

REDEEMER

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ascension of Our Lord

The King Takes His Throne

Sunday, May 21, 2023, 11:15am
Celebration of the Ascension of our Lord
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This morning we celebrate the Ascension of Christ the King taking His rightful seat in glory, honor, and authority at God the Father's right hand.

With ancient worshipers, who clapped their hands and shouted praises to God at the coronation of their king, we rejoice in the victory Jesus earned for us by His death for our sin and His resurrection over death's grave.

Our praises keep rolling from our Easter celebration some 40 days ago, all the way to today, and even beyond, as we witness that Jesus' ascension is the capstone of His victory.

Scepter fully in hand, and seated upon His throne, Jesus reigns over all things in heaven and on earth. We are honored to be in His presence this morning and receive from our King the gifts He gracefully bestows.

Opening Praise Song

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us come before our Lord and King in a time of confession so that we may receive assurance of His mercy and forgiveness.

...We take a moment of silence for personal prayers and reflection...

P: Lord Jesus, You are the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

C: All things have been created by You, things in heaven and things on earth, visible and invisible.

P: All things are Yours, including us. We have been created by You and for Your glory.

C: Yet our sinfulness separates us from You and Your will for our lives. By what we do and what we fail to do, we fall apart without You holding us together.

P: Jesus, in all things You reign supreme. You are the King of all, the Sovereign of our souls.

C: By Your Son's blood, You have reconciled us to You. By Your Son's cross, grant us Your forgiveness and peace, Amen.

P: Our merciful God is pleased to have all His fullness dwell in His crucified, risen, and ascended Son, Jesus. He alone is the image of God, and in Him all things hold together. Through faith in Jesus, you and I have been reconciled to God and stand renewed in His presence. As a called and ordained servant of Christ the King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended to His throne of victory, grant that 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, Amen.

Children's Time

Psalm 47

L: This is the Word of the Lord,

C: Thanks be to God!

Ephesians 1:15–23

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Luke 24:44-53)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

P: Please join me as we profess our faith

C: Nicene Creed

Sermon Praise Song

The Sermon *Ascended and Sitting*

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

The Prayers of His Children

P: Lord, in Your mercy, **C: reign in our hearts.**

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.

P: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus, who rescued us from sin and death, providing for us the way to life forever with You. We praise You for His resurrection triumph and draw strength from His ascension to His throne of victory, where He now sits in authority at Your right hand. Gather Your people from every corner of the earth that we may sing Your praises and receive the mercy of our King. For to You alone, O God, we give our heartfelt thanks and endless praise. Hear us now as we pray in the name of Jesus, our King, and in the words He has taught us:

C: LORD'S PRAYER

The Words of our Lord

The Distribution of Holy Communion

P: Together, we pray,

C: O God the Father, the One who reigns in glory with Your Son and is seated upon His throne of victory, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this sacred sharing of His body and blood. Reign in us as we trust in You as King of kings and Lord of lords. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and King, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

God's Benediction

Sending Praise Song

Announcements