



# Christ Our Savior

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## THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

May 18, 2023 ~ 7:00pm

**Welcome to God's house!** Here we meet Jesus, right where He promises to be, in Word and Sacrament. We are so glad you came!

**We love children at Christ Our Savior.** Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so that young children can see what is happening during worship.

**The Lord's Supper.** When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. **For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat.** God bless your worship!

### AS WE GATHER

Ascension Day is an opportunity for God's people to celebrate Christ the King taking His throne in glory, honor, and authority at God the Father's right hand. Like the ancient believers, who clapped their hands and shouted praises to God at the coronation of their king, we rejoice in the victory King Jesus earned for us, His people, by means of His death and resurrection. Our praises keep rolling from our Easter celebration some forty days ago, all the way to today and even beyond, as we witness Jesus now seated in glory and majesty. Shout your praises to God! The same King who is exalted over all things in heaven and on earth is the King who stoops to serve us as we gather to worship Him!

# Order of Worship

*Service of Holy Communion*

## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*"Rejoice, The Lord is King"*

*arr. Arnold Sherman*

*"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious" arr. Martha Lynn Thompson*

## WELCOME

### ✠ Preparation ✠

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious"*

*LSB 495*

- 1. Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious; See the Man of Sorrows now!  
From the fight returned victorious, Ev'ry knee to Him shall bow.  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!  
Crowns become the victor's brow. Crowns become the victor's brow.**
- 2. Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
On the seat of pow'r enthrone Him While the vault of heaven rings.  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!  
Crown the Savior King of kings. Crown the Savior King of kings.**
- 3. Sinners in derision crowned Him, Mocking thus the Savior's claim;  
Saints and angels crowd around Him, Own His title, praise His name.  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!  
Spread abroad the victor's fame. Spread abroad the victor's fame.**
- 4. Hark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark, those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station; Oh, what joy the sight affords!  
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him!  
King of kings and Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!**

## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 47:6–8*

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

**C** Amen.

**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.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 107:1*

- P** Blessed Lord, King of the universe:
- C** **We confess our sinfulness by both nature and choice in turning from fearing, loving, and trusting in You above all things. Cutting ourselves off from Your love, we cannot love You, other people, or ourselves the way You created us to love. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, and restore us in the love for which You created us.**
- P** "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever!" Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I 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 ✠

### HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"

*LSB 941*

- All:**
- 1. We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.  
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,  
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:  
"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"**
  - 2. The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;  
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.  
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,  
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:  
"O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Comforter forever Three in One!"**
- Choir:*
- 3. You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:  
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,  
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve  
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.*
- All:**
- 4. You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,  
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.  
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,  
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;  
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,  
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!**

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, You are good to all and have compassion on all You have made. Grant that our eyes may be fixed on Jesus, whom You have exalted to the right hand of Your majesty as a good King for all people, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## HYMN

"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

LSB 492

**1. On Christ's ascension I now build The hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there as well I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.**

## FIRST READING

*(Jesus promises His disciples the Holy Spirit  
and ascends into heaven.)*

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>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."

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

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

## HYMN

"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

LSB 492

**2. Since Christ returned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart will rest in Him alone, No other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before, There all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.**

**EPISTLE**

*(Praying that we may know Christ Jesus,  
who is the fullness of all things)*

Ephesians 1:15–23

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

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

**HYMN**

"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

LSB 492

**3. O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling Your ascension,  
That I may serve You faithfully In thanks for my redemption;  
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*(Jesus blesses His disciples and ascends to heaven.)*

Luke 24:44–53

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.** *(sung)*

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] 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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>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." <sup>50</sup>And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.** *(sung)*

- All: 1. Up through endless ranks of angels, Cries of triumph in His ears,  
To His heav'nly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears,  
Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears.**
- 2. Death-destroying, life-restoring, Proven equal to our need,  
Now for us before the Father As our brother intercede;  
Flesh that for our world was wounded, Living, for the wounded plead!**

*Choir: 3. To our lives of wanton wand'ring Send Your Spirit, promised guide;  
Through our lives of fear and failure With Your pow'r and love abide;  
Welcome us, as You were welcomed, To an endless Eastertide.*

- △ 4. Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to see the Father's face!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!**

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## SERMON

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

*(Please refer to the screens or the back of the hymnal for text.)*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us lift the needs of God's people before the throne of grace and intercede for all people in Jesus' name. Gracious Father, Jesus ascended to Your right hand, where He lives and reigns as the good King for all people with You and the Holy Spirit. Thank You that He did not leave us helpless but promised the Holy Spirit to fill us with Your love and energize us as Your witnesses in this world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Father, You call pastors to serve among Your people, proclaiming repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. Grant to all pastors Your Holy Spirit through Your Word that they may be filled with all boldness in proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord and themselves as bondservants for Jesus' sake. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Father, under the reign of the good King called Jesus, You appoint all who serve in positions of public service in this and every nation. Grant that all civil servants may discharge the duties of their offices with humility and instill in them a desire to protect and defend those among us who have no voice. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

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- P** Gracious Father, You have created this universe and all who inhabit it. Grant that all who suffer from the corrupting effects of human sin in Your good creation experience Your healing power both now and in the age to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Father, You have given Yourself in Jesus for the life of the world. Grant that we who feast at His Table turn away from our sins and toward the Lord in faith, trusting that in this bread and wine He feeds us with His true body and blood. 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, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Please remove the **Friendship Pad** from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information.  
Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name!

## OFFERTORY

"Beyond All Praising"

Gustav Holst, arr. Hart Morris

## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

*We ask that all visitors carefully read our communion statement found in the front of this service bulletin before approaching the communion table.*

## PREFACE (sung)

LSB 160

- 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 Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

- P** It is truly good, right, and for our salvation 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 ascended to the right hand of Your majesty and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit as the good King for all people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*LSB 161*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**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."

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

## PAX DOMINI

*The Peace of the Lord*

*LSB 163*

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

**C** **Amen.** (*sung*)

## FESTIVAL CANTICLE

"Worthy Is Christ"

*Richard Hillert*

*Introduction – Brass and organ*

**All:** **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Men:** ***Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.***

**All:** **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia alleluia.**

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**Women:** *Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.*

**All:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Interlude – Brass and organ*

**Men:** *Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:*

**All:** "Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen."  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Women:** *For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign, Alleluia.*

**All:** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. **If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.***

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Beautiful Savior"

LSB 537

- 1. Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!**  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;**  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;**  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!**  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

LSB 531

- 1. Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!**  
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, Thou universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame!  
By Thy merit we find favor: Life is given through Thy name.

2. **Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid;  
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.  
All Thy people are forgiven Through the virtue of Thy blood;  
Opened is the gate of heaven, Reconciled are we with God.**
3. **Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, There forever to abide;  
All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's side.  
There for sinners Thou art pleading; There Thou dost our place prepare,  
Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.**
4. **Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive;  
Highest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise;  
Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise!**

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

"Thank the Lord"

*LSB 164*

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P** Let us pray. Thank You, God, for feeding us here with the body and blood of our risen and ascended Lord Jesus, who is the good King for all people. Use this life-giving Meal to strengthen our faith as we follow our good King Jesus this week; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

#### **CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

*Peter Lutkin*

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

**All: 1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing. And triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

*Choir: 2. God's power cannot fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell Are to our Savior giv'n;*

**All:        Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!**  
**Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**All:        3. Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come**  
**To glorify the saints For their eternal home:**  
**Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice!**  
**Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

## **SILENT PRAYER**

## **POSTLUDE**

*"Royal Brass Music"        Nicholas Guy/arr. S. Drummond Wolff*



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