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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD | Sunday, May 12, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE INVOCATION *and* GATHERING PRAYER

P: We gather under the sign of the cross, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

C: Almighty God, Jesus ascended to the throne at your right hand. Help us to trust in his never-ending presence that we may bear witness to your grace until the day when we celebrate with all the saints around your throne; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise (*page 8*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: The psalmist writes: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the path everlasting." We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about the mistakes we make. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God:

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name and what our hearts can no longer bear. Set us free from a past that we cannot change and grant us grace to grow more and more into your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

P: God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but have eternal life. It is true that we have sinned. But it is a greater truth that we are forgiven through God's love in Jesus Christ. To all who humbly seek the mercy of God He says, "your sins are forgiven."

C: Amen!

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for Soprano (S) and Alto (A) voices. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of". The second staff continues the lyrics: "hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". The third staff has a "div." (divisi) marking above the first measure and a "unis." (unison) marking above the second measure. The lyrics are: "san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes". The fourth staff continues the lyrics: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the". The fifth staff has a "div." marking above the first measure and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est."

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

The apostles questioned Jesus concerning the time when the Holy Spirit would appear. In reply, Jesus told them the time was not theirs to know, but when it happened, they were to share the good news in their own city and beyond. Having thus commissioned the apostles, Jesus ascended into heaven.

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.”

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 47

The psalmist proclaims that God is Lord over all the earth; sing to the Lord your highest praise. He is Lord over princes and rulers, godless nations, and all people. God is exalted above all things.

R: 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.

R: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

C: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

R: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

C: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

R: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

C: God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

R: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

The author of Ephesians prays that the members of the church in Ephesus will continue in their faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ, receiving wisdom and revelation from the Holy Spirit so that they might better know God; all this so that they might know the hope to which they have been called.

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 the 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.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:44-53

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

⁴⁴Then he 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 for the 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." ⁵⁰And 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 our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON: Wait and Worship

HYMN OF THE DAY: Give to our God Immortal Praise.....RECLAIM No. 12

OFFERING PRESENTATION

As the usher brings forward the offering, please stand to sing:



Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in this peace and in community with one another, let us confess our faith:

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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition ends with the words “Lord, in your mercy.” Respond by saying, “Hear our prayer.”

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.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (*page 9*)

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, loving and serving in the name of our crucified and risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Mike Youngerberg

Ushers: Daryl and Rita Schoemaker

Greeters: Don Peterson and Pastor Aaron

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Worship! Resurrection Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and cross-focused member congregation of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

Thank-you for your **tithes and offerings** to help further the mission of Resurrection Lutheran Church. An offering plate has been placed by the entrance doors into the Sanctuary for your convenience. Venmo users can scan the QR code found in the pew racks.

Today is your final opportunity to register for the **Women's Retreat** this coming Saturday, May 18th! Our speakers and the planning team are so excited to offer this special day for women to come together and fellowship while diving into the Word and deeper relationship with one another. Registration forms are out on the Welcome Center desk.

The liturgical color for the Day of Pentecost is the red of fire, a symbol for the Holy Spirit. Scripture often portrays God's transforming presence through the symbol of fire: Moses and the burning bush, the pillar of fire that led the people of Israel through the wilderness, the fires of the temple that consumed sacrificial offerings. The fire of the Pentecost story signifies how a collection of fearful disciples was transformed by the Spirit into a bold and active Church. **Let us celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit's continued presence in the body of believers, by wearing red to worship next Sunday, May 19th!**

Birthdays this week: Marilyn Anderson (today), Sarah Deutsch (15th)

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	May 12	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School
Monday	May 13	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	May 14	6:30pm	Church Council
Wednesday	May 15	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Book Discussion
Thursday	May 16	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	May 19	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship/Sunday School

Hail the Day That Sees Him

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1. Hail the day that sees Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. There for Him high tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. See! the heaven its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. See! He lifts His hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!

to His throne a - bove the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
 yet He loves the earth He leaves, Al - le - lu - ia!
 See, He shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 He has con - quered death and sin. Al - le - lu - ia!
 though re - turn - ing to His throne, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 still He calls the world His own. Al - le - lu - ia!
 bless - ings on His church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. Thomas Cotterill, 1820 (Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-51)
 MUSIC: Robert Williams, 1817; arr. John Roberts, 1837

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A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers
sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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