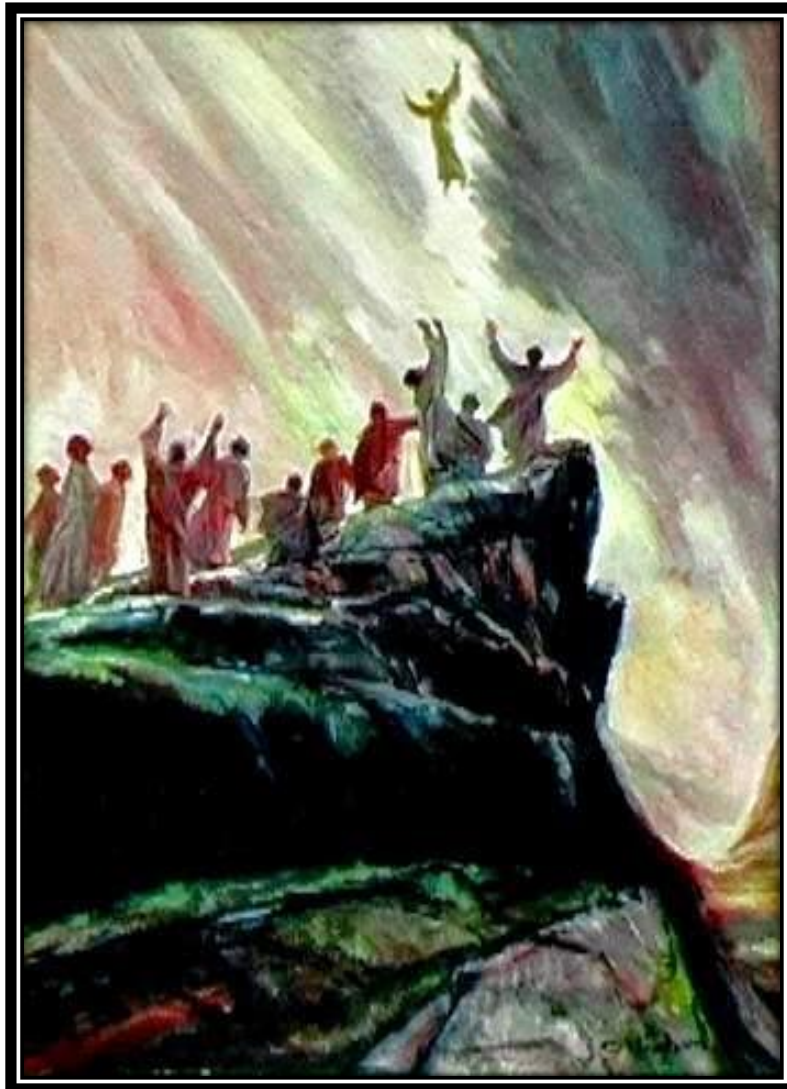


Welcome to the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
The Eve of the Ascension

Word and Sacrament

Wednesday, May 17, 2023, 6:45 pm



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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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In our Lutheran Tradition, liturgy reminds us that we are one in Christ, hence we do it together! Therefore, words in bold and designated by a "C" are the responses from the community.

GATHERING

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Joyfully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

Please rise as you are able.

Call to Worship

from Psalm 47

Please rise as you are able.

P *Let us gather as they gathered on the Mount of Olives. Let us remember the teachings of the law, psalms, and prophets.*

C **God has gone up with a shout! Alleluia!**

P *Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rose into heaven. Let us remember that every sin has been forgiven.*

C **God has gone up with a shout! Alleluia!**

P *Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rode upon the clouds. Let us remember how he promised that we'd be clothed in power.*

C **God has gone up with a shout! Alleluia!**

P *Let us gather as they gathered upon a hill so high. Let us remember the ascension of our Messiah.*

C **God has gone up with a shout! Alleluia!**

Gathering Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

No. 392

Verses 1,2 & 4

P *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

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

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.**

P *Let us pray. Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

C *Amen.*

WORD OF GOD

The Risen Lord Comes in the Word Spoken, Sung and Preached

Welcome & Announcements

The Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

A *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke writes: ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of*

Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

A *The Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God!**

Please rise as you are able.

Hymn at the Gospel

A hymn of glory let us sing, Upon the the Mount of Olives ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all his faithful foll'wers see Their Lord ascend in majesty!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:43-54

P *The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.*

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

Jesus said to the 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been 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 was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to

Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn at the Gospel

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hereafter Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please be seated.

The Homily

The Rev. Laura Sinche
Lutheran Episcopal Campus
Ministry in Baltimore

Please stand, as you are able.

A *Living together in trust and hope, we confess the faith of the Church.*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Prayers of the People

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

A brief silence.

A *Father, we pray for your whole church in mission to tell the good news that God is Love;*

C **That we all may be one.**

A *Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;*

C **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

A *We pray for our bishops, pastors, and deacons;*

C **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments, and inspired equippers of the saints for ministry.**

A *We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;*

C **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

A *Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;*

C **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

A *Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those dear that we remember in our hearts make us instruments of your healing;*

C **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

A *We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;*

C **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

P *Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

C **Amen.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Risen Lord Comes in bread and cup, forgiveness and peace.

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

C **And also with you.**

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Offering of Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Hymn

I know that My Redeemer Lives!

No. 619

Verses 1 & 2

The Great Thanksgiving

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

P *It is indeed right, good and joyful 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 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 angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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

P *You are holy and glorified, O God. You love the whole human race and you always walk with us on the journey of life. Blessed is your Son Jesus, present now in our midst.*

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.

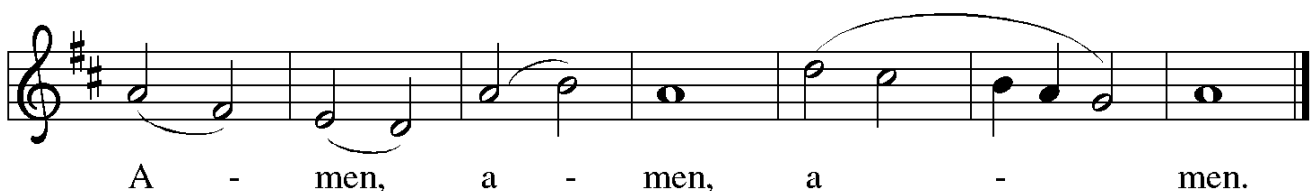
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks ☩ and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



P *Pour out your Spirit upon all people and make of us a new creation. Gather your church from every time and place and keep us together in the city until we are clothed with power from on high. Bless these gifts and those who receive them in faith, let this holy communion be for us a rich feast full of the promise of what is still to come.*

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



The Lord's Prayer

P *As our Savior Christ has taught us to ask, so we are bold 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.

Fraction & Invitation

P *These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Become what you behold – and behold what you shall become, the Body of Christ*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

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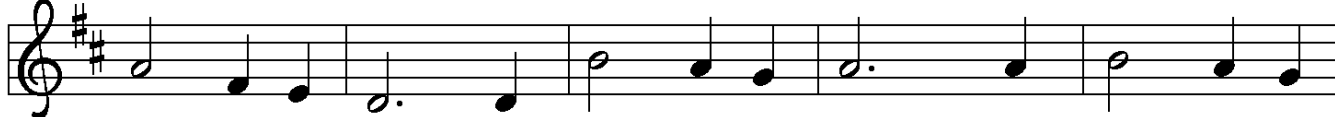
Refrain

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Hymn

O Christ, Our Hope

No. 604

Please rise as you are able.

P *May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood keep us together in his grace unto life everlasting*
C **Amen.**

SENDING

We go to be the Risen Lord's body alive in the world

P *Let us bow our heads and pray for God's blessing.*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep grant you all joy in believing. May the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit be with you now and forever.



Hymn In Recession

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

No. 579

Verses 1 & 5

Commissioning

A *Alleluia! Christ is ascended!*

C **He is ascended, indeed! Alleluia!**

A *Go in peace, tell the Good News! Alleluia!*

C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Serving This Evening

Greeter

Riley Lanahan

Usher

Sherman Canapp, OSSD

Assisting Minister

Janet DeVinney

Cantor

Adam Steel