

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church
Ascension Sunday
May 21, 2023

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Ushers for today: Guy and Ken

Celebrate Christ's Ascension!

Read Before the Service: Psalm 110 Hymnal pg. 146

Welcome in the name of our Ascended Lord.

Invocation:

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



C: A - men.

P: Rejoice, Rejoice Believers! Your King comes to you; no longer lowly riding on a colt the foal of a donkey. Rather, Jesus says:

C: “Hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven.” (Matthew 26:64)

P: This is the Day which the Lord has made,

C: We will rejoice and be glad in it. (Psalm 118:24)

Opening Hymn: 212 st. 1-5 A Hymn of glory Let us Sing

1. A Hymn of glory let us sing: New songs throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascendeth to the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand;

Alleluia! Alleluia! And with His followers they see
Jesus' resplendent majesty.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. To whom the angels, drawing nigh, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?
Alleluia! Alleluia! This is the Savior!" thus they say;
"This is His noble triumph-day."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. "Again shall ye behold Him so As ye today have seen Him go,
Alleluia! Alleluia! In glorious pomp ascending high,
Up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. Oh, grant us thitherward to tend And with unwearied hearts ascend
Alleluia! Alleluia! Unto Thy kingdom's throne, where Thou,
As is our faith, art seated now.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession of sins:

P: Thus says the Lord: "The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately wicked; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds." (Jer. 17:9-10)

C: "Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up His soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully." (Ps. 24:3,4)

P: O Father, we enter Your holy place to worship You. However, we are sinners. Oh, cleanse us from our sins for Jesus' sake, so that with pure hearts and clean lips we can sing Your praises.

C: O Lord, You have searched me and known me. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all. You have seen the evil that I have done and the good that I left undone. Clinging to the cross of Jesus Christ, I appeal to You for mercy. Cleanse me in Jesus' blood. Purify my mind from every evil thought, my lips from every evil word, my hands from every evil deed. Renew my heart by the working of Your Holy Spirit so that I may present my body as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to You, which is my spiritual service of worship.

P: Be of good cheer, children of God, for the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all our sins, and He is now our Advocate with the Father. For His sake God has forgiven all your sins. We are now holy and blameless before God and our worship is pleasing to Him.

ALL Sing:

(Melody Hymn 198):

*Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are God's own.*

Responsive Reading:

P: Christ has ascended up on high.

C: And Has led captivity captive. Hallelujah!

P: You men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven?

**C: This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come
in like manner as you have seen Him go into heaven.**

P: Oh, clap your hands, all you people:

C: Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Sing:

Hymn 213

Hail the day that sees Him rise To His throne above the skies!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n,
Reascends His native heav'n.

P: Christ has ascended up on high, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for
ever,

**C: He has sat down on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and
powers being made subject unto him.**

P: Oh, sing with exultation, sing to the Lord, rejoice,

C: And in His congregation shout with triumphant voice.

P: For, lo, at God's right hand is Christ in glory seated;

C: With death and hell defeated, as Victor doth command.

Sing:

There the glorious triumph waits: Lift your heads, eternal gates.
He hath conquered death and sin;
Take the King of Glory in!

P: Christ has ascended up on high, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for
ever,

C: He has sat down on the right hand of God;

P: If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the
righteous.

**C: And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only
but also for the sins of the whole world.**

P: God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their
trespasses unto them,

C: And has committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Sing:

Still for us He intercedes; His prevailing death He pleads,
Near Himself prepares our place, Harbinger of human race.

There we shall with Thee remain Partners of Thy endless reign,
There Thy face unclouded see, Find our heaven of heavens in Thee.

Prayer:

P: Oh Lord God almighty, we know and believe that Your Son, Jesus Christ, has ascended into heaven after He had defeated death and the devil. May we set our hearts on things above where Christ our Savior is, that we may dwell with Him; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: C: A - men.

Scripture Readings - John 16:4b - 15

“And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you. 5 “But now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. 8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; 11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

Acts 1:4-11

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of

the earth.” 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

Psalm for the Day: *From Psalm 47*

P: Clap your hands, all peoples!

C: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

P: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

C: A great King over all the earth.

P: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

C: The LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

P: Sing Praises to God, sing Praises!:

C: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

P: For God is the King of all the earth;

C: Sing praises with a psalm! Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

P: God reigns over the nations;

C: God sits on His holy throne. He is highly exalted!Hallelujah!

Scripture Reading - Revelation 5:8-14

8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying:

“Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, forever and ever!”

14 Then the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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

Confession of Faith: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come 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.

Hymn: 799 This is the Feast of Victory for our God.

Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God? (Refrain)

2 Power, riches and wisdom and strength,
And honor and blessing and glory are his. (Refrain)

3 Sing with all the people of God And join in the hymn of all creation. (Refrain)

4 Blessing and honor and glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (Refrain)

5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. (Refrain)

Sermon: Text: Luke 24:44-53

“44 Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. 46 Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things. 49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.” 50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. 51 Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.”

Theme:

Rejoice in Christ's Ascension!

- I. We Rejoice to Know His True Identity and Worship Him.**
- II. We Rejoice to See Christ Reigning over all things.**
- III. We Rejoice to Reign WITH Christ our King!**

Hymn: 221 Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

1. Hark! ten thousand harps and voices Sound the note of praise above;
Jesus reigns, and heaven rejoices,-- Jesus reigns, the God of Love.
See, He sits on yonder throne; Jesus rules the world alone.
2. Come, ye saints, unite your praises With the angels round His throne;
Soon, we hope, our God will raise us To the place where He is gone.
Meet it is that we should sing, "Glory, glory, to our King!"

3. Sing how Jesus came from heaven, How He bore the cross below,
How all power to Him is given, How He reigns in glory now;
'Tis a great and endless theme, Oh, 'tis sweet to sing of Him!
4. Jesus, hail! Thy glory brightens All above and gives it worth;
Lord of Life, Thy smile enlightens, Cheers, and charms Thy saints on earth.
When we think of love like Thine, Lord, we own it love divine.
5. King of Glory, reign forever; Thine an everlasting crown.
Nothing from Thy love shall sever Those whom Thou hast made Thine own,
Happy objects of Thy grace, Destined to behold Thy face.
6. Savior, hasten Thine appearing; Bring, oh, bring, the glorious day
When, the awe-full summons hearing, Heaven and earth shall pass away;
Then with golden harps we'll sing, "Glory, glory, to our King!"

Offering:

Sing while bringing up the offering) **Melody of Hymn 568**

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You,
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

Prayers:

The 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.

P: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts
and minds through Christ Jesus.

The image shows the musical notation for the offering melody. It consists of three staves of music in a 3/4 time signature, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Cre ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re
 6 new a right spir— it with in me—— Cast me not a -
 12 way from your pre-sence, and take not your ho-ly Spir - it from me.—

— Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

22 hold me with your spir - it free. Cre - ate in me a clean

28 heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

The Benediction “From all that Dwell Below the Skies”

Pastor: The Gracious Lord grant unto you,
His Grace and blessing ever new,

Cong: Lord be Gracious! Grant Your Blessing!

Pastor: Look down upon Your children here,
Grant us Your Peace, remove our fear.

Cong: Lord be Gracious! Grant Your Blessing!

God we praise You, and adore You!

ALLELUIA!

Closing Hymn: 738 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood.

Jesus, out of every nation, Has redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the angels Sweep across the crystal sea.

3 Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,

Never shall we lose His promise: “I am with you evermore!”



Scripture Treasure to Remember

“Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:25

This Week

Today - Sunday School and Bible Class at 11:20

Thursday - Shut-in visit with George Rosenberg, 1:30
PCPC Study Club at 4:00

Friday - Shut-in visit with Rosemarie, 11:00

Next Sunday - Pentecost Service - at 10:00

This will be our last Sunday School and Bible Class for the Summer

Spokesman and Daily Rest Subscriptions

The subscription for the Spokesman and the Daily Rest are due in June. The cost of the annual subscription is \$20 CAD for the Spokesman and \$21 CAD for the Daily Rest. There is a sign up sheet for the Daily Rest. You can add the amounts to your offering and mark it for the Spokesman or Daily Rest or both.

Youth Retreat

We are wondering how many would be interested in a Youth Retreat to Spectrum Lake or some other destination. Let the pastor know if you are interested so we can plan dates and place.

CLC News

Pastor Sam Naumann of Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi, TX, has received the call to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI.

Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran in Dallas, TX is considering the call to be the third pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI.

Zion Lutheran Church in Ipswich, SD is celebrating 100 Years of God's Grace on Sunday, July 16th, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. Pastor Mark Tiefel will be preaching for the occasion. He is a grandson of Pastor Leland Grams, who served Zion for 31 years.

May Birthdays and Baptisms

Megan Johnston		6th
Maia Johnston	20th	
Justine Harding	20th	20th
Lylah Harding	26th	26th