

+ Ascension of Our Lord (observed) +

May 22, Year of Our Lord 2022 | DS4

+ Confession and Absolution +



Hymn of Invocation: 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
5 En - ter, might - y Word, the field; Ripe the prom - ise of its yield.
6 Lord of har - vest, great and kind, Rouse to ac - tion heart and mind;



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
But the reap - ers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!
Let the gath - 'ring na - tions all See Your light and heed Your call.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalms 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our

heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

- C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

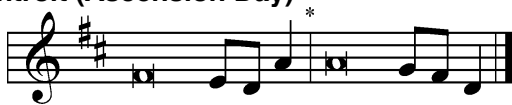
[John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

+ Service of the Word +

Introit (Ascension Day)

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.”
- The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,*
“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”
- 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 be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- God has gone up | with a shout,*
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

Kyrie

Mark 10:47



- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And 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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But 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.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and 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.”



A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

C Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

**He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.**

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15–23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that 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, having 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ

when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far 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. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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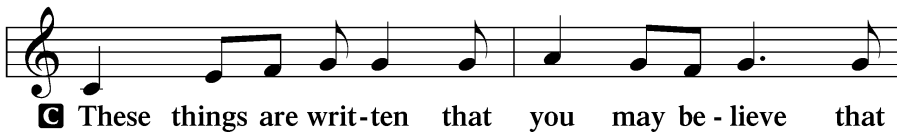
C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Matthew 28:20b

P Alleluia. Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Then [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.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And 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.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

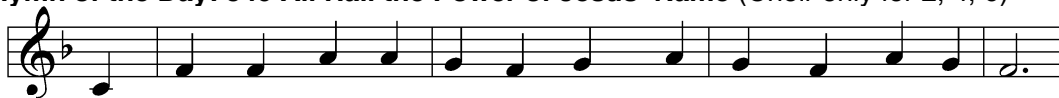
C Praise to You, O Christ.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Choir only for 2, 4, 6)



- C** 1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
C 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
 4 Hail Him, ye heirs of Da - vid's line, Whom Da - vid Lord did call,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
 The God in - car-nate, man di - vine, And crown Him Lord of all.



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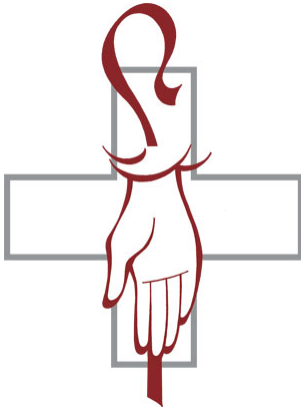
- 5 **C** Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6 *(choir only)* Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
 On this terrestrial ball
 To Him all majesty ascribe
 And crown Him Lord of all.
 To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
- 7 **C** Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 We at His feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 And crown Him Lord of all.
 We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

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Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Prayers to God on Behalf of...



World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia** (and preservation of life and land). Comfort for Buffalo shooting victims.

Community: Land and property restoration in Wears Valley and Pigeon Forge area after this past week’s brush fires. **Pastor Larry & Jean Rockemann** lost their home in the fire.

Vocation: **Casey Lawson** (Airforce). Recent High School Graduates: **Carter Felt, Matthew Hebar, Rebecca Johnson, Colin Stout, Faith Uebelacker, and Camden Smolter.**

Mourning: Family of **Casey Cheney**. Family of **Ron Smith** (Billye Raye’s brother) who passed away 4/23. Family of **Janet Price**, friend of Sharon Felker, who passed away in Michigan on the 4/4 and also family of Sharon’s sister-in-law, **Sharon Stubelt**, who passed away 4/12 from cancer. **Lowizer** family in Collierville, TN (friends of Judy Kalkitis). Family of **Hope Lurstema** (Rebecca Keyes’s mother). Family of **Tamra DeHaven**.

Health: **Callie** (granddaughter of Tammy Clemmer) collapsed lung, **Lisa Gift** upcoming gallstone procedure, **Aurora Stevens** kidney stones, **Debbie Johnston** kidney health, **Tim Smith** (heart health, hospitalized this past week), **Ted Frazier** (recovering from car accident). Steve Kaiser’s mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana (recovering from heart valve procedure). Mike Gould’s friend **Jolene Cline** (stage 4 cancer). **Tom Williams** healing from heart procedure and awaiting ICD implant. **Bob Heckman** wound care for lower leg. **Theresa Lindsay** chemotherapy. **Cindy** (Laura’s Bisconte’s mom) upcoming eye procedure for macular hole. **Pastor John Schulz** (emeritus at First Lutheran) cancer treatments and **Gloria** (recent mini-stroke). **Brian Rose** (friend of Catherine Boute) health for kidney transplant donated from his wife. **Sharon Yoder** recovering from sub-cranial brain bleed. **Larry Wacker** (broken pelvis recovery, also for his lung condition); Jeanne Lindenfelser’s friend Marge’s cousin **Sandy** health (cancer in remission, but health suffering from therapy). Andrew Hebar’s Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar’s friend) brain and lung cancer. Aurora’s son **Stevie**. Kenna Chorney’s mother: **Gail Rieman**

(healing of wounds). **Dick Mohr** (lung condition improvement). **Cathy Wacker's parents:** **Charlene** (hospice), **Bill**, dementia, health. **Christy**, Kim Smolter's cousin, health and mourning. **Lee Schuck** (broken hip recovery). **Larry & Janeen Meier** (Maureen's sister and brother-in-law) health. **Carolyn Gaugert** (sister-in-law to Sharon Yoder) health.

Birthdays: Blair J 5/22, Deb W 5/22, Marleen B 5/23, Mary Ellen B 5/24, Doug H 5/27, Gary K 5/27, Maureen R 5/30, Vicky G 5/31, Jerald J 6/4, Lily N 6/4

Lord's Prayer

**☞ 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.**

Benediction for those worshipping via the livestream

+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

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 It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and 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, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 161 or 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ...now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."



Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29

C

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;

O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke



Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 537 Beautiful Savior

Distribution Hymn: 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

Distribution Hymn: 492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

Distribution Hymn: 815 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29–32

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.



See hymn to depart on next page...

Hymn to Depart: 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
Δ 6 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All

hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
praise to You let earth ac - cord: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges

trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
run, With Fa - ther and with Spir - it

God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Announcements

Mailboxes at Praise are ready! Recently, additional mailboxes were made (thank you Steve Kaiser, Jim Roberts, and Mike Wales) and have been readied for service. Please take a look and notice where your box is located.

Gathering interest for VBS: Kris Smith will make an announcement after church this Sunday about VBS.

Road Trip? Plans are being made for interested members of Praise to travel to the first Henkel Conference, a conference devoted to Christian Theology and Cultural Engagement, Mon-Tues, Aug. 22-24, at Ascension Lutheran Church in Madison, TN. Visit www.asensionmadison.com/henkel to learn more. Stay tuned for details about travel (carpool) and places we could stay.

Youth Catechesis will meet TODAY after church and will end at 1:30 p.m.

This week

Note: Pastor Roberts will be away this week but will be leading service next Sunday.

Choir this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Study Thurs at 10:00 a.m. at Praise (pericope study led by Barbara Morsch)

Men's Lunch (weekly): Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. Location this week: *announced after church*

Next week and beyond

Youth: Movie Night on Wed, June 1 *The Jesus Film (DVD)*

CPR and First Aid Training (and/or recertification) will be offered at the church sometime in May or June. Please sign-up to indicate your interest.

Pentecost Sunday with Rites of Confirmation and First Communion is **Sun, June 5**

Campfirmation: A summer camp for grades 6-12; a fun-filled week of catechesis, worship, and fun in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina **July 10-16, 2022**. See Pastor or Gretchen Roberts for details.