymn of Glory (Verses 1-5)

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5 O Lord, our homeward pathway bend,  
 that our unwearied hearts ascend.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Where, seated on your Father’s throne,  
 you reign as King of kings alone.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 in heav’n to be our great reward.  
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 When throned with you forever, we  
 shall praise your name eternally.  
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 all praise to you let earth accord:  
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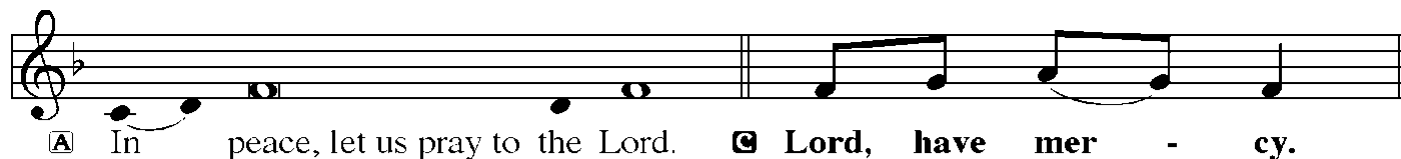
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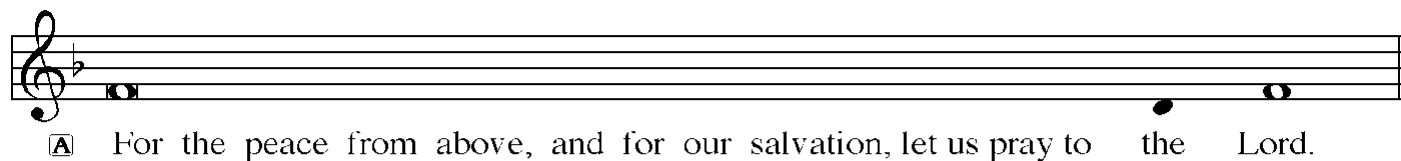
# Apostolic Greeting & Kyrie

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.



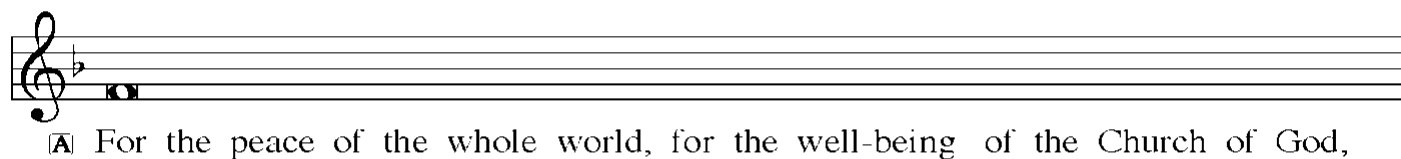
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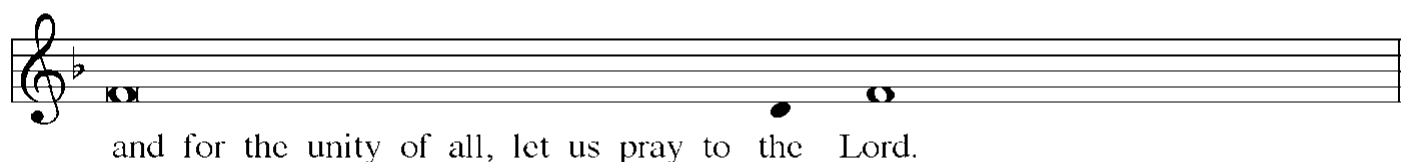
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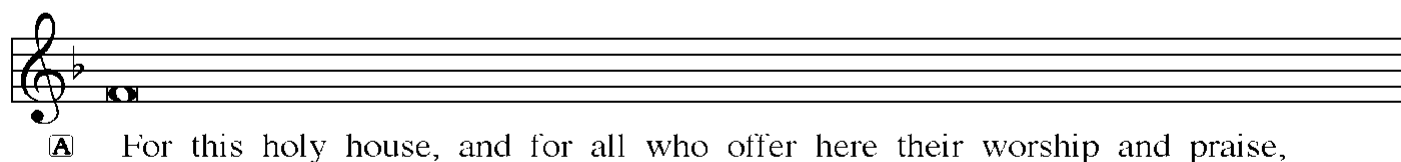
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



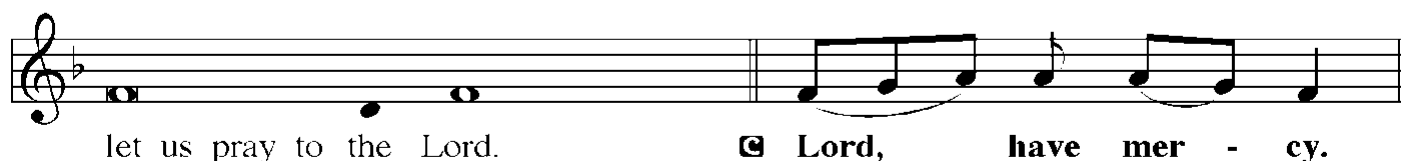
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



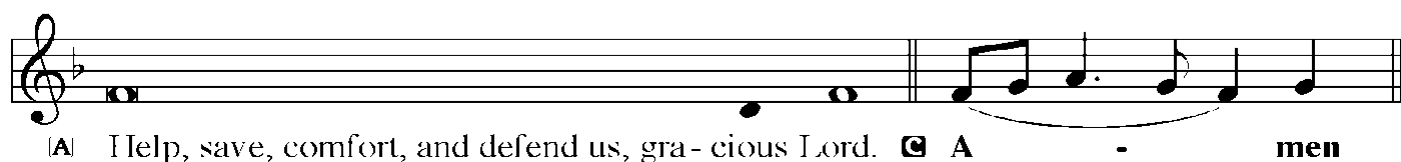
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**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, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men



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## **Salutation**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray,

**C** Grant, we pray Thee, Almighty God, that since we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so may we also in heart and mind ascend, and with him continually dwell, through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The First Lesson

2 Kings 2:5–15

<sup>5</sup>The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” <sup>11</sup>And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup>And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

<sup>15</sup>Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

A The word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

## **Psalm 110 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

<sup>2</sup>**The Lord sends forth from Zion  
your mighty scepter.**

**Rule in the midst of your enemies!**

<sup>3</sup>Your people will offer themselves freely  
on the day of your power,  
in holy garments;  
from the womb of the morning,  
the dew of your youth will be yours.

<sup>4</sup>**The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
“You are a priest forever  
after the order of Melchizedek.”**

<sup>5</sup>The Lord is at your right hand;  
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

<sup>6</sup>**He will execute judgment among the nations,  
filling them with corpses;  
he will shatter chiefs  
over the wide earth.**

<sup>7</sup>**He will drink from the brook by the way;  
therefore he will lift up his head.**

## The Second Lesson

Acts 1:1–11

<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>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.

<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.”

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## Children's Sermon

P Paul, in his Epistle to the Ephesians, teaches the following:

<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. (Ephesians 5:1-2)

All little ones – and any others – are invited forward for a message and for prayer.

## The Gospel Acclamation | Sing We Now of Jesus



*Christmas:* Sing we now of Je - sus, born on Christ-mas day.  
*Easter:* Sing we now of Je - sus, ris'n on Eas - ter day.

Sing we now of Je - sus, born on bed of hay.  
Sing we now of Je - sus, ris'n from death's dark grave.

Lift up your voice, with all the world re - joice;  
Lift up your voice, with all the world re - joice;

sing we now of Je - sus, born to light our way.  
sing we now of Je - sus, ris'n the world to save.

*\*May be sung as a round.*

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## The Holy Gospel

Mark 16:14–20

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup> Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup> And he said



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
 where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

## **The Nicene Creed**

**P** People of God, in whom do we believe?

**C** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen

## The Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people by name and according to their need.

*“God is gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.”*

*A brief silence is kept.*

A O Holy God, we come to ask you for help, and we give you thanks for all the help you have given us:

*Thanksgivings are offered. Then: Lord, in your mercy,*

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bless those who guide this Church body with faith, wisdom, endurance, and direction. Bless all churches of our Mission District: St. Mark of Arona, St Paul of Latrobe, St Paul of New Stanton, Brighton Heights, Evaline, Grace, St Stephen, Zion, First Lutheran of Washington, and our congregation. Bless these congregations with faith, the pastors with your Spirit, the councils with wisdom, and the servants with eagerness. May we collectively hear your Word, be strengthened in faith, and obey your voice. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A Bless the families of this congregation. May your Spirit beckon those who have never believed, or who have fallen away, to hear, believe, and receive your Son. May those who suffer mental, physical, or spiritual distress be healed and be given the strength to endure. May those who suffer from addiction, of the body or of the soul, be given the strength to overcome it. May we all be given wisdom, patience, and tenderness in how we love our families. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A We pray for our earthly rulers, especially President Donald Trump and Governor Josh Shapiro: Conform their minds, hearts, and actions to your holy will. We lift up all places and peoples in which there is unrest, strife, and war: let peace come swiftly through your Son. Protect

our armed forces, and give strength and faith to their families. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Bless, watch over, and comfort those who are troubled in body, mind, heart, or soul. We lift before You especially:

*Jordan Pelusi, Bill Primozic, Diana Hillman, Susanne Carns, May Hill, Jim Troxell, Vince Berardinelli, Gayle Wertz, the Ugen family, Paul, Vicki, Kelly, Josh, Missy, Maria, Ben, Terry, Sandy, Cassandra and baby Amelia, Nojia, Kevin, Julie and family, Trudy, Brylee, Sandra, Zachary, Kevin, David, Kathy, Asa, Jerry, Jack, Al & family, Beth, Colleen, Leila, Darin, Les & Cathy, Tony, Sarah, and Harry*

We lift up the names of those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud: *A pause is kept that other names and supplications may be offered.*

Pour out your Spirit upon them, that they may be granted the faith to endure. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**A** Most Blessed and Holy God, we implore you to remember *the families of David Weihe, of James, of Mr. Merwin, of Jim, of Deb,* and all those who mourn. Fill them with the strength to grieve, the comfort of your presence, and faith unto life everlasting. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Fill this congregation with the faith that endures unto life eternal. Make us one people united in prayer. Send families, children, widows & widowers, the elderly, and any others into our midst, that we all may be filled with faith, be encouraged, and bring honor and glory and praise to your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

*Note: Anyone who desires prayers or the laying on of hands or the anointing of oil for the sick should let Pastor Justin know.*

## **THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**P** *Oh, sing praises unto the Lord: to Him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, alleluia (Psalm 68:32b-33a).*

### **The Peace**

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

**C** **And also with you.**

### **Offertory**

God You Reign

In Tune with the Spirit

# Offertory Hymn | On What Has Now Been Sown

TLH 46

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1 Cor. 3: 6

John Newton, 1779, cento, alt.

Darwall's 148th

John Darwall, 1770

1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
3 Oh, grant that each of us Now met be - fore Thee here

The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it spring and grow.  
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours.  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear

Do Thou in grace the har - vest raise, And  
Our prais - es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive And  
And fol - low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en

Thou a - lone shalt have the praise.  
to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
so, A - men, Lord Je - sus, come! A - men.

A Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to You, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

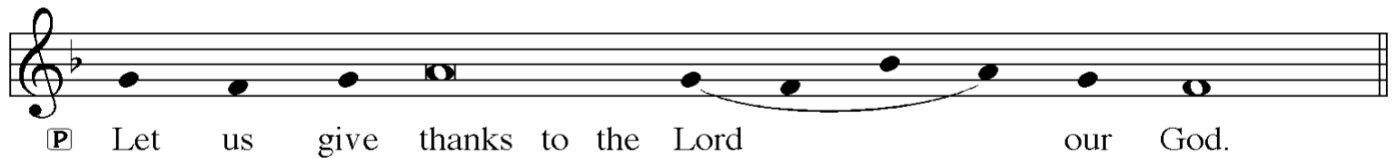
## The Great Thanksgiving



♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.



♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface for the Ascension

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord;

who, after his resurrection, appeared openly to his disciples and, in their sight, was taken up into heaven, that he might make us partakers of his divine nature.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## The Sanctus



☩ 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.

## Eucharistic Prayer I

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.*

*Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**C Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen**

P Let us 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**

P Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## Agnus Dei

**L**amb 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.

### *Our Practice of Holy Communion*

St. Paul writes: “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:27–28, ESV)

Not one of us is worthy *on our own merit* to receive our Lord Jesus. Nevertheless, he bids us to come to him all the same (Matthew 11:28-30). And so, trusting his great mercy, anyone may come to him in faith, having examined oneself according to this confession:

*All who are baptized in the name of the Triune God, believe in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion, and are repentant of their sins are welcome at the Lord’s Table.*

All others may come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over your chest.

# Holy Spirit

## Verse 1

Holy Spirit living Breath of God  
Breathe new life into my willing soul  
Let the presence of the risen Lord  
Come renew my heart and make me whole  
Cause Your word to come alive in me  
Give me faith for what I cannot see  
Give me passion for Your purity  
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

## Verse 2

Holy Spirit come abide within  
May Your joy be seen in all I do  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
In each thought and deed and attitude  
Kindness to the greatest and the least  
Gentleness that sows the path of peace  
Turn my strivings into works of grace  
Breath of God show Christ in all I do

## Verse 3

Holy Spirit from creation's birth  
Giving life to all that God has made  
Show Your power once again on earth  
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways  
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise  
Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ  
May be clear for all the world to see

## How Great is our God

1. The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice  
He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

### *Chorus*

How great is our God, sing with me  
How great is our God, and all will see  
How great, how great is our God

2. Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands  
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end  
The Godhead Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

### *Chorus*

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art (repeat)

### *Bridge*

Name above all names  
You are worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing: how great is our God (*repeat a capella*)

### *Chorus*

# Tell the World

## Verse 1

Go ye therefore to every nation, preach the Gospel in every land. To every language and every people, in My name reach out your hand.

## Chorus

Tell the world the message, take it everywhere, to every tribe and nation we are called to share. Tell the world the message, take it everywhere, to every tribe and nation we are called to share.

## Verse 2.

Go ye therefore to every neighbor, share My love with every man. The world will know that you are Mine If in My name you reach out your hand.

## Chorus

## Bridge

Tell the world, oh, tell the world

(Go ye and tell)

Tell the world, oh, tell the world

(Go ye and tell)

## Chorus

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P As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (*1 Corinthians 11:26*)

C Amen

# Post-Communion Hymn



On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!



## **Post-Communion Prayer and Benediction**

**A** Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**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, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

# Recessional Hymn | Look the Sight is Glorious

LBW 156



1 Look, oh, look, the sight is glo - rious, see the man of sor - rows now;  
2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels crown him! Rich the tro - phies Je - sus brings;  
3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned him, mock - ing thus the Sav - ior's claim;  
4 Hark! Those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark! Those loud tri - um - phant chords!



from the fight re - turned vic - to - rious, ev - 'ry knee to him shall bow.  
on the seat of pow'r en - throne him while the vault of heav - en rings.  
saints and an - gels crowd a - round him, own his ti - tle, praise his name.  
Je - sus takes the high - est sta - tion; oh, what joy the sight af - fords!



Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!



Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow. Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.  
Crown the Sav - ior, King of kings. Crown the Sav - ior, King of kings.  
Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame! Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame!  
King of kings and Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.

Music: BRYN CALFARIA, William Owen, 1814–1893

## Dismissal

**A** Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God; rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen. Let us go forth in this way.

# Postlude

*Go Forth With Purpose*

ORGAN

Thomas Chesterton (1874-1936)

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*Altar Flowers are given  
to the Glory of God  
~ Ed Zinkan*

## *From the Church Fathers on the Ascension*

“5. What is the Gospel? It is these words which the Lord speaks: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." We have often said--and I think we ought to thoroughly understand it by this time--that the Gospel cannot suffer us to preach works, however good and great these may be; for it seeks to pluck us down from our presumption and to set and plant us solely upon God's mercy, that his work and grace alone may be extolled.

Therefore, it suffers us not to rely upon our works. For one of these two must perish: if I stand upon God's grace and mercy, I do not stand upon my merit and works; and, vice versa, if I stand upon my works and merit, I do not stand upon God's grace. For, "if it is by grace," says St. Paul, Rom 11, 6, "it is no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace." I cannot say that God owes me a reward, but I must confess that he has given it to me entirely as a free gift." (Excerpt: *A Sermon by Martin Luther; taken from his Church Postil, 1523.*)

“The Lord Jesus, the Only begotten of the Father, Co-eternal with His Parent, like Him Invisible, like Him Omnipotent, as God Equal to Him, became Man for us, as you know, and have received, and hold fast in faith; and though He took to Himself a human form, He did not give up the divine. Omnipotence was veiled; infirmity made manifest. He was born, as you have come to know, that we might be reborn. He died, that we might not die for ever. And straightaway, that is, on the third day, He rose again from the dead; assuring us that we too shall rise on the last day.

He showed Himself to His Disciples: that they might see him with their eyes, and touch Him with their hands; showing them what He had become, and that He had not put off what He always was. For forty days He spoke with them, as you have heard, going in and coming out, eating and drinking together with them; not now from need, but wholly from power, and making plain to them the true nature of His Body: mortal upon the cross, immortal from the grave.” (Excerpt: St. Augustine, Translated by M.F. Toale, D.D.; PL 38, Semo. 262. *In die Ascensionis Domini IV.*)

<b>LITURGICAL DAY</b>	The Ascension of Our Lord	The Day of Pentecost	The Holy Trinity
<b>DATE</b>	5/17/2026 10:15 AM	5/24/2026 10:15 AM	5/31/2026 10:15 AM
<b>ORGANIST</b>	Homer Adams	Homer Adams	Homer Adams
<b>PASTOR</b>	Pastor Justin Baker	Pastor Justin Baker	Pastor Justin Baker
<b>ASSISTING MINISTERS</b>	Holly Pelusi	Julie Schamber	Julie Schamber
<b>COUNTER TEAM</b>	Ross Nese and Jeanne Yargar	Lou Hiener and Danette Hunter	Lou Hiener and MaryAnn Sinwell
<b>GREETERS</b>	Ross and Lisa Nese	Jim and Karen Kuczek	Dana and Diana Hillman
<b>USHERS</b>	Steve Cehovin and Matthew Yothers	Stan Casper and Joe Ugen	The Whipkeys
<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Bob Jordan	Bob Jordan	Elizabeth Yothers
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Jeanne Yargar and Donna Berardinelli	Donna Berardinelli and Kathy Gustafson	Donna Berardinelli and Karla Gustafson
<b>ALTAR FLOWERS</b>	Ed Zinkan	The Potters	Ed Zinkan
<b>COMMUNION BREAD BAKERS</b>	Karla Gustafson	Karla Gustafson	Karla Gustafson
<b>LIVESTREAM</b>	MaryAnn Sinwell	MaryAnn Sinwell	MaryAnn Sinwell
<b>CRUCIFER</b>	Holly Pelusi	Karla Gustafson	Karla Gustafson