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# REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Ascension Sunday



# ASCENSION SUNDAY



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**Pre-Service Meditation:**

**Luke 24:52-53** <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.

**Prayer:** Dear Lord Jesus, may the glory of Your Ascension into heaven be never lost on Your people. For Your Ascension marked the Father's final approval of all Your work done on earth for us. Lord, we thank You for Your work of salvation that, through faith, we are united in Your death and resurrection and have our lives hidden with You in heaven. May we be filled with joy, as were Your disciples, when we celebrate Your Ascension. Though it took You from this world visibly, it meant Your presence will be with us always and that we will ascend to be with You when You are revealed on the last day. May Your blessing be upon Your people now and always. Through Your glorious name, even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Opening:

WS 738 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

**Invocation**

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Confession and Absolution**

**P**: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P**: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C**: **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P**: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C**: **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P**: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C**: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P**: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

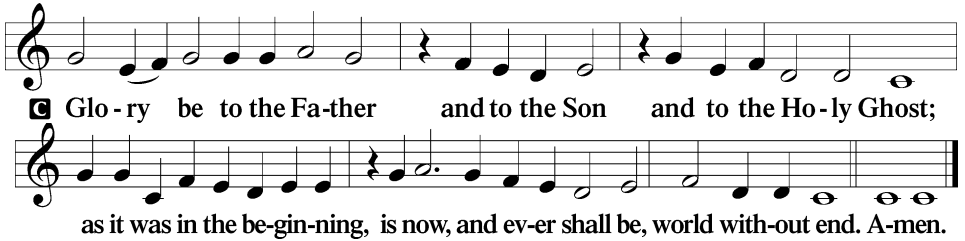
**C**: Amen.

## **Introit:**

**Acts 1:11; Psalm 66**

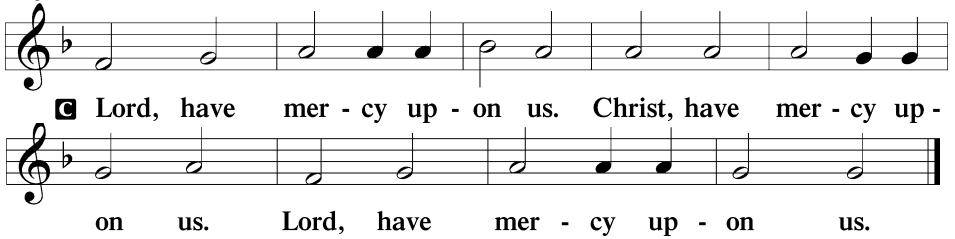
**P** You men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven?:  
Hallelujah! This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven  
shall so come in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven. Oh,  
clap your hands, all you people: shout unto God with the voice of  
triumph.

## **Gloria Patri**



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## **Kyrie**



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## **Hymn of Response: WS 798 God We Praise You vs 1-2**

God, we praise You, God, we bless You!  
God, we name You sov'reign Lord!  
Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by Your Church adored:  
All creation shows Your glory; Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne,  
Singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"  
True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze,  
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one growing song of praise,  
While Your Church on earth confesses One majestic Trinity:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.

## **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray... Grant, we beseech You, almighty God, that just as we believe that our Lord Jesus ascended into the heavens, we might also hold firmly by faith the promise of His return to raise us to glory, that we might always be with Him. This we pray in our Savior's name, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever,

**C** Amen.

## **Old Testament Lesson**

**Isaiah 57:15-21**

<sup>15</sup> For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite. <sup>16</sup> For I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry; for the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made. <sup>17</sup> Because of the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry, I struck him; I hid my face and was angry, but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart. <sup>18</sup> I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and his mourners, <sup>19</sup> creating the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near," says the LORD, "and I will heal him. <sup>20</sup> But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot be quiet, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. <sup>21</sup> There is no peace," says my God, "for the wicked."

## **Responsive Reading**

**Psalm 110 [Selected Verses]**

**P** The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

**C** **The LORD sends forth from Zion Your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!**

**P** Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of Your power,

**C** **From the womb of the morning, the dew of Your youth will be Yours.**

**P** The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind,

**C** **"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."**

**Epistle Lesson:****Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**Confession of Faith:****Apostles Creed**

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and  
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the  
body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn:****TLH 216 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build****Sermon****Luke 24:50-53**

<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.

**Our Lord Jesus Christ is Forever Exalted****Offertory:****WS 798 God We Praise You vs 3-4**

**Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Everlasting Son of God,  
Humble was Your virgin mother, Hard the lonely path You trod:  
By Your cross is sin defeated, Hell confronted face to face,  
Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.**

**Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the world You made; Lord, in mercy help Your servants For whose freedom You have paid: Raise us up from dust to glory; Guard us from all sin today. King enthroned above all praises, Save Your people, God, we pray.**

**Hymn:**

**TLH 213 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise**

### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

### **Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**☐ 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**

### **Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-25

**☐ Amen.**

**Hymn:**

**WS 737 Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels**

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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

# Announcements

## Upcoming Events:

- **Convention:** The 37<sup>th</sup> Convention of the CLC will be held from June 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Justin Penwell and Nathanael Gibbs will represent the congregation as delegates. We thank them for their service!
- **Bible Class:** May 24<sup>th</sup> will be our final Bible Class before Summer Break.
- **Stained Glass Update:** Please see the survey sent out this week. The votes will be totaled after next weekend.

## Call News:

- Pastor Chad Seybt of a Quad Parish in Western WI ***has received the call*** to Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI; he has also ***received a call*** to St. Luke's Lutheran in Lemmon, SD
- Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC ***is considering the call*** to Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI
- Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran in Cheyenne, WY ***is considering the call*** to Mt. Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI

## Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9

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Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> Redemption Sunday Service at 9