

The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)

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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (OBSERVED) MIND. BLOWN.

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PRESERVICE MUSIC “Battle Hymn of the Republic”

A Reminder: Please be respectful to our brothers and sisters who use the time prior to worship for quiet meditation on God's Word. - Thank you!

493 A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING

sts. 1–4

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout 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 them the 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!

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MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

When I am afraid, I put my trust in You. *Psalms 56:3*

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

C **Most merciful God, we are by nature sinful and unclean. We are guilty of placing our hopes and dreams in the people, places, and things of this world, which are here today and tomorrow are thrown in the fire. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who lived, died, rose, and ascended to Your right hand, and lead us to bear witness to the real hope we have in You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

P As a called and ordained servant of our ascended Lord Jesus and by His power and authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Go in peace and bear witness to the hope that is yours because of Jesus!

C **Thanks be to God!**

INTROIT

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

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

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

P The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind,

C **“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”**

P The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings on the day of His wrath.

C **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.**

P God has gone up with a shout,

C **the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

493 A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING

sts. 5–6

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 6 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!

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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.
- G** Amen.

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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them,

he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

538 PRAISE BE TO CHRIST

- 1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The image of the Father shown,
The firstborn Son revealed and known, The truth and grace of deity;
Through whom creation came to birth, Whose fingers set the stars in place,
The unseen pow'rs, and this small earth, The furthest bounds of time and space.
- 2 Praise be to Him whose sov'reign sway And will upholds creation's plan;
Who is, before all worlds began And when our world has passed away:
Lord of the Church, its life and head, Redemption's price and source and theme,
Alive, the firstborn from the dead, To reign as all-in-all supreme.
- 3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The fullness of the Godhead shares;
And yet our human nature bears, Who came as man to bleed and die.
And from His cross there flows our peace Who chose for us the path He trod,
That so might sins and sorrows cease And all be reconciled to God.

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SERMON "Mind. Blown." Luke 24:44-53

CREED Nicene Creed (*Creed can be found in the back of the hymnal and on the screens*)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition, please respond with the following:

P let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

At the end of the prayer:

C Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

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.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us

partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

- ☞ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LORD’S PRAYER

PAX DOMINI

- ☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
☞ Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

- ☞ Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

701 DRAW US TO THEE

- 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; O 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 heav’nly 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.

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537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love Thee,
Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring; Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor,
Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

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Text: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1677, Münster; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904

525 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

- P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast that awaits us when Your Son returns. Keep us firm in the true faith and lead us as Your witnesses, proclaiming repentance and the forgiveness of sins to everyone in the name of Your Son, our ascended Lord, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

- 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.

PATRIOTIC MEDLEY

God bless our native land:
Firm may she ever stand through storm and night:
When the wild tempest rave, Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save by Thy great might.

My country, 'tis of Thee,
Sweet land of liberty, Of Thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From every mountain-side, Let freedom ring.

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains majesty
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on Thee,
And crown Thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;
His truth is marching on.
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

God bless America, Land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her,
Thru the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, My home sweet home,
God bless America, My home sweet home.

POSTLUDE “Land of Hope and Glory”

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Thank you, Erich Zorr, for serving as our organist this weekend.

Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

Invocation In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit (found on front page)

Catechism Review (found on front page)

Meditation: Portals of Prayer, www.lhm.org/dailydevotions, Other

Daily Scripture Readings

- Sunday: Numbers 3:1-16, 39-48; Luke 14:25-15:10
- Monday: Numbers 8:5-26; Luke 15:11-32
- Tuesday: Numbers 9:1-23; Luke 16:1-18
- Wednesday: Numbers 10:11-36; Luke 16:19-31
- Thursday: Numbers 11:1-23, 31-35; Luke 17:1-19
- Friday: Numbers 11:24-29; 12:1-16; Luke 17:20-37
- Saturday: Numbers 13:1-3, 17-33; Luke 18:1-17

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

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| Dean, Healing | Richard, recovering |
| Herb, health issues | William, 6-year-old, leukemia |
| Wes, health issues | Mary, Jan’s sister-in-law, cancer |
| Del, health issues | Kent, Kristy’s brother, recovery |
| Jack, ongoing health issues | Elgart, cancer |
| June, health issues | Lauren’s mother |
| Mehria in the Middle East, safety | Shirley, health issues |
| Blake | Nancy, health issues |
| Al, health issues | Dave, health issues |
| Jim, cancer | Jim, Parkinson’s |
| Tom, cancer | Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome |
| Lauren, cancer | Duane, cancer |
| Margo, health issues | Lois, recovery |
| Mike’s mother - Jean, health issues | Tony, heart issues |
| Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke’s with medical issues | |
- For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, and those whose employment is in question.
For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our world.
Christians and all people living in terror in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Our Savior Families: Brad & Tara, Alan & Jill, Andrew, Jessica & Family, Deborah

Our Confirmands: Ashton, Cole, C.J., Alex, and Matthew

Hymn of the Week “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” LSB 901

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles’ Creed, Lord’s Prayer, Benediction