HOLY COMMUNION Ascension of Our Lord

June 1, 2025 8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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 are 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.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Toccata in Seven

J. Rutter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the **→** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God,
 to whom all hearts are open,
 all desires known,
 and from whom no secrets are hid:
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you
 and worthily magnify your holy name,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

- **P** Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
 We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
 Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
 Amen.

- P In the mercy of almighty God,
 Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
 and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
 and by his authority,
 I therefore declare to you
 the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
 in the name of the Father,
 and of the ♣ Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

GREETING

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Later service only:

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE 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, and that the disciples will be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

A reading from 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."

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Later service only.

PSALM 47 (Congregation sings the refrain as printed)
The **first time** the choir sings the Refrain and the congregation repeats it.



- ¹ Clap your hands, | all you peoples; shout to God with a | joyful sound.
- ² For the LORD Most High is to be feared:
 - a great king over | all the earth,
- ³ who subdues the | peoples under us, and the nations un- | der our feet;
- ⁴ who chooses our inheri- | tance for us, the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.



- ⁵ God has gone up | with a shout,
 - the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.
- ⁶ Sing praises to | God, sing praises; sing praises to our | king, sing praises.
- ⁷ For God is king of | all the earth;
 - sing praises | with a song.
- ⁸ God reigns o- | ver the nations;
 - God is en- | throned on high.
- ⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted.



Psalm 47:5
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SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

A A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far 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 age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the First Verse.



Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again; death no longer has dominion | over him.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Second Verse.



I am | with you always, to the end | of the age.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



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.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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** The gospel of the Lord.
- **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! Printed on the next page.

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



Stand

NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- **©** 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 INTERCESSION

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **e** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

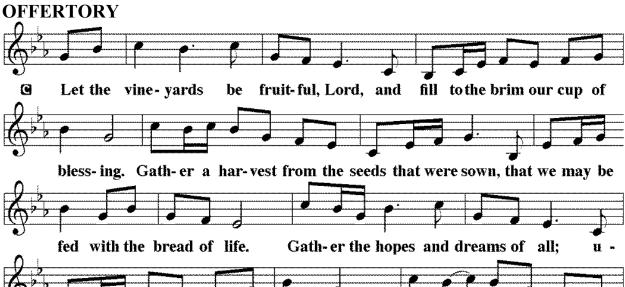
PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say **Peace be with you** or similar words.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.



Grace our

and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

ta - ble with your

GREAT THANKSGIVING

pres - ence,

nite them with the prayers we of - fer.

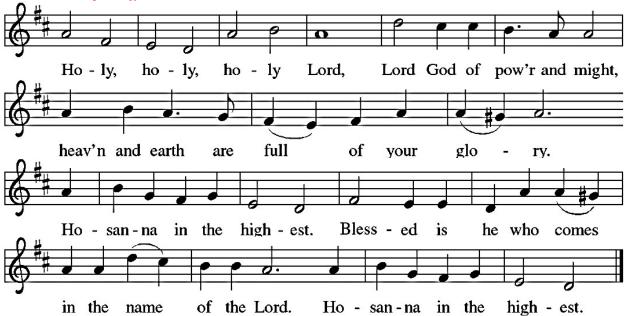
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- 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;

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Sit

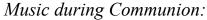
COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.







Later service only:

ANTHEM: Cantad Al Señor

Brazilian Folk Song Arr. by G. Cartford

- 1. Cantad al Señor, un cantico nuevo
- 2. Oh, sing to the Lord, Oh, sing God a new song
- 3. So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets
- 4. Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit
- 5. For Jesus is Lord! Amen, Alleluia!

ORGAN: *In Thee Is Gladness*

J. S. Bach (public domain)

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



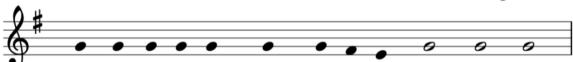
P God the Father, who raised Christ from the dead,



open to you the gate of ev - er - last-ing life. GA - men.



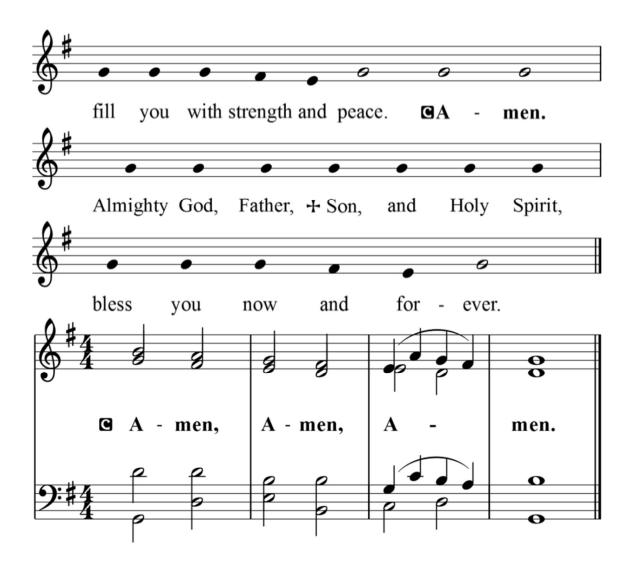
P God the Son, who burst forth from the grave,



give you joy as you celebrate his re-sur-rection. GA-men.



P God the Holy Spirit, who brought you to birth in baptism,



DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Crown Him with Many Crowns

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Crown Him with Many Crowns



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE:

8:00 am: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
B. Tonkin
10:30 am: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
setting A. Shows



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The Easter Cycle celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

The Paschal Candle, symbolic of our Lord's resurrection, is positioned on the Gospel side of the altar and is lighted at all services during the Easter season (up to and including the Day of Pentecost).

The liturgical color white, symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ. Gold is a more festive version of white.



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<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Dorothy Moorehead in loving memory of husband John Moorehead and sister Hazel Giera.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Deb Scholl in loving memory of husband, Nevin Scholl.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Robert Hallman and family in loving memory of wife, mother, and grandmother Wendy Yohne Hallman.

Vacation Bible School is coming!

June 23-26, 2025



Planning your child(ren)'s summer activities? Don't forget VBS at Augustus! Join us for Camp Firelight; a Summer Camp Adventure with God from June 23-26, 9a-12p. Scan the QR code to register or email Sonya at education@augustustrappe.org.



Old Church Sunday

The annual "Old Church Sunday" service will be on June 15, 2025 at 9:30 am in the Old Church. Our good friend, the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger will inspire us with his sermon. Following the service there will be a sit-down luncheon and a presentation on Peter Muhlenberg in Fellowship Hall by the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger.

Peter Muhlenberg - The Man - The Legend

On October 6, 1910, thirty thousand people gathered at Philadelphia's City Hall to dedicate J. Otto Schweitzer's statue of Peter Muhlenberg. Speeches praised Peter's leadership in the American Revolution and his contributions to the young republic. Judge Staake ended his speech by displaying Peter's clerical robe, which the Henkel family gave to the Lutheran Theological Seminary. This presentation highlights Peter's contributions and is a great way to prepare for the 250th Anniversary of America's independence, which we will celebrate in 2026.

We hope to see you at the service on June 15th at 9:30 am and for the luncheon & presentation afterwards. Please feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this wonderful event. This event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Pat O'Hara at 484-919-2527 or qadirector5@aol.com.





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