

*Ascension Day
(Observed)
May 21, 2023*



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OPEN THE EYES OF THEIR HEARTS

PRESERVICE MUSIC “He is Exalted” (arr. Berry) & “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (arr. Line)

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

7:30 am BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice. All creation rises to rejoice.

CHORUS

Behold our God, seated on His throne. come, let us adore Him.
Behold our King, nothing can compare, come, let us adore Him!

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? **CHORUS**

Who has felt the nails upon His hands, bearing all the guilt of sinful man?
God eternal, humbled to the grave, Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign! **CHORUS**

Bridge:

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)
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You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill) **CHORUS TWICE**
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10 am “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands” Sunday School PreK & Kindergarten

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. *Romans 10:17*

INVOCATION

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

BAPTISM 10:00 Olivia Anne Mahmens, Daughter of Macauley & Nicole Mahmens

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Based on Colossians 1:15–19

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 Lord Jesus, in all things You reign supreme. You are the King of all, the Sovereign of our souls. God the Father dwells fully in You.

C By Your blood, You have reconciled us to the Father. By Your 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 Christ. He alone is the image of God, and in Him all things hold together. Through faith in Christ, 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.

INTROIT

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

P God has gone up with a shout,

C the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

P The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand,

C until I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

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

C 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.**

P God has gone up with a shout,

C the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

LIVING HOPE

How great the chasm that lay between us,

How high the mountain I could not climb.

In desperation I turned to heaven

And spoke Your name into the night.

Then through the darkness

Your loving kindness saw through the shadows of my soul.

The work is finished, the end is written.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?

What heart could fathom such boundless grace?

The God of ages stepped down from glory

To wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken, I am forgiven.

The King of Kings calls me His own.

Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

CHORUS 2X

Hallelujah! Praise the One who set me free!

Hallelujah! Death has lost its grip on me.

You have broken ev'ry chain, there's salvation in Your name.

Jesus Christ, my living hope!

2X Then came the morning that sealed the promise.

Your buried body began to breathe.

Out of the silence, the roaring Lion

Declared the grave has no claim on me.

Jesus, Yours is the victory! **CHORUS 2x**

ENDING Jesus Christ, my living hope! God, You are my living hope!

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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, gloriously took His throne, ascending to Your right hand,

C grant that we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him,

P who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C 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.

C 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.

C 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.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

477 ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN

1 Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world’s salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow’rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.

△ 3 Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
To the triune Majesty!

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SERMON “Open the eyes of their hearts” Ephesians 1:15-23

CREED Early Service – 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.

Late service please continue with the Lord's Prayer & Benediction

+ 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, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to humble Himself for our salvation and now reign on His glorious throne as King of kings and Lord of lords. 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 208

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

*For guests and visitors, we invite you to please read our statement
regarding the Lord's Supper on the inside cover of your bulletin.*

O COME TO THE ALTAR

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME Praise Team

JESUS, ONLY JESUS

Who has the pow'r to raise the dead, who can save us from our sin?
He is our hope, our righteousness. Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can make the blind to see, who holds the keys that set us free?
He paid it all to bring us peace. Jesus, only Jesus.

CHORUS

Holy, King Almighty, Lord. Saints and angels all adore.
I join with them and bow before Jesus, only Jesus.

Who can command the highest praise, who has the name above all names?
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus. **CHORUS**

You will command the highest praise, Yours is the name above all names.
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus.
Jesus, only Jesus. **CHORUS**

You will command the highest praise. Yours is the name above all names.
You stand alone, I stand amazed. Jesus, only Jesus. **2X**

Jesus, only Jesus. Jesus, only Jesus.

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ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

He is Risen...
How I love Him...
I will praise Him...
Alleluia...

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G 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.

G Amen.

DAYS OF ELIJAH

These are the days of Elijah, declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of Your servant, Moses, righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials, of famine and darkness and war;
Still we are the voice in the desert crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

CHORUS

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

And these are the days of Ezekiel, the dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of Your servant, David, rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest, the fields are as white in Your world;
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard, declaring the Word of the Lord. **CHORUS**

BRIDGE There is no god like Jehovah **7X**

Behold He comes, riding on the clouds, shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

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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 14:1-25; Luke 18:18-34
Monday: Numbers 14:26-45; Luke 18:35-19:10
Tuesday: Numbers 16:1-22; Luke 19:11-28
Wednesday: Numbers 16:23-40; Luke 19:29-48
Thursday: Numbers 16:41-17:13; Luke 20:1-18
Friday: Numbers 20:1-21; Luke 20:19-44
Saturday: Numbers 20:22-21:9; Luke 20:45-21:19

In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)

Herb, health issues	William, a child with leukemia
Scott, recovery	Sally, recovery
Jean, recovery	Pierce, an infant with leukemia
Jack, ongoing health issues	Georgia, recovery
Lauren's mother, Phyllis	Margo, health issues
Shirley, health issues	Erin, healing and strength
Don, health issues	Blake
Georgia, recovery	Nate, cancer
Jim, recovery	Jim, Parkinson's
Tom, cancer	Steve, Guillain-Barre Syndrome
Lauren, cancer	Lynn, recovery
Judi and Don	Rick, cancer
Floyd, health issues	Lisa, health issues
Jean, health issues	Karen, recovery
Grace, healing	Jeff, recovery
Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues	

For our confirmands: Samantha, Naomi, and Emily
For those who mourn the evil in our world, that God's comfort and peace may point them to the hope of the resurrection.
For those with hearts where evil dwells, that God's kingdom would come and rule over their life.

Our Savior Families: David, Richard, Debra, Alan & Jill, Curtis & Christine

Hymn of the Week "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build" LSB 492

Collect (found on front page)

Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction