

The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)
LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
Olney, Maryland

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WELCOME

PRELUDE

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

(Stand)

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821 sts. 1-2, 5



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the



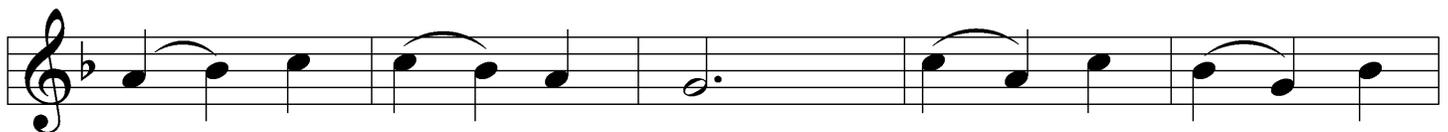
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the
left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is
scep - ter, His the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the



tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived Him When the
Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der



like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of
for - ty days were o'er, Shall our hearts for -
like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of



ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."
get His prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by His blood."

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+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5

God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”**

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

**The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**

**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.**

God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

KYRIE

LSB 152

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let
us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.



THIS IS THE FEAST

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

(Sit)

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1–11

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. ³To them he presented himself alive 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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 47; antiphon: v. 5

¹Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

²**For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,**

a great king over all the earth.

³He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

**⁴He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

⁵God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

⁷For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

**⁸God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.**

⁹The 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!

**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.**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15–23

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 a 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

ALLELUIA

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493 sts. 1-2, 5



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
 be our fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers
 al - le - lu - ia! Then, throned with You for - ev - er,



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
 we Shall praise Your name e - ter - nal -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 ly. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



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

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:11b-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Sit)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE



The Ascension
JESUS MAFA

HYMN OF THE DAY

Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious

LSB 495



1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glo - rious; See the Man of
2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels, crown Him! Rich the tro - phies
3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned Him, Mock - ing thus the
4 Hark, those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark, those loud tri -



Sor - rows now! From the fight re - turned vic - to - rious,
Je - sus brings; On the seat of pow'r en - throne Him
Sav - ior's claim; Saints and an - gels crowd a - round Him,
um - phant chords! Je - sus takes the high - est sta - tion;



Ev - 'ry knee to Him shall bow. Crown Him! Crown Him!
While the vault of heav - en rings. Crown Him! Crown Him!
Own His ti - tle, praise His name. Crown Him! Crown Him!
Oh, what joy the sight af - fords! Crown Him! Crown Him!



Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crowns be - come the
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown the Sav - ior
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Spread a - broad the
Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! Crown Him! King of kings and



vic - tor's brow. Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.
King of kings. Crown the Sav - ior King of kings.
vic - tor's fame. Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame.
Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!

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SERMON

Pastor Timothy Boerger

(Stand)

APOSTLES' CREED

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**



Ascension of Christ

Gosar, Ivan
National Museum of American History

(Sit)

HYMN

Because He Lives

William J. Gaither

VERSE

Ab/Eb Eb7 Ab Ab7/C Db

1. God sent His Son- _____ They called Him Je - sus; _____ He came to
 2. How sweet to hold _____ our new - born ba - by, _____ and feel the
 3. And then one day _____ I'll cross that riv - er; _____ I'll fight life's

5 Ab Eb7/Bb Ab/C Db Ab/Eb E7 Bbm7/F Eb7 Cm/Eb Eb7 Ab

love, _____ heal and for - give. _____ He bled and died _____
 pride _____ and joy he gives; _____ But great - er still _____
 fi - nal war with pain. _____ And then, as death _____

10 Ab/C Eb/Bb Ab7 Db Dbm6 Ab/Eb

— to buy my par - don; _____ An emp - ty grave is there to
 — the calm as - sur - ance: _____ This child can face un - cer - tain
 — gives way to vic - t'ry, _____ I'll see the lights of glo - ry

CHORUS

14 Eb7 Ab Ab/Eb Ab/C Eb/Bb Ab Ab7/C

prove my Sav - ior lives. Be - cause He lives _____ I can face to -
 days be-cause Christ lives.
 and I'll know He reigns.

19 Db Ab Eb7/Bb Ab/C Fm7 Bbm7

-mor - row; _____ Be - cause He lives, _____ all fear is gone. _____

24 Eb Eb/Db Ab/C Eb Ab Eb7/Bb Ab/C Ab Ab7sus Ab7 Db

— Be - cause I know _____ He holds the fu - ture, _____

28 Dbm6 Ab/Eb Ab/Gb F7 Bb7 Eb7 Ab

— and life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause He lives. _____

(Stand)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

PRAYER FOR GOOD COURAGE

P Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give

us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

(Sit)

HYMN TO DEPART

Draw Us to Thee

LSB 701



1 Draw us to Thee,	For then shall we	Walk in Thy
2 Draw us to Thee,	Lord, lov - ing - ly;	Let us de -
3 Draw us to Thee;	O grant that we	May walk the
4 Draw us to Thee	That al - so we	Thy heav'n - ly
5 Draw us to Thee	Un - ceas - ing - ly,	In - to Thy



steps for - ev - er	And has - ten on	Where Thou art
part with glad - ness	That we may be	For - ev - er
road to heav - en!	Di - rect our way	Lest we should
bliss in - her - it	And ev - er dwell	Where sin and
king - dom take us;	Let us for - e'er	Thy glo - ry



gone	To be with Thee,	dear Sav	- ior.
free	From sor - row,	grief, and sad	- ness.
stray	And from Thy	paths be driv	- en.
hell	No more can	vex our spir	- it.
share,	Thy saints and	joint heirs	make us.

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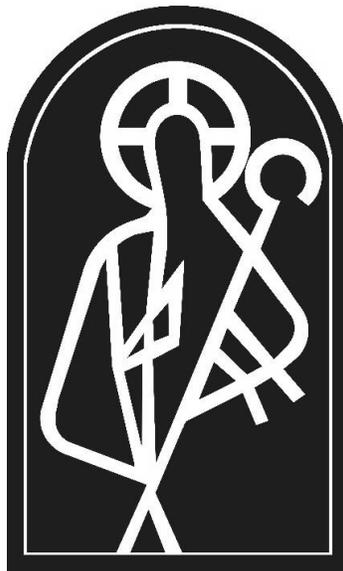
ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



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+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

(Stand)

PREFACE

LSB 208

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

(In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:)

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C **Amen.**