

Resurrection Lutheran Church

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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD | Sunday, May 29, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you haven't already, please consider signing the friendship pad at the end of your pew.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our service begins by invoking the name of the one who claimed us in Baptism. These opening sentences shift our attention away from ourselves and the distractions of the world onto the one whom we gather to hear from through His precious Word and Sacraments.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God, you reign! Robed in majesty and armed with strength, you hold our world and our lives in your hands.

C: **Your throne has stood for eternity. From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

P: Even when the waters rise up; when surging seas threaten to overwhelm, and pounding waves crash around us,

C: **we know you are mightier. You are more powerful than the enemies we face.**

P: Sing to God with songs of joy! For Christ has ascended with shouts of triumph.

C: **Our Lord is exalted on high. He is sovereign over all the nations, and Lord of our lives. Let's worship him together.**

HYMN: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vss. 1,3,5, 6).....RECLAIM No. 16

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

As an assembly of sinners, we come before God each Sunday morning to admit our faults, failures, and guilt. The word of absolution speaks the Gospel into our ears and assures that because of Christ's death at Calvary, every one of our sins is covered.

P: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence, drawing near to

the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find help in times of need. Christ, the light of the world, has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: Gracious God,

C: We confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You, who were lost, are found. Hear the good news of the Gospel: in accordance to the command of our Lord Jesus, and by his authority alone, I forgive you the entirety of all your sins.

C: Amen.

THE HYMN OF GLORY

These words are a response to the gracious and steadfast mercy of God, who pours out his love on undeserving sinners. Together we lift our voices in a song of praise to the trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit – for the gift of salvation and new life.



1. God, Fa - ther we will raise your name; we wor-ship and a - dore, We
2. Sing, "Glo - ry be to you, O Lord; to you, O Christ be praise. The
3. O glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Spi-rit ev - er be! God,



bless and praise and give our thanks; your mer - cry we im - plore.
lamb of love from hea'vn a - bove, re - dee - mer of our race.
bring your life a - midst our strife, and reign tri - umph - ant - ly.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

All: Almighty God, Jesus ascended to 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 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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11 (ESV)

The apostles questioned Jesus concerning the time when the promised Holy Spirit would appear. In reply, Jesus told them that the time was not theirs to know, but when it happened, they were to share the Good News concerning Jesus in their own city and beyond.

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 (ESV)

The psalmist proclaimed 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.

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 (ESV)

Paul prayed that the church in Ephesus would continue in their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, receiving wisdom from the Holy Spirit so they might better know God. All this was so they might know the hope to which they have been called, centered in the resurrection.

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!

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



high, O Truth un-changed, un - chang - ing, O
 Light of our dark sky: we praise you for the ra - dianc - e that
 from the hal - lowed page, a lan - tern to our
 foot - steps, shines on from age to age.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:44-53 (ESV)

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: Walt and Worship

HYMN OF THE DAY: Beautiful Savior.....RECLAIM No. 252

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

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

1 We give thee but thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Having heard the Word of God, we respond with these words. By confessing one of the Church's most ancient and historic creeds, we express our unity in the faith; the same faith the universal body of Christ has confessed throughout countless generations of believers.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM: I Stand Amazed in the Presence (*arr: Keith Christopher*)

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: Crown Him with Many Crowns (vss. 1,3,5,6).....RECLAIM No. 22

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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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. To learn more about our association of churches please visit www.lcmc.net.

Friendship Pad: Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the friendship pad at the end of your pew before the service begins or during announcements. This allows us to fully appreciate those with us in worship and better connect with our guests.

Worshippers are invited to wear the color red next week on Pentecost Sunday. The color red symbolizes the presence of the Holy Spirit as it fell in the form of fire on the disciples that first Pentecost in Jerusalem. May we celebrate the presence of God's Spirit today as it still burns across the Church and in the believers of Jesus Christ!

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Aaron L. Deutsch

Keyboardist: Nikki Basel

Reader: Helen Meschke

Ushers: Brad Matthes and Doug Mayer

Greeters: Don Peterson & Pastor Aaron

Tech Team: Mike and Vicki Youngerberg

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THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	May 29	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	May 30	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	June 1	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Worship Committee Meeting
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	June 2	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Sunday	June 5	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship