

St. Luke's Lutheran Church



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

Thursday, May 29, 2025 – 6:30 PM

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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
Divine Service, Setting 1
(Series C)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

It may seem that the church, the Body of Christ, has little power. Yet just as Jesus was taken out of the disciples' sight by that cloud, power and the Holy Spirit were promised to them. Paul prayed for the church in Ephesus that God would give "a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him" (Ephesians 1:17). And Jesus gave marching orders to His followers just before His ascension, orders to proclaim the forgiveness of sins in His name to all nations. How might they do that? How are we to achieve such a goal? By the grace of God, we "are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). Our Head may have ascended to glory, but His active Body has work to do—and the Spirit's power to do it!

IMAGE ON THE COVER

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. *Psalm* 47:5

▼ PREPARATION

493 A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING



5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

 \triangle 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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Please Remain Standing
The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION LSB 151

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

EXHORTATION *LSB* 151

- 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 on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.

ABSOLUTION LSB 151

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

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INTROIT

Psalm 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5

(The following hymn is based on the appointed Introit of the Day.)

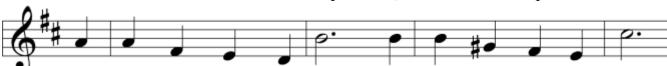
GOD HAS GONE UP WITH A SHOUT



God has gone up with a shout, The Lord with trum - pet sound.



The Lord has said un - to my Lord, "In vic - to - ry a - bound!"



The Lord has said to all, "What I say shall re - main:



A priest for - ev - er You shall be; In pow - er shall You reign"

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HYMN OF PRAISE

(Congregation sings the refrain. Max Peterson will sing the verses.)

489 HAIL THEE, FESTIVAL DAY



1 He who was nailed to the crossIs ruler and Lord of all people.All things created on earthSing to the glory of God

Refrain - Congregation Sings



2 Daily the loveliness grows, Adorned with the glory of blossom; Heaven her gateway unbars, Flinging her increase of light

Refrain - Congregation Sings



3 God the Almighty, the Lord, The ruler of earth and the heavens, Guard us from harm without; Cleanse us from evil within

Refrain - Congregation Sings



4 Jesus, the health of the world, Creator of all and redeemer, Son of the Father supreme, Only-begotten of God

Refrain - Congregation Sings



5 Spirit of life and of pow'r, Now flow in us, fount of our being, Light that enlightens us all, Life that in all may abide

Refrain - Congregation Sings



6 Praise to the giver of good!
 O Lover and Author of concord,
 Pour out Your balm on our days;
 Order our ways in Your peace

Refrain - Congregation Sings





Day when our ris - en Lord Rose in the heav - ens to reign.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 156

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Open our hearts, heavenly Father,

- that we may seek to find the ways we may serve Your gracious will until we and all the faithful rejoice forever in Your heavenly presence;
- through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

(Angels promise that Jesus will return and that Jesus' followers are witnesses.)

- In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And 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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
- L So when they had come together, they asked Him,
- "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
- **L** He said to them,
- "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But 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."
- And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.

The Paschal Candle may be extinguished.

And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and 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."
- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

- **P** Christ has risen from the dead.
- [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
- P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
- he has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 1:15-23*

(Paul thanks God that we know the power of Christ over all things.)

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.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

- P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
- death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.
- **P** Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
- C Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPELLuke 24:44-53

(Jesus commands forgiveness to be proclaimed, and then ascends in front of the disciples.)

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



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. 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.



THE RECESSION OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Paschal Candle is moved from the chancel to the baptismal font.

At the Festival of the Ascension the Paschal Candle is carried from the chancel to symbolize that Jesus did not remain with his Church in bodily form but returned to his heavenly Father's right hand in glory. The recession of the Paschal Candle does not imply that Jesus is no longer present among us, for he promised, "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I among them: (Matthew 18:20). Wherever his Word and Sacraments are, there Jesus is truly present. The recession of the Paschal Candle helps us to remember that Jesus does not himself carry the Gospel in Word and Sacraments to the world, but has appointed us to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:20). With Jesus' power and presence, we are indeed witnesses of grace.

Sit

LAMB'S MESSAGE



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Choir sings Stanzas 2 & 3

- 2 Death-destroying, life-restoring, Proven equal to our need, Now for us before the Father As our brother intercede; Flesh that for our world was wounded, Living, for the wounded plead!
- 3 To our lives of wanton wand'ring
 Send Your Spirit, promised guide;
 Through our lives of fear and failure
 With Your pow'r and love abide;
 Welcome us, as You were welcomed,
 To an endless Eastertide.



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Please Be Seated

SERMON

VOTUM

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Stand

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life 🕂 of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

 O Lord, since Your Son has gone up with a shout and the sound of a trumpet, ascended in triumph and seated at Your right hand, so open our lips to sing praises to our King, rejoicing and living in the truth of His victory for us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Father of glory, pour out the Holy Spirit upon the Church, that she may proclaim to the ends of the earth the good news of what Your Son has accomplished in His life, death, resurrection and ascension. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Almighty God, since Your Son will shatter kings when He executes judgment on the nations, keep [and] all our leaders from acting in ways that will earn them His wrath. Bless them with wisdom to govern us in accord with Your righteous ways. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Merciful Lord, Your Son has ascended to sit at Your right hand until You make all enemies His footstool. Fix our eyes on Him, ruling in the midst of His enemies, that we may have no fear of them but abide in His peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Heavenly Father, You have seated Christ at Your right hand for our deliverance. Remember those who are afflicted with illness and injury [including _____]. Give them health and strength according to Your will. Sustain them in faith, knowing that, for Jesus' sake, You will raise them in glory on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- P O Lord, keep us from hardness of heart and unbelief. Help us by Your Spirit to believe the witness of those who saw Your Son after His resurrection, that we may joyfully recline at table with Him today to eat His body and drink His blood in a worthy manner. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Blessed Lord, You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. From You all things come and to You all things must return. Receive our thanks for the saints of every generation whose fidelity has commended the faith to us. Make us also faithful in preserving the hope to which we have been called. Bring us at last to that day when all things are under Your feet, Your name is above all names, and we shall rest in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Decord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

- 1. Please **send** your offerings to St. Luke's Lutheran Church 4801 Anderson Avenue Manhattan, KS 66503
- 2. Electronic Funds Transfer Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Acts 1:11 – "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." Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended, and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach our stewardship and how we prioritize our lives.

Stand

▼ SACRAMENT

PREFACE LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.

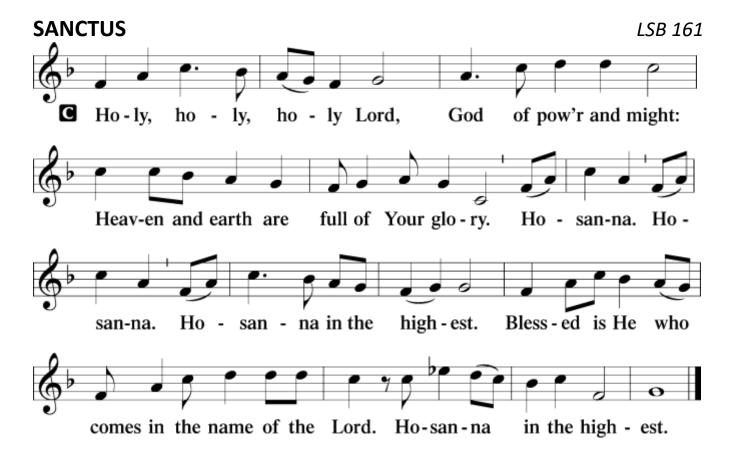


P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ, our Lord. After His resurrection, He appeared openly to His disciples and, in their sight, was taken up into heaven, where by grace we shall join the heavenly throng after as many days as You provide. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have not left us alone in this world.
- We believe that our Savior, whom the disciples saw ascend, is with us today, as is the Holy Spirit.
- P Grant us to eat and drink faithfully of the fruits of Jesus' cross and to receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.
- C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ⅓ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

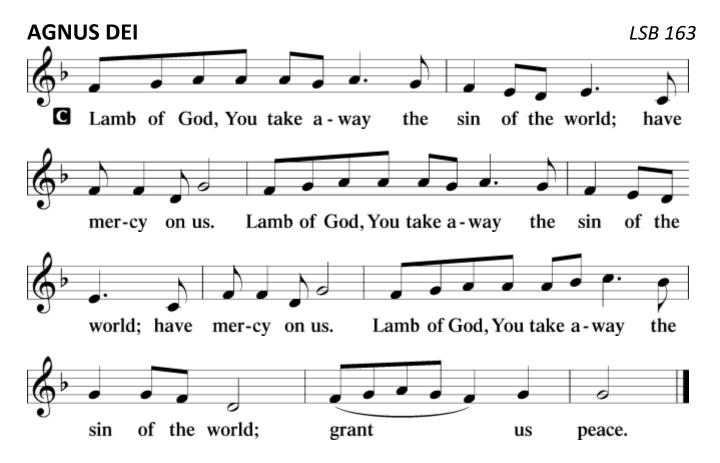
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C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Sit

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, s He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first. They then distribute the body and blood of Christ to those in the pews who are unable to come forward, and then finally to those who come forward.

Distribution and dismissal will be done by half tables.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

494 SEE, THE LORD ASCENDS IN TRIUMPH



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495 LOOK, YE SAINTS, THE SIGHT IS GLORIOUS



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LSB 164



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek 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



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

LSB 166

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us in every way through this Sacrament,

- and we pray that we shall reflect our Savior's continued presence with us in all that we think, say, and do;
- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION LSB 166

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

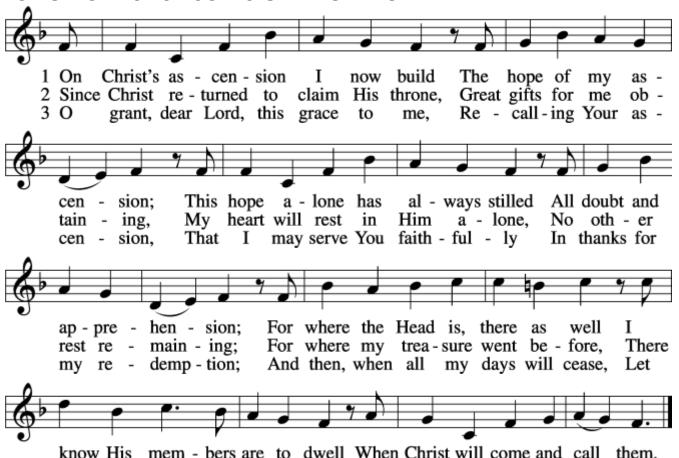
give you peace.



GREET ONE ANOTHER

Please Greet One Another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you", or "The peace of the Lord be with you" or, "The Lord be with you".

492 ON CHRIST'S ASCENSION I NOW BUILD



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them. all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn-ing. me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead-ing.

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