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ASCENSION SUNDAY

Introduction

TODAY'S THEME: In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Print out your bulletin or use it on your phone or tablet to follow along.

Announcements are televised or found on our website

Be creative how you worship and remember God during this time. It will calm your soul, give you peace and enliven your spirit.

Our community gathers in unity with others in-person and a virtual way.

We hope all people find it easy to follow along.

GOD GATHERS US

Announcements are found on our website

PRELUDE People of God

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR Anthem ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: Holy God,
holy and merciful, holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.
Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

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C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
Amen.

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

All: And also with you.

P: Almighty God,

C: your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

P: God has received us, pardoned us and loved us; let us forgive each other in love and share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And you also.

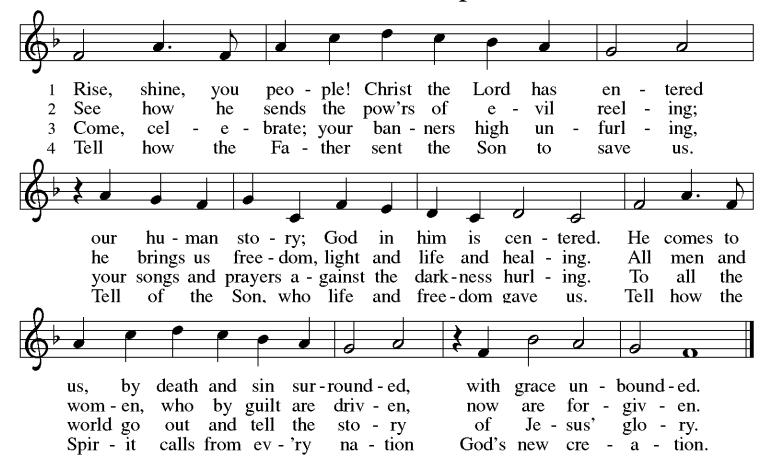
Share the peace with each other either by a wave or a bow.

OPENING SONG

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 665

Rise, Shine, You People! ELW 665



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Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934-2003

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING:

Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[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."

L: Word of God; Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

All: Glory to you O Lord

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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, 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: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You O Christ!

MESSAGE FOR ALL

Pastor David Mercurio

When in Our Music God Is Glorified ELW 851



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APOSTLES' CREED

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING IS WELCOMED

(An offering will be collected after the prayer.)

P: Generous God.

C: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

Offertory Music Andante Scriabin

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

See list of those Grace is currently praying for at end of this document or online. Please let us know your prayer needs.



Please respond accordingly

P: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: God of harmony, as you drew your Son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge activists and organizers, teachers and politicians, and all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our staff and council. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

P: Come and know Christ, Broken and poured out for you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them in the Spirit's love.

P: Let us give thanks to our Triune God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O God. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all who believe in Him should not perish. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us

through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his Holy Supper.

P: WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

P: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

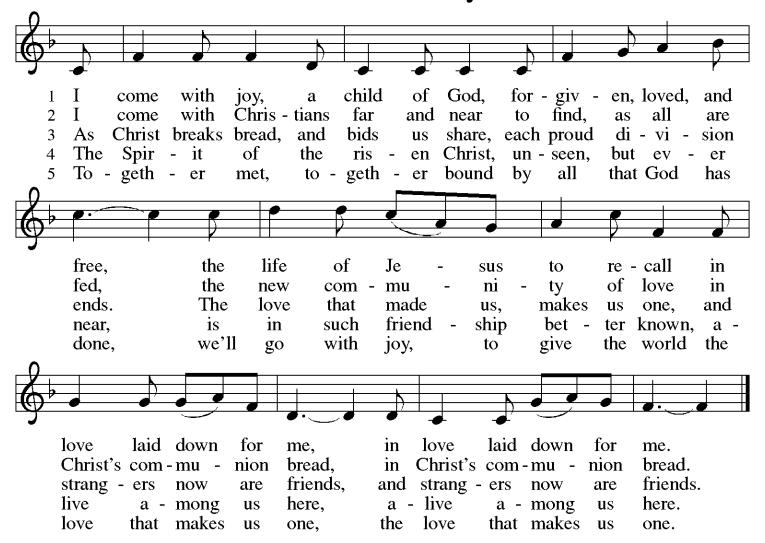
All: Thanks be to God

TAKE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Communion hymns:

I Come with Joy	ELW 482
Oh, Sing to the Lord	ELW 822
Oh, Love, How Deep	ELW 322

I Come with Joy ELW 482



Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, Southern Harmonv, 1835

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Oh, Sing to the Lord

Cantad al Señor



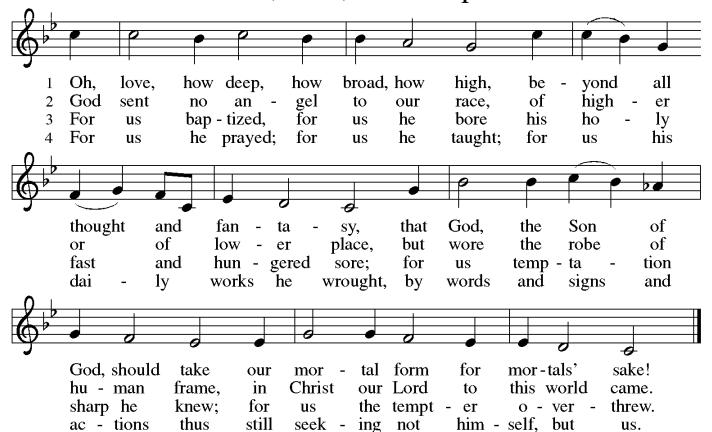
Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune

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Oh, Love, How Deep ELW 322



- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- 7 All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad: the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

Text: Thomas á Kempis, 1380–1471; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–1885, alt. Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Gracious God,

C: in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

All: Amen.

Praise the Lord! O Heavens



- 1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a dore him; praise him, an gels, in the height;
- 2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra-cious; nev-er shall his prom-ise fail.



sun and moon, re-joice be-fore him; praise him, gleam-ing stars and light. God has made his saints vic-to-rious; sin and death shall not pre-vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo-ken; worlds his might-y voice o-beyed; Praise the God of our sal-va-tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro-claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro-ken for their guid-ance he has made. heav'n and earth, and all cre-a - tion, laud and mag-ni - fy his name!

Text: Foundling Hospital Collection, London, 1796 Music: AUSTRIA, Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809

GOD SENDS US

BLESSING

P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

All: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

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ADDITIONAL WEEKLY LECTIONARY LESSON

Psalm 47

God has gone up with a shout. (Ps. 47:5)

Psalm 93 (alternate)

Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Eyes to see the risen and ascended Christ

Acts 1:6-14

Jesus' companions at prayer after his departure

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds. (Ps. 68:4)

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

God will sustain and restore those who suffer

John 17:1-11

Christ's prayer for his disciples

5/21/23 ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>WORSHIP MASKING-Update</u> There has been a slight increase in the area of Covid cases and in our congregation. We have been sitting at a social distance as we have felt comfortable in the sanctuary. We need to continue Masking at your comfort level.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Are donated by the Diehl family, in loving memory of Kelly's mom.

GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST: today is the last chance to order geraniums for Pentecost. And remember, but 4, get 1 free! There are order sheets in the pews.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING A Congregational meeting will be held following the worship service on **Sunday**, **June 4th** in Fellowship Hall. We will be voting to approve the 2022 audit; possible worship time change to 9:30am and to either call him or extend Pastor's contract as we are able at that time.

Please complete a survey about Pastor's ministry here (available in the Narthex) and return it by May 21st. Please give us your thoughts about the areas mentioned, not just he is doing great or good. True feedback is important both for the Vision Team and Pastor. Thank you.

<u>RUMMAGE SALE May 19 & 20 UPDATE DATES:</u> We are truly blessed for everyone's help throughout the week and at the Rummage Sale - brief recap forthcoming -- Bless you all!

Rebecca Circle: will be meeting this Tuesday, May 23rd at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Hostesses are Lee Gerke and Diane Lily.

ROADRUNNERS TRIP September 18 – 23, 2023 to Niagara Falls

LINE DANCING continues every Thursday night in Fellowship Hall from 6pm to 7pm.

NOISY OFFERING We collect a Noisy Offering whenever you wish to empty your change purse or pockets! Our next project we are collecting for is sidewalk repairs (raising concrete) at the threshold walkway/entryway to church. Thank you for your support!

BRIDGE TO LIFE DONATIONS The Bridge to Life Group continues to collect donations for the Elgin homeless. For details see the News Letter or Cathy Whiteside.

Thank you for your generous donations!

OFFERINGS & FAITHFUL GIVING FOR THE MINISTRIES AT GRACE

We are blessed & thankful for faithful giving for the ministries we share and support here at Grace. Offerings collected for the week (as of 5/15) = \$3,118. Weekly donations needed to meet 2023 expenses = \$3,500. ~ Blessings upon Grace in it's 129^{th} year ~

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH

- * God's Church in all time and place, that God be seen and heard.
- * As we face these times both together and while apart, keep us from fear, suffering and death.
- * Ministries of the ELCA and Metro Chicago Synod, especially Bishop Yehiel Curry.
- * Efforts of Lutheran World Relief, ELCA World Hunger, and Disaster Relief

FOR THE WORLD

- * For every living person facing the threat of coronavirus it affects us all, our loved ones and our worldwide neighbors together.
- * For the healing of the divisions in our Nation.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

- * For God's Spirit to guide the Vision Team, and whole congregation as we face transition and change.
- * As we plan regarding the future of our congregation.

FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY (members, relatives, and friends of members of our congregation)

- * Adam & Julia Sajdak, grandson & granddaughter in law of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * Nathan Sajdak, grandson of Bill and Lori U'Ren
- * William Delmer, grandson of Kirk and Kathy Hooey
- * David Brazee, Grandson of Steve and Cathy Lindquist

(If you know of someone currently serving our country, please share their information with the Church office.)

FOR ALL

- * The continued support of our members
- * For all members of healthcare around the world
- * For those serving as first responders and in the military

* For our Nation, that extend peace in all things.

FOR THOSE SICK IN BODY, MIND OR SPIRIT... Andrew Kinsel and his family in Ukraine, Fred Alstadt, Barb Asher, Vicki Barclay, Aina Baumanis, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Nelson Brodhead, Joanna Alverado/Klaus, Jim (brother of Rita Burnham), Elaine Chaney (Twyla Strom's niece), the Chavez family and Joe, Juanita Curley, Jane Cutler, Ken Deutschmann, Alexa Diehl, Jack and Jan Docherty, Maggie Docherty, Rebecca Eagen, Joyce Helander and Jim Serafin, Howard (friend of Alexa Diehl), Rich Jackson, Manfred Kaufmann, Paul and Kay Kinsel, Marlene Klingner, Bob Koehling, Katie Kozeva, Pastor Dave and Carol Langseth, Ray Larsen, Gay Leslie (cousin of Kurt Redemann), Vicki Linden, Pat and Chili Lindgren, Steve Lindquist, Magdalena Lovejoy, Sherry Manke, Janelle McDonald, George and Eileen Morris, Joan Mortenson, Mike Myers, Ray Navarro, Ed Nordwind, Donald Overby, Pat Penfold, Carol Prevenas, Joan Rygula (sister of Lori U'Ren), Nancy and John Schaeffer, John Schnaitman, Kim Theros, Tia Thorne, Shirley Turner, Crystal Vines, Pastor Arne Walker, Kristy Weydert, Wayne Whiteside, Kelly Wilken and her family (Missy Barton's sister), Catherine Zegial, and Barbara Zegiel.

Please let us know your prayer requests for inclusion in our public prayers.

Type them in the comments or send them to the church office via our prayer card on our website.