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The Ascension of Our Lord | Sunday, May 21, 2023

PRELUDE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: O How Majestic *(by Ruth Elaine Schram)*

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 we celebrate with all the saints around your throne; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord: God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in the darkness, we lie and the truth is not in us. But if we walk in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus washes away all our sin. Let us confess our faults to God, knowing that he will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

P: God who knows us,

C: you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We

have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. Forgive us our sins, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: People of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Hear the promise first given in Baptism: you are God's child; your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the kingdom of heaven!

C: Amen.

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

We sing a hymn of praise to God as a response to the proclamation of forgiveness

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

Luke recounts Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit to the newly formed church. He commissioned the disciples to be witnesses to all that they have seen and heard while they were with him.

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 sings about God being King over the whole creation. This psalm foreshadows the ascension of Jesus into heaven, “God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.”

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 name of Jesus is above all names in every age — past, present and future. There is no hope that could be greater than in this One who presides over heaven and earth, seated at God’s right hand.

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. 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: Promises, Promises

HYMN: Nearer, My God, to Thee (vss. 1-4).....RECLAIM No. 255

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 NICENE 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:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day

he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC: Come to Jesus (by Chris Rice)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, for in the night of his betrayal...

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION ACCLAMATION

Save us, save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim your death until you come again. Remember us, therefore, in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Resurrection Lutheran's communion practices can be found on the "Come To The Table" instructional in your pew. If you are a visitor or guest, please consider referencing this card.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (see back of the bulletin)

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God!

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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. Members and visitors are encouraged to sign the **friendship pad** at the end of your pew.

Plants and Praise: Resurrection Lutheran's Women of the Word (WOW) will meet this Saturday, May 27th at 10:00am. Bring a seed packet of your favorite plant or bring your favorite plant with you! Our speaker will be Kim Erickson. We will hear all about orchids!

Joy For the Journey will not meet this week on Thursday as previously planned. The group has decided to meet monthly, opposed to twice a month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 8th at 1:00pm in the Fireside Room.

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 Church and believers of Jesus Christ by wearing red next Sunday, May 28th!**

THIS WEEK AT RESURRECTION LUTHERAN

Sunday	May 21	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship
Monday	May 22	10:00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	May 24	Noon	Lectionary Lunch
		1:00pm	Women's Bible Study
		5:30pm	Choir Rehearsal
		6:30pm	Adult Bible Study
Thursday	May 25	8:00am	Men's Bible Study
Saturday	May 27	10:00am	WOW Gathering
Sunday	May 28	9:30am	Worship
		10:30am	Fellowship

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing; new songs 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 an - gels, draw - ing nigh: "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4. "A - gain shall you be - hold him so as you to - day have seen him



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 fol - low - ers they
sky?" *Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!* "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
go, *Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!* in glo - rious pomp as - cend - ing



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
see Je - sus' re - splen - dent ma - jes - ty. *Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -*
say. "This is his no - ble tri - umph day.
high, up to the por - tals of the sky."



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



The Venerable Bede, 673-735
Tr. Benjamin Webb, 1854; alt.

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