



THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
"A Church for Families, a Family for Everyone"
Thursday, May 29, 2025

ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP

Welcome to all who are attending our service today. We are glad you are with us! To all guests and visitors, we especially extend our hands of friendship. May God bless the worship time for each one of you. Please come again!

NURSERY AVAILABLE We have an unstaffed nursery for your convenience and privacy. The nursery has audio and video so you may hear and see the worship service while attending to your child.

Holy Communion is celebrated at the 8:30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, and at the 11:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

+ PREPARATION +

AS WE GATHER: Jesus promises to release the power of the Holy Spirit that will sustain the church as she magnifies the name of Christ, in all wisdom, knowledge, and enlightenment. Today, the church honors Jesus' ascent into the heavenly realms. In His absence from us, we shall be comforted and sustained by the Spirit of God. In our waiting for Christ's return, we boldly proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins to all nations.

PRELUDE

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You"

Music by G. Holst

Audrey Zeebuyth, violin

"All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name"

Music by O. Holden/arr. L. Larson

Handbell Choir

"A Trumpet Chorale"

Attr. J.S. Bach, arr. F.T. Simpson

Handbell Choir

WELCOME

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

LSB 493

1 A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia, alleluia!
And with His faithful foll'wers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 “You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:6, 11; Luke 24:46–47; Ephesians 1:22–23

- P** Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?
- C** **Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?**
- P** It is written, that the Christ should suffer
- C** **and on the third day rise from the dead,**
- P** and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations.
- C** **God gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Let us confess our sins to our gracious God.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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** God did not leave us without power and love. Christ ascended to His throne above but is still with us. The Holy Spirit did not give us faith for a short time but is with us throughout our time on earth. Your sins are forgiven by the death of Christ on the cross and by His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

SALUTATION

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

+ THE WORD +

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11 (ESV)

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. ³He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And 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; 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, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and 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.

PSALM

Psalms 47 (ESV)

C God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

P Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

- C** For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great King over all the earth.
- P** He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves.
- C** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- P** Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- C** For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!
- P** God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.
- C** The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
- P** For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted!
- C** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23 (ESV)

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸having 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might ²⁰that He worked 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 one to come. ²²And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁴⁴Then [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." ⁴⁵Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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." ⁵⁰Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. ⁵¹While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

(The Paschal Candle is extinguished.)

⁵²And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

"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.

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.

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.

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SERMON

Vicar Michael Hahn

"The Ascended Lord Remains"

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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*(Our offerings are made as an act of worship, given in loving
response to all that God has graciously given us, both materially and
spiritually.)*

"Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise"

arr. Robert Lau

Ascension Choir

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Christ has ascended to the Father but is with us in power to continue the mission of the church, the Body of Christ. Let us pray for people everywhere.
- For the whole church, witness to the risen and ascended Christ,
- C** **that we all proclaim His victory over sin and death;**
- P** for all who proclaim the Gospel,
- C** **that they announce the promise of a new heaven and a new earth;**
- P** and for all who have just come to faith,
- C** **that the Spirit enable them to understand the fullness of Christ's love. Lord have mercy.**
- P** For the nations of the world and all relief agencies,
- C** **that God guide them in seeking peace and cooperation;**
- P** for all who work in business and all who help the downtrodden and distressed,
- C** **that they provide all that is needed in food, clothing, and shelter;**
- P** and for continued scientific research,
- C** **that we may utilize the bounty of God's good creation. Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For favorable weather,
- C** **that we may praise God for recreation, leisure, and the growth of crops;**
- P** for all who suffer...that God provide relief in His good and gracious will,
- C** **and that we may be part of His answer to prayer;**
- P** for this congregation and all our sister congregations,
- C** **that we rededicate ourselves to the mission of our ascended Lord. Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Into Your hands we entrust ourselves and all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** 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.

CLOSING ACCLAMATION

- P** Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Christ is ascended!
- C** He is ascended indeed! Alleluia!
- P** Christ has risen from the dead.
- C** God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.
- P** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
- C** He has put all things under His feet.
- P** We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- C** “Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
Alleluia! Amen!

BENEDICTION

- P** The blessing of God—the Father, who has protected you as His own child; the ✠ Son, who has redeemed you with His own blood; and the Holy Spirit, who has worked faith in your heart—be upon you, now and always.
- C** Amen.

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, serve the Lord!

G Thanks be to God!

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Our Mission Statement:

~Go and Share Jesus Christ~

Our Vision Statement:

“Take part...Join Jesus on His mission.”

The members of Ascension Lutheran Church are committed to being God’s witnesses in Gresham, and in all of Portland and the Northwest, and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8):

With the universal Christian Church, we believe, teach and respond to the love of the Triune God— the Father, Creator of all that exists; the Son Jesus Christ, Who left His home in Heaven to become flesh and blood, to suffer and die for the sins of all peoples of the world, and Who rose from the grave, victorious over sin, death and the devil, that we too might live with Him in Heaven; and the Holy Spirit, Who creates faith in our hearts in Christ Jesus through God’s Word and Sacrament. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are one God, co-equal and co-eternal. The core teachings of our faith from the Lutheran perspective can be summarized in three short phrases: Grace alone, Scripture alone, Faith alone.

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