



The Ascension of Our Lord

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Welcome and Notices

Prelude

“Prologue on 'Ascension'”

Healey Willan

(Stand) Invocation and Confession

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

(Kneel Sit)

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

C: and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

L: Most Merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in his name he gives power to become children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. They who believe and are baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

C: Amen.

(Stand) Greeting

L: He is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Entrance Hymn

ELW 392

“Alleluia! Sing To Jesus”

Text: William C. Dix; Tune Rouland H. Prichard

- 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 ev’ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.”**
- 2. 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,
Shall our hearts forget his promise:
“I am with you evermore”?**

3. **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 sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

4. **Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth you foot stool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
Robed in flesh, our great high priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.**

5. **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 ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by his blood."**

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

L: Let us pray.

C: **O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, ““May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and ““Let another take his office.’

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know

the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Second Lesson

1 John 5:9-15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Stand) Verse

“Alleluia”



The Holy Gospel

John 17:11b-19

R: The 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.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Sit) Message

(Stand) Hymn of the Day “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

ELW 393

Text: The Venerable Bede, tr. 1978. Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesange.

Tune (c) 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Setting: From the English Hymnal

- 1. A hymn of glory let us sing!**
New hymns through-out the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto 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 faithful foll’wers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 3. To whom shining angels cry.**
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
“This is the Savior!” Thus they say,
“This is his glorious triumph day!”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 4. “You see him now, ascending high**
Up to the portals of the sky.”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty.”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 5. O Lord, our homeward pathway bend,
That our unwearied hearts ascend.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Where, seated on your Father's throne,
You reign as King of kings alone.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 6. Give us your joy on earth, O Lord,
In heav'n to be our great reward.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
When throned with you forever, we
Shall praise your name eternally.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 7. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Nicene Creed

**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 catholic 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.**

(Kneel/Sit) Prayers

We come to you god- with op -en heartspray ing To ask for your heal ing and
7
bless -ing a bound. We pray to you knee ling with heads bowed in -
12
wit ness the glo - ry of your pow - er and un bound -less love.

Text: Ben Harris
Music: KREMSER, A Valerius, *Nederlanatsch Gedenckelanck*, 1626

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs:

(After each portion of the prayers:)

C: Hear our prayer.

(The prayers conclude:)

L: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

(Stand) Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All may greet one another with a word of peace.

The Gathering of Gifts

Any tithes or offerings may be placed into the offering plate by the entrance to the Sanctuary at the beginning or the end of service. For those who are worshipping with us via live-stream, please consider mailing your offering to the Church office or giving online through our website

Anthem

Senior Choir

“Father of Light”

Craig Courtney

(Stand) Presentation of Gifts

L: Gracious God, through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, you have given immeasurable grace to us. May our offerings reflect the grace we have received, and symbolise lives committed to the service of our risen Lord. Amen.

ELW674

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Text: Fred Kaan; Music, Jamaican Folk Tune;

Adapt: Doreen Potter; Setting: Michael Barkhardt

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- 1. Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breath again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**
- 2. Christ is able to make us one
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breath again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: In the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread;

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us;

**Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

L: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Solo

Goin’ Up Yonder

Walter Hawkins

If you wa-nna know _____ where_ I'm_ go-ing_ _____
 I can take the pain, _____ the heart-aches they bring, _____ the

wh-ere I'm_ go-ing_ _____ so-on_ _____ If
 com-fort's there in know-ing_ _____ I'll soon be gone. _____ As

any-y-bod-y asks you, _____ where I'm_ go-ing_ _____
 God gives me grace, _____ I'll run this_ race, _____ un-

wh-ere I'm_ go-ing_ _____ soon_ _____ I'm go-in' up yon- der!
 til I see my Sav-ior_ _____ face to face_ _____

_____ I'm go-in' up yon- der!_ _____ I'm

go-in' up yon- der_ _____ to be with my Lord.

Oh_ _____ I'm go-in' up yon- der!_ _____ I'm go-in' up yon- der!

_____ I'm go-in' up yon- der_ _____ to be with my Lord_ _____

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Sending

L: Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

“Pachelbel: Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir”

Johann Pachelbel

SERVING US IN WORSHIP

Assistant	Annette Singletary
Musician	Ben Harris
Reader	Vivian Licorish
Message	Dianne Yohe
Greeters	Dianne McGill
Altar Guild	Cheryl Townsend, Carolyn Plue, Mary Tipton, Bose Osho
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Adult Bible Study

We are happy to announce that Ascension will be offering a new in- person adult Bible Study class. Jenny DeMaio will be teaching and Annette Singletary has graciously agreed to be the substitute if needed. The class will be focused on the book of Matthew. Our text will be Life Lessons from Matthew by Max Lucado. Themes in the study include: 1. The Birth and Preparation of the Messiah 2. Jesus' Ministry in Galilee 3. Jesus' Last Days on Earth. The series is divided into twelve lessons. Ascension will be purchasing books for those interested in joining us.

Class will be held on Sunday mornings following church service the weeks that choir is not rehearsing. That will allow those who participate in choir to join. Based upon the current choir schedule, Bible Study will meet on the following weeks in 2024:

May 12 and 26; June 9 and 30

Ascension has purchased the texts for Bible class. Donations of \$10.00 to cover the costs of books would be appreciated. Please earmark checks for Bible study materials payable to Ascension.

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Prayer List

*In order to keep the prayer list current the **Board of Elders** will edit the list once a month. If you have the name of a loved one that you would like to keep on the prayer list permanently, please contact Marj Nilsson @ 301-442-6253 marjorienilsson@hotmail.com.*



Sunday @6

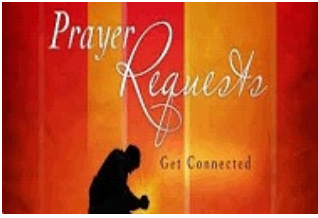
To the Homebound and Sick, we invite you to participate in Sunday @ 6, a weekly worship call. We have prayer, Scripture, a devotion and music. We invite, welcome and encourage you to join us in Christian fellowship every Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

The call is toll-free:(267) 807-9601

Sunday @ 6

Enter this code:773-431-475 #

For further information, call Alice Gaither at (301) 459-4194!



***Ascension Lutheran Church
Prayer Request***

Please put your prayer requests in the Prayer Diary at the rear of the Sanctuary so we can add your need to our prayers.

Darrell Prather, nephew of Alice Gaither, prayers for healing.

Gloria Malachi and Family upon the recent passing of Sam Malachi

Bette Carpio, Prayers for healing and comfort

Jenny DeMaio, Prayers for healing.

Amy Scully and Family, Upon the recent passing of Bill Kley

Marj Nilsson, Prayers for healing.

Calvin Lee, Prayers for healing.

Lewis Powell, Prayers for healing

Agnes Brown, Prayers for healing and recovery.

Herman McNeil, Prayers for comfort and healing.

Maria Doakes, Prayers for continued healing.

Lois Fulford, Prayers for continued healing.

Zachary Plue, Prayers for continued healing.

Susie Nilsson, Prayers for continued healing.

Joyce Bailey, Prayers for continued healing.

Helen Bell, Prayers for healing

Alice Gaither, Prayers for healing.

Kent & Walt Nilsson, Prayers for improved vision.

Ascension Shut-Ins:

John DellaGatta; Lois Flemming;

Olivia Powell; Arthur & Mildred Smith, Helen Riley.

Ascension Weekly

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Information & Notices

May 12, 2024

Services

Divine Worship

Sunday at 9:00 am

Holy Communion is celebrated in most services.

Holy Baptism

Arrangements for Baptism can be made with the Church Office.

Weddings

Weddings for active Ascension members are arranged with the Church Office

Please Note

Adult Bible Study: Bible study meets on Sundays after worship, at 10:30 am.

Staff:

Gwen Neal Office Mgr.
Ben Harris Parish Musician

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Send your **email address** to the Church Office at ascenluth@aol.com.

Sunday, May 12

9:00 am

10:30 am

6:00 pm

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Worship

Bible Study

Sunday @ 6

Sunday, May 19

9:00 am

6:00 pm

Pentecost Sunday

Worship

Sunday @ 6



Altar Flowers Presented By

Roberta White in Memory of her ***Mother*** and ***Mother-In-Law***

Please Note that flowers will only be provided when they are sponsored by members. Sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board in the Church Office Wing.



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers **\$50.00**
Sanctuary Lights **\$ 5.00**

**Ascension Lutheran Church: Becoming Caring
Servants who Extend Life in Christ to Diverse people**

Call Committee Prayer Vigil:

Our designated prayer time for the Call process is 7 pm. Please remember to set some kind of an alarm for this time daily for the remainder of the call process. I know many of us are already praying, so let's have this one time daily when we do it all together.

For the Call Committee and Pastoral Candidates, please pray for...

- *The Lord's Guidance
- *The Lord's Discernment

This is not an exhaustive list so please add any other prayer that comes to mind

Thank you!
Ascension Board of Elders

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week



**Paula Brault, Kellin Nelson,
Cole Clark**

Ed & Denise Coss



SERVING US IN WORSHIP, Next Sunday, May 19

Pastor	Jon Diefenthaler
Assistant	Andy House
Musician	Ben Harris
Reader	Andy House
Greeters	Gloria Malachi
Altar Guild	Agnes Jones, Agnes Brown, Helen Jones, Dianne Yohe
Ushers	Harry Sessums, Clay Goldston
Counters	Pat Broady, Dianne McGill