

*Faith  
Lutheran*

*May 13<sup>th</sup> 2021*

# **WELCOME**

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
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as you leave the church today.

## **TODAY'S SERVICE**

*Ascension Service*

*May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

**Liturgy: Common Service**

**Speaker:** Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:** Ann Sprengeler

# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 47*

Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! <sup>2</sup> For the LORD Most High is awesome; *He* is a great King over all the earth. <sup>3</sup> He will subdue the peoples under us, And the nations under our feet. <sup>4</sup> He will choose our inheritance for us, The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah <sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout, The LORD with the sound of a trumpet. <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! <sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. <sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. <sup>9</sup> The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth *belong* to God; He is greatly exalted.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #212 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

by The Venerable Bede, 673-735

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!

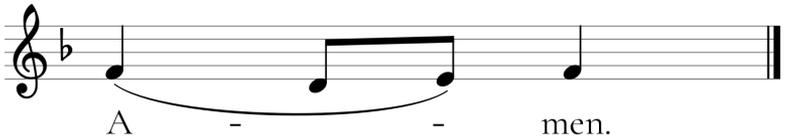
In glorious pomp ascending high,

Up to the portals of the sky."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



## CONFESSION OF SINS

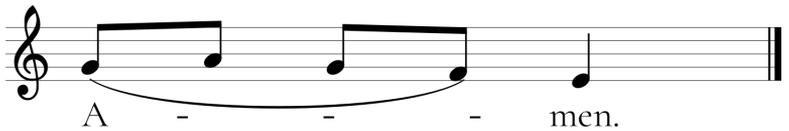
p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

**all** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



Lord, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have mer -  
 cy on us, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



A - - - men.

p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



This is the feast of victory for our God.



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



1. — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
5. For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was



slain, whose blood set us free  
strength, and hon - or, bless -  
God, and join in the hymn of  
might be to God and the Lamb for -  
slain has be - gun His reign.



to be peo - ple of God. *refrain*  
ing, and glo - ry are His. *refrain*  
all cre - a - tion: *stanza 4*  
ev - er. A - men. *refrain*  
Al - le - lu - ia. *final refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



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

*p* The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

*p* Let us pray . . . Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into heaven, 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.



A - - - men.

## THE WORD

**Acts 1:1-11** The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, <sup>3</sup> to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> 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; <sup>5</sup> "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup> "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." <sup>9</sup> Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, <sup>11</sup> 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."

**Ephesians 1:15-23** <sup>15</sup> Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power <sup>20</sup> which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the



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.

## #215 "Draw Us to Thee"

by Friedrich Funcke

1. Draw us to Thee, For then shall we  
Walk in Thy steps forever And hasten on  
Where Thou art gone To be with Thee, dear Savior.

2. Draw us to Thee, Lord, lovingly;  
Let us depart with gladness That we may be  
Forever free From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

3. Draw us to Thee; Oh, grant that we  
May walk the road to heaven! Direct our way  
Lest we should stray And from Thy paths be driven.

4. Draw us to Thee That also we  
Thy heavenly bliss inherit And ever dwell  
Where sin and hell No more can vex our spirit.

5. Draw us to Thee Unceasingly,  
Into Thy kingdom take us; Let us fore'er  
Thy glory share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

## SERMON

**Luke 24:44-53** <sup>44</sup> 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."

<sup>45</sup> And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the

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Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> "And you are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> "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." <sup>50</sup> And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

## TUNED TO CHRIST

Christ reigns above all things. We must learn to sing his song not try to teach him ours. His song is the joy of forgiveness.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
 and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.  
 Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and  
 take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to  
 me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -  
 hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

## Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

all 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.

## THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



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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!

6. Be Thou our Joy and strong Defense  
Who art our future Recompense:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
So shall the light that springs from Thee  
Be ours through all eternity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7. O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to Thee let earth accord,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Who art, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit One.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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