

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (OBSERVED) - MAY 29, 2022

HOLY COMMUNION: 10:00 AM



As Jesus was taken up into heaven, his disciples looked on. They had just received final instructions from him, along with clarification of what he had already taught them. They understood a bit better now, having seen all they had seen. For those who believe in Christ, the hope of our calling is centered in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven. Eternal life awaits us, but for now we work for Christ.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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- ◆ You are here by God's calling and we extend Christ's hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we hear God's Word, partake in the Lord's Supper, and give thanks to God in prayer and praise.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord's Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are located in the backside hallway. Look for the horseshoe cross.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.
- ◆ A personal hearing aid is available if needed. Please ask a Greeter or any member for assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 9:55AM
WORSHIP: 10AM

▼ = SIT ▲ = STAND

LBW: DIVINE SERVICE TWO
MUSICIAN - KAREN HALL

GATHERING OF THE SAINTS

▼ PRELUDE - Karen Hall

▲ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION (*Spoken*)

In the name of the Father, and of the †Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

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. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*Silence for reflection and self-examination*)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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. **Amen**

▲ ENTRANCE HYMN - "CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES" (*Sung, LBW #265, Tune #561*)

**Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true and only light, Sun of righteousness, arise,
Triumph o'er the shades of night; Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star in my heart appear.**

**Dark and cheerless is the morn Unaccompanied by thee; Joyless is the day's return,
Till thy mercy's beams I see, Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief; Fill me, radiance divine,
Scatter all my unbelief; More and more thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.**

▲ APOSTOLIC GREETING *(Spoken)*

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 FOR MERCY *(Sung)*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For the peace from above, ... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For the peace of the whole world, ... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
For this holy house, ... let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen**

▲ HYMN OF PRAISE *(Sung)*

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

▲ PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

MINISTRY OF THE WORD OF GOD

▼ BIBLE READINGS

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11 *(pew Bible p. 1080)*

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23 *(pew Bible p. 1159)*

▼ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

▲ ALLELUIA VERSE *(Sung)*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

▲ GOSPEL READING & RESPONSES - Luke 24:44-53 *(Sung; pew Bible p. 1052)*

The Holy Gospel from St. Luke, chapter 24. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

▼ SERMON *(Sit)*

▲ HYMN OF THE DAY - "ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!" *(Sung, LBW#328, st. 1, 5-7)*

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.**

**Sinners whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.**

(Continued)

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.
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▲ NICENE CREED (*Spoken*)

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 CHURCH (*Spoken*)

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus... Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

▼ ADULT CHOIR - "TRUST AND OBEY"

▲ OFFERING HYMN (*Sung*)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

▲ OFFERING PRAYER (*Spoken*)

Let us pray. **Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

HOLY COMMUNION AT THE LORD'S SUPPER

▲ GREAT THANKSGIVING TO GOD (*Sung*)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

▲ INSTITUTION OF THE SACRAMENT (*Spoken*)

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. 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. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

▲ WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Spoken)*

▲ LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken)*

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

▲ LAMB OF GOD *(Sung)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

▼ DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

▲ POST COMMUNION HYMN *(Sung)*

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks 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 PRAYER *(Spoken)*

Almighty God, you freed your Son from the bonds of death and raised him to a new and glorious life in a display of your mighty power. Free us from all sin that we may live a new and holy life in Christ Jesus to the glory of your Holy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SENDING OUT FOR SERVICE & WITNESS

▲ BENEDICTION *(Spoken)*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen**

▲ SENDING HYMN - "JESUS LOVES ME" *(Sung)*

**Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. *(Refrain)***

**Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, Saying, "Let them come to Me." *(Refrain)***

**Jesus loves me still today, Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give Light and love to all who live. *(Refrain)***

**Jesus loves me! He who died Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in. *(Refrain)***

**Jesus loves me! He will stay Close beside me all the way;
Thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for Thee. *(Refrain)***

(Refrain) **Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

▲ DISMISSAL *(Spoken)*

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed...
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. *(Colossians 3:17)*