

May 16, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter: Ascension of the Lord

9:30 AM



Blessings and Promises

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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love** and **Forgiveness.*****

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build* **CW # 173**



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, Great gifts for me ob -
3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing your as -



cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and ap - pre -
tain - ing, My heart shall rest in him a - lone, No oth - er rest re -
cen - sion, That I may serve you faith - ful - ly, A - dorn - ing your re -



hen - sion; For where the head is, there as well I know his
main - ing, For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There all my
demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let me de -



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

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Confession and Absolution:

L: The Grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also, with you.

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

L: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: AMEN

Prayer and Praise

L: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayers, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

L: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our pray, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy

L: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy

L: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L: Lord Jesus, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, who appointed you to be head over everything for the sake of the Church. According to your plans you will gather the elect from all nations to be united in you. There, we will praise and adore you with all the saints. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson:

Acts 1:1–11

L: In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, Jesus showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive.

C: He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

L: ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ⁶ So when they met together, they asked him,

C: “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

L: ⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

C: ⁹ After Jesus said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

L: ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” (The Word of our God)

Psalm 47

Refrain **Psalm 47**

Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.

Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm tone *

Clap your hands, all you nations;*
shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the LORD Most High,*
the great King over all the earth!

God reigns over the nations;*
God is seated on his holy throne.

Refrain

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,*
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;*
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;*
sing to him a psalm of praise.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

2nd Lesson:

Ephesians 1:16-23

¹⁶ I (Paul) have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

That power is like the working of his mighty strength, ²⁰ which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Word of the Lord)

Hymn: *We Have a Sure Prophetic Word*..... CW # 291



1 We have a sure pro - phet - ic Word By in - spi -
2 By pow'rs of em - pire banned and burned, By pa - gan
3 What - e'er the Word in times of old Of fu - ture
4 A - bid - ing, stead - fast, firm, and sure, The teach - ings



ra - tion of the Lord, And, though as - sailed on ev -
pride re - ject - ed, spurned, The Word still stands, the Chris -
days and deeds fore - told Is all ful - filled while a -
of the Word en - dure. Blest all who trust this stead -



'ry hand, Je - ho - vah's Word shall ev - er stand.
tian's trust, While haugh - ty em - pires lie in dust.
ges roll, As traced on the pro - phet - ic scroll.
fast Word; Their an - chor holds in Christ, the Lord.

Gospel:

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴ Jesus said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. (The Gospel of our Lord)

Hymn: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing CW # 171 Stz 1-4

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up to the

out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As - cends un - to the
 And with his fol - low - ers they see Their Lord as - cend in
 "This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This is his glo - rious
 "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re - turn - ing in great

throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

With His Promises and Blessings, We Wait!



Apostles' Creed: *(together we confess)*

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***

Prayer: Lord Jesus, you are the great champion of our salvation by your victory over sin, death, and Satan. We praise you for completing the perfect plan of redemption. We rejoice that you live and rule with all authority in heaven and on earth. Today, we ask that you would continue to guide us by the light of your word and the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. Assure us that through faith in you, all our sins are forgiven, our life here on earth is worth living, and death holds no terrors. For you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. This we ask in your name, who taught us to pray...

Lord's Prayer: *(traditional)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen *(seated)*

Hymn: *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* CW # 175 Stz 1-4

1 Hail the day that sees him rise To his throne a - bove the skies!
 2 There the glo-rious tri-umph waits: Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates.
 3 See, the heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Yet he loves the earth he leaves;
 4 See, he lifts his hands a - bove; See, he shows the prints of love.

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n.
 He has con - quered death and sin; Take the King of glo - ry in!
 Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Still he calls man - kind his own.
 Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.

Praise and Prayers:

We ask the Lord to guide the hands of the surgeon and to bring healing to **Keely Taylor** as she undergoes back surgery on Tuesday.

Scott and Renae Schweitzer have placed flowers in church to give thanks to the Lord as they celebrate their 23 wedding anniversary.

We rejoice as we gather in worship, fellowship, and Bible study with unmasked faces. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.

Cleaning Schedule

June 5 Meister family
 June 19 K. Kellner, P. Taylor, C. Rogers

Birthdays and Anniversaries 2021

May

4	Ray and Jan Williams	31
5	Bob Pieper	
13	Nathaniel Krause	
16	Jenalee McFadden	
16	Scott & Renae Schweitzer	23
18	Chyanne Ryan	
23	Mark & Karen Fostervold	24
24	Tim Carne	
26	JoHannah Galbreath	