

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Ascension of Our Lord ~ June 1, 2025 ~ 8:30

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES:

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 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

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: 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.

C: Amen

HYMN: *Blessed Assurance*

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *This Joyful Eastertide*

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

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: *Joyful, Joyful Sing Praise* (8:30)

~ Choir

Lily Brubaker, pianist

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 1st chapter of Acts.

[Luke writes:] In 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.

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 hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 1st chapter of Ephesians.

I 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/RESPONSE:



GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:44-53

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th 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.”⁴⁵ Then 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.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

Pastor John

HYMN: *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

My faith looks up to Thee, thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly Thine!

May thy rich grace impart, strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal in spire; as Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

When ends life's passing dream,
When death's cold, threatening stream,
Shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove; O lift me safe above,
A ransomed soul! Amen.

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: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE:

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

OFFERING:

We collect the offering as the pastor prepares the Lord's Table.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Higher Ground*

~ Bell Choir

OFFERTORY: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



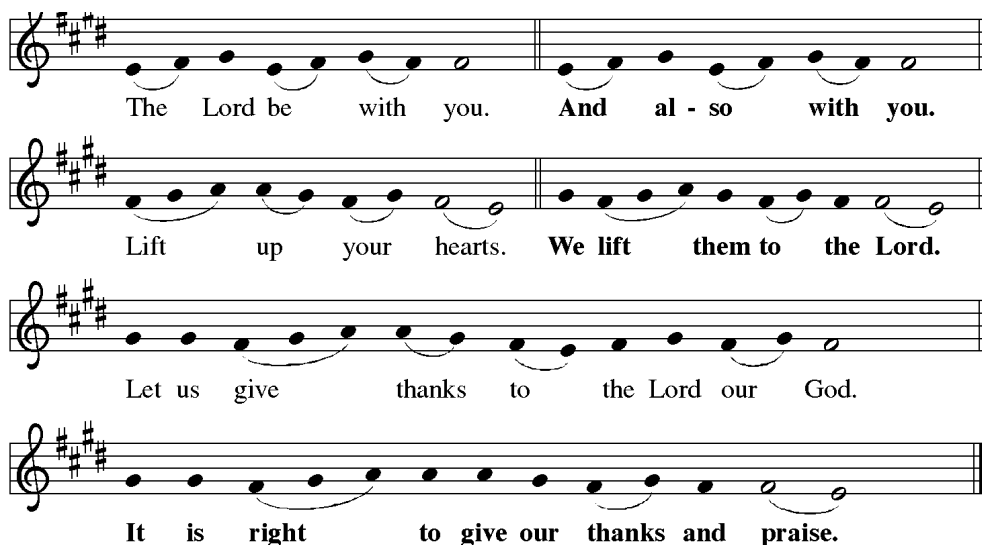
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
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 Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

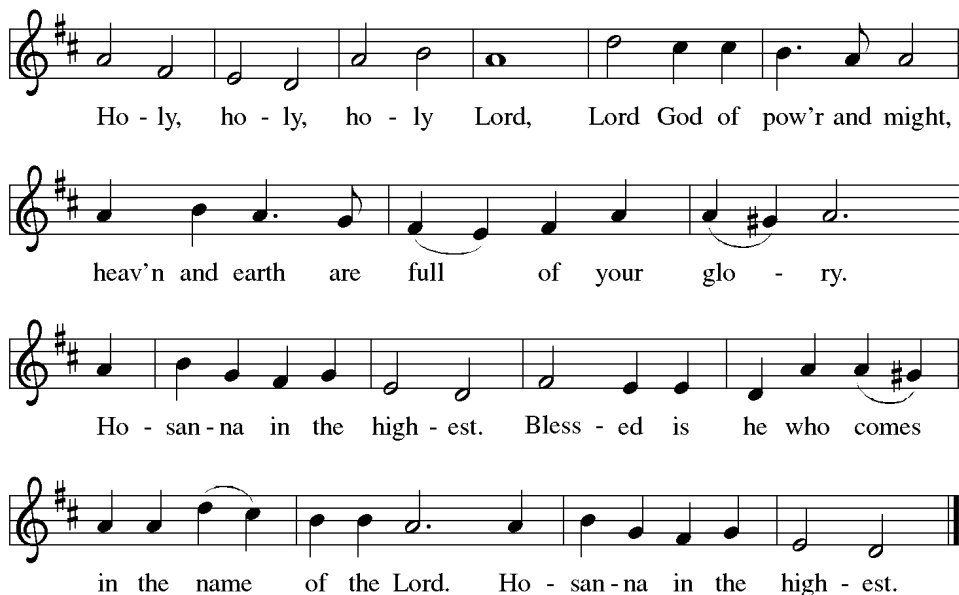
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

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:

The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: "Amen."

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his 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: *Come, We That Love the Lord*

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today-Graduate Recognition

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Sunday School

9:45-Contemporary Worship

10:30-Mission Trip Info Meeting

11:00-Traditional Worship

6:00-Confirmation Rehearsal and Wrap Up

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

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

Thursday-6:00-Traditional Choir Practice & Picnic

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-June 8-Day of Pentecost – wear red!

10:30-Reception for Confirmands

Mon-June 9-Stay at Home Mission Trip

9:00-Quilters/Sewers / 6:00-Property

Tues-June 10-Stay at Home Mission Trip

2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Wed-June 11-Stay at Home Mission Trip

Thurs-June 12-Stay at Home Mission Trip

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Next Sunday's Gospel: John 14:12-17, 25-27

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Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-37; 9:45-72; 11:00-46

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Risen Lord and in honor of Aubrey's High School Graduation by the Ott and Nelson families.

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.

Congratulations and God's Blessings on our Graduates who we recognize and bless this morning at each worship service. There is a list and details about their achievements in the June *Chatter*.

Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders **TODAY** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

An afternoon of sacred music led by Stephen Paul Toney, distinguished local organist and choir director, on **TODAY** at 2 p.m. at St. Catherine's Church in DuBois. The concert features selections from a festival choir comprised of local singers, and organ solos, followed by fellowship and reception. All are invited to attend.

Celebrating 150 years as a congregation St. John Lutheran Church in Rockton **TODAY**: worship at 10 a.m. with an Open House from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Attention Students pursuing post-high school education or training: It is time to apply for consideration for the Sandra Dunlap Scholarship. Applications are due **TODAY**.

The Summer Youth & Adult Stay-At-Home Mission Trip "YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD – SO SHINE WHERE YOU ARE!" is coming soon! This year's mission begins **next Monday, June 9** through **Thursday, June 12**. It will be a stay-at-home event serving our church and local service partners. Please attend the info meeting **TODAY** at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall or see Abbey or Pastor Amy to sign up.

Youth Community Service Event at the DuBois Area Food Pantry **Thursday June 26** from 7:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for youth in 6th through 12th grades and their friends. More info on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Sign up today!

New Organ Donations. . . If you would like to contribute toward the new organ, pledge cards and donation envelopes are available by the organ pipe display in the narthex. They may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office. Thank you!

Easter Season Devotions “God’s Gift of Life Abundant” are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Mission of the Month: The North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS) The NALS is the only Lutheran seminary in North America that is confessionally Lutheran. They educate and form pastors within the unique ethos of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). If you would like to make a financial gift in support of The NALS, please use the pew envelopes, and write “NALS” in the “other” line. Please help support the future leaders of our Lutheran Church. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

Food Pantry Items for June are CANNED CHICKEN and/or EGG NOODLES.