

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ascension of Our Lord

May 21, 2023 ~ 8:30

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**PRELUDE:** (8:30) *The Trumpet Shall Sound* ~ Edna Bloom, organ  
Chris Luckenbill, trumpet

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:**

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. **C: Amen**

P: 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.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.*

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**

**HYMN: *Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise***

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!  
To His throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!  
Enters now the highest heav'n. Alleluia!

There for Him high triumph waits; Alleluia!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!  
He hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!  
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See, He lifts His hands above; Alleluia!  
See, He shows the prints of love! Alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
Blessings on His church below. Alleluia!

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
Raise our hearts to reach Thy height, Alleluia!  
There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in Thee! Alleluia!

**GREETING:**

P: Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

**C: He Is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: 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**

**ANTHEM: *Run With Me to the Garden*** (8:30)

~ Choir  
*Edna Bloom, flute*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON:**

### **FIRST LESSON: 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.*

A: The First Lesson is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Acts.

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After 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. <sup>4</sup>While 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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But 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." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was

going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They 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.**

## **SECOND LESSON: 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: The Second Lesson is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I 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, <sup>18</sup>so 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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God 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, <sup>21</sup>far 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. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:44-53

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[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.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> And 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.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew 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 they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON:

*Pastor Amy*

**HYMN: *Take the Name of Jesus with You***

Take the name of Jesus with you, child of sorrow and of woe;  
It will joy and comfort give you—take it, then, where'er you go.  
*Refrain*

*Refrain:* Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;  
Precious name, O how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.

Take the name of Jesus ever, as a shield from ev'ry snare;  
If temptations round you gather, breathe that holy name in prayer.  
*Refrain*

O the precious name of Jesus! How it thrills our souls with joy,  
When His loving arms receive us and His songs our tongues employ!  
*Refrain*

At the name of Jesus bowing, falling prostrate at His feet,  
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown Him when our journey is complete.  
*Refrain*

**APOSTLES' CREED:**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**PRAYERS:**

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen**

**OFFERTORY: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful***



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



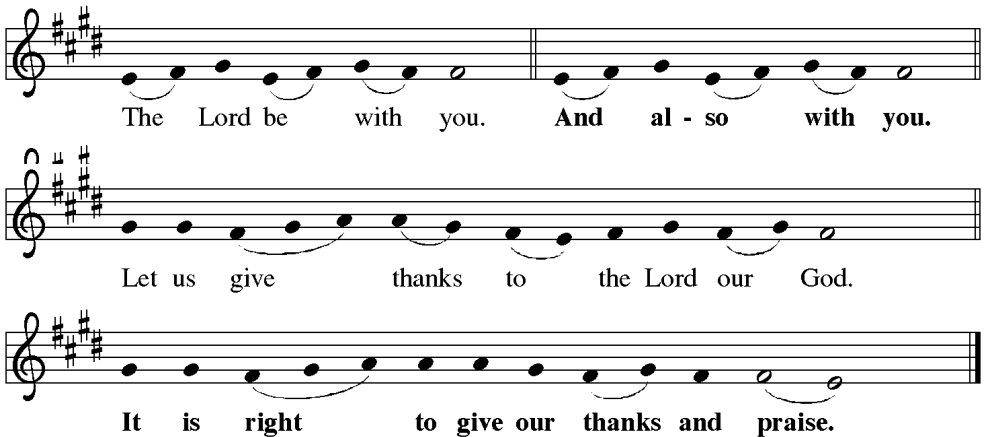
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Blessed are you

**C: O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING:



The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The first staff contains the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al - so with you." The second staff contains: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The third staff contains: "It is right to give our thanks and praise."

The Lord be with you. **And** al - so with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right** to give our thanks and praise.

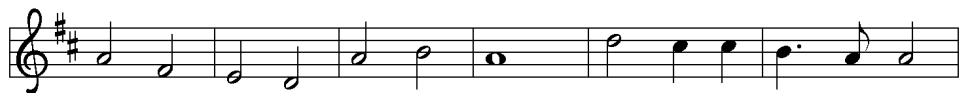
## PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who enthroned forever at your right hand intercedes for us as our great high priest.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: 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.

## THE 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**

## LAMB OF GOD:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION:

*Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:*

P: The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*The communicant may say: "Amen."*

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** (8:30) *The Love of God* ~ Edna Bloom, piano  
Chris Luckenbill, flugelhorn

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen**

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

## PRAYER:

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen**

**BLESSING:**

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

*Sung Response:* **Amen, Amen, Amen**

**HYMN: Rejoice, the Lord is King!**

1 Re - joice, the Lord is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

*Refrain*

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

**DISMISSAL:**

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:**

**OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

**Today**

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

6:00-7:30-Confirmation Event

**Monday**-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

**Tuesday**-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

**Thursday**-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

**FUTURE MINISTRIES**

**Sun-May 28**-Day of Pentecost – wear red!

9:45-Sunday School

**Mon-May 29**-*Memorial Day – office closed*

**Tues-May 30**-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

**Thurs-June 1**-6:30-Mission Trip Participant Event

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Next Sunday’s Gospel: John 16:4b-15

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**Attendance last week:**

**Sun Worship: 8:30-61; 9:45-102; 11:00-81; SCS-16**

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The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Risen Lord and in loving memory of Tiernan Conner-Park by Josie Harbison.

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**Worship Note:** Throughout the Easter season, our Pascal Candle was next to the altar and lit during each service as a sign of the risen Christ’s

presence among us. Today, we will extinguish the candle during the reading of the gospel to symbolize Jesus' ascension into heaven.

**We thank Edna Bloom and Chris Luckenbill** for the special music at the 8:30 service this morning.

**Confirmation Event . . . TONIGHT** is the final confirmation event of the school year. The event is from 6-7:30 and will be followed by a rehearsal for confirmation day for our 2023 confirmands and their parents.

**Pentecost is next Sunday, May 28.** The liturgical color of the day is red, so you are invited to wear red to worship.

**LAST CHANCE** to sign up for this summer's now 3-day Mission Trip! We will depart from the church at noon on **Monday June 19** and return at noon on **Thursday June 22.** Lots of final details are available in the May/June *Chatter* and by the registration forms in the narthex. Sign up by May 30 and please speak with or email Pastor Amy.

**Preparation Events** for Mission Trip Participants: **Thursday June 1** and **Wednesday June 7** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and **Sunday June 11** from 6-7:30 p.m.

**Attention Students** pursuing post-high school education or training: It is time to apply for consideration for the Sandy Dunlap Scholarship. Applications with detailed requirements are available in the narthex or by calling the church office and are due no later than **Wednesday May 31, 2023.**

**Some give by going, others go by giving!!** If you would like to contribute financially to the summer Mission Trip – please use one of the envelopes on the display in the narthex. Make checks payable to “Christ Lutheran Church.” Thank you!!

**The June Worship Assistant Schedule** is available in the narthex.

**Easter Season Devotions** “The Many and Beautiful Names of Jesus” are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

**Mission of the Month: Haven House** is a local shelter available to people who are homeless. By removing the emotional burden and uncertainty of homelessness and requiring a disciplined effort, guests are empowered to overcome the problem that brought them to Haven House. If you would like to make a financial gift to Haven House, please use the pew envelopes, and write “Haven House” in the “other” line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

**Food Pantry Items** for May are unsweetened cereal and/or canned milk.