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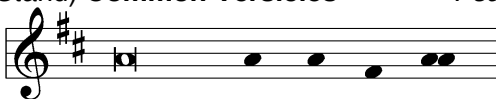
Ascensiontide (10 days in between Ascension and Pentecost)
May 21, Year of our Lord 2023 | Office of Matins today



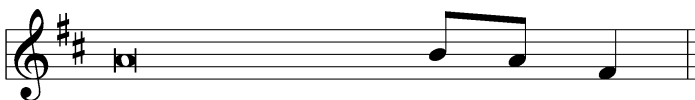
Pastor Roberts is away on vacation; Welcome our Elders and Choir members to help lead today's service.

(Stand) **Common Versicles**

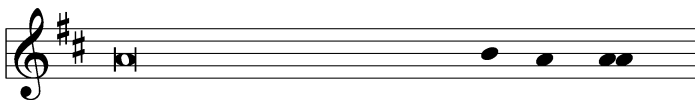
Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ Psalmody +

Antiphon sung *before* the Venite



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him. > *go to next page, sing the Venite*

Antiphon sung *after* the Venite



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him. > *go to Office Hymn on page 4*

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,
 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,

1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

< sing Antiphon after the Venite (on previous page)

Office Hymn: 728 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
 3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,
 5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove



Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;
 My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can He say than to you He has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,
 The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,



Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!
 Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

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+ Readings +

First Reading

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God

rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And

“If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

L O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 17:1–11

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 17.

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory (Easter)

Psalm 96:2; Psalm 29:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:20

Verse *To Refrain*

- 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.
- 2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.
- 3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain

Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the
hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

sit

+ Sermon +

What Jesus Prays

+ Canticle +

Te Deum

- 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
3 The noble army of martyrs praise — You.

- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:

- 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.
2 The glorious company of the apostles praise — You.
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;
4 You are the king of glory, O — Christ;

- 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
2 The goodly fellowship of the proph-ets praise — You.
3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort - er.
4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa - ther.

5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,
 6 You sit at the right hand of God

5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
 6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.

5 When You had overcome the sharpness of death,
 6 We believe that You will come

5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
 6 to be our judge.

7 We therefore pray You to help Your ser - vants,
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out sin.

7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.
 8 Govern them and lift them up for - ev - er.
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on us.

7 Make them to be numbered with Your saints
 8 Day by day we magni - fy You.
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.

7 in glory ev - er - last - ing.
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

Announcement of Offering gifts and tithes may be offered in the back of the Sanctuary in the offering plates or submitted online at praiselutheran.com.

Prayer List (abbreviated; remember these in your daily prayers for this week)

World: Praying for the end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. For **Victims of gun violence** (including recent shooting in Nashville.)

Church: For our ongoing **church building/expansion planning** with architect Studio 4, contractor Creative Structures, and our 3-year Capital Campaign with LCEF. For our catechumens and the upcoming confirmations of **Kayla Del Carpio, Lucy Nunnink, Auggie Mohr,** and **Jonathan Roberts**.

Vocation: High school graduation this month for: **Joshua Keyes, Sam Nunnink, Caleb Pierce,** and **Lex Stolarczyk**.

Mourning: For family of **Sharon Yoder's mother** who passed away 5/11. For the family of **Pat Hinds** who passed away and services will be 4:00 p.m. on May 20 at First Lutheran Church in Knoxville. For the **family of Scott McNeil** (friend of Matthew Flaska) whose mother passed away suddenly.

Health: **Theresa Lindsay** recovering from knee replacement. **Myrna Frazier** cancer and pain treatments. **Larry Moore** recovering from ankle replacement surgery. **Steve Lee** recovery from wrist surgery. **Melissa Lyke** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) open heart surgery recovery. **Sharon Yoder** recovering from tricuspid valve procedure. **Pastor Neil Vanderbush** at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. **Billye Raye Smith** chemo treatment for multiple myeloma. **Kay & Dwight** (Myrna's sister and Brother-in-law) for health and Dwight's cancer treatments. For **Analisa** (Karen Forsyth's daughter in Cincinnati), her baby was born early, please pray for health. **Janice Kaiser** sciatic pain treatment. **Gary Kubin** recovering from back surgery. **Soren** (newborn to Julian & Emily Martinez) breathing and oxygen levels. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** upcoming valve and heart surgery on May 31. **Paula** (Corlis William's mother) health, hospitalized recently, doing better. **Jeannie Lindenfelser** for lung cancer treatments. Rick & Lisa Gift's family, **Terry & Ann Gift** (both with cancer). **Mark Cutler** (Randy & Carol Groen's brother-in-law) lung cancer surgery recovery. **Ole Johnson** upcoming tests for cancer. **A Teacher at Justin Gift's school**, fighting cancer. **Mary Schopmann** for strength and health. **Pastor Ed Maanum** of First Lutheran Knoxville, kidney function. For **June McDonnell** (lung health). **Jennifer Morsch** (Joel & Barbara's daughter) health. **Delora Roth** good leg circulation health. **Rachel Ernst's mother:** cancer treatments. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health and stability. **Brad** (Phil and Carol Barnett's son) cancer surgery recovery. **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) experiencing 24/7 back pain. **Judy Kalkitis** health and mobility. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) health.

Aurora Stevens back treatments. For **Carolyn Dickie** (health). For **Barbara Moyers** health. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For **all suffering from mental health issues**. **Al Reuer** health. **Gregory Strege** (Phyllis's son, health). **Tom Williams**, health and care for heart. **Ken Payne's** health (friends of a friend of Jim Vesper). Ruth Kistler's son **William** (tests and possible cancer treatments). Kenna Chorney's mother: **Gail Rieman** (wound care). **Tim Smith** (heart and back health). Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** (age 92) in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (struggling from cancer treatments). **Connie** (Andrew Hebar's friend) brain and lung cancer. **Bill** (Cathy Wacker's father) dementia, health. **Lee Schuck** (health, unable to walk). **Janeen Meier** (Maureen Roberts's sister) health. **Melissa Gilmore** (friend of Jim Vesper) COPD.

Birthdays: Shelby H 5/21, Blair J 5/22, Deb W 5/22, Marleen B 5/23, Mary Ellen B 5/24, Gary K 5/27, Roger R 5/27, Maureen R 5/30, Vicky G 5/31, Carrie G 5/31, Kenna C 6/2, Jerald J 6/4, Lily N 6/4

+ Prayer +

(Stand for Prayer) **Kyrie**

Mark 10:47



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

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Introduction to Collects

Psalm 102:1



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

L O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benedicamus

[Psalm 103:1]



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14



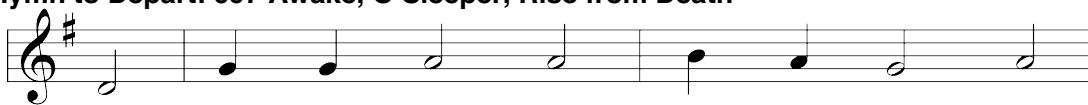
L The grace of our Lord IHS Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.



Hymn to Depart: 697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
2 To us on earth He came to bring From
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And

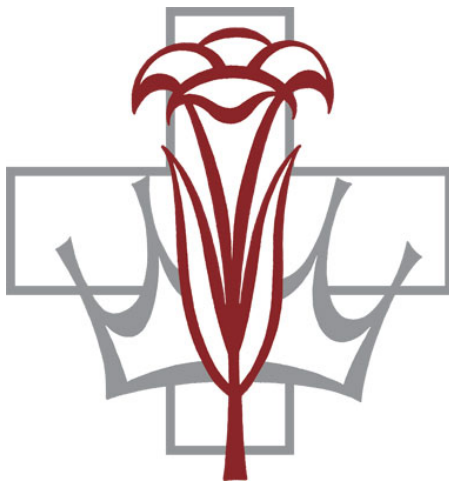


Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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Praise Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Sunday Divine Services weekly at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

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Announcements (see also next page)

Campfirmation Deposits are due: \$100 for Middle school, \$150 High School, \$200 for Counsellors; checks payable to Praise.

High School Camp Out is June 2-4. Please see Shelli to register, \$20 registration.

Sunday morning Bible study for students in middle or high school has begun and meets in the office behind the Pastor's office from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. Please bring your Bible! We are studying Genesis.

Parents of middle and high school students! We want to partner with you with your kids! We have several important youth events and activities coming up. Are you receiving the monthly newsletter? Are you signed up for *Remind*, the group messaging app? We are using both to communicate with you. Please see Shelli Haynes to get connected.

Women's Retreat sponsored by Ladies Bible Study at Praise is being planned for mid-to-late September at a nearby venue (to be determined). Stay overnight or come for the day. Please sign-up TODAY if interested (no final commitments yet) and specify whether or not you would stay overnight. See Kris Smith to sign-up.

Rescheduling: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner event to (tentatively): **Sun, Aug 20** *due to our anticipated groundbreaking on Sun, June 11.* "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" is a fun way to meet other Praise members.

The Henkel Conference save the date of Aug 7-8, 2023 for great speakers and more at Ascension Lutheran Church in Madison, TN. Visit www.ascensionmadison.com/henkel for more info. Last year we had a great time and look forward to this year's event!

Announcements (see also previous page announcements)

Wear Red next Sunday to match the paraments for **Pentecost** and in honor of the (Holy) Spirit of Truth whom Christ has given to the Church, marking 50 days after Easter.

Pastor Roberts and family will be away all this week on vacation, returning for Pentecost and Confirmation next Sunday. Please welcome our Elders and Choir members who will lead the Order of Matins. Note: from May 19 to 26, any pastoral care emergencies will be assisted by the Elders. Admin Assistant Jack Nunnink will be in the office Mon-Wed from 9:00 to 12 noon and Thurs from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Young Adults meets TODAY, May 21, at 5:00 p.m. at Levi & Suzanne Nunnink's home (1416 Lonas Dr. Maryville) for meal and Bible Study on the Apostles' Creed (ends at 8:00 p.m.).

Catechesis TODAY, May 21, after church for *just the four upcoming confirmands*

This Week

Choir Practice this week at 6:00 PM

Youth meet Wednesday (Middle School from 7 to 8 p.m.; High School from 8 to 9 p.m.)

Ladies Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays with Barbara Morsch

Next Sunday: Pentecost with Rite of Confirmation, May 28

Our catechumens/candidates for confirmation: **Kayla Del Carpio, Lucy Nunnink, Auggie Mohr**, and **Jonathan Roberts**. Please pray as they prepare by memorizing assigned sections of the catechism to share with the congregation and answer questions of the faith once delivered to the saints. *Questioning of the Confirmands* on Sun, May 28 during Bible Study hour, 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Next Month

Ground-breaking ceremony at Praise tentatively set for: **Sun, June 11** at 3:00 p.m. with refreshments to follow. More details to come!

Capital Campaign reminder: please review your personal commitments made to the capital campaign for the build to help keep our borrowing costs low as the build soon begins. Consider a "ground-breaking" gift to the building fund.