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Worship:

Saturday: 6:15 p.m. Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (Located in the church basement)

Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:

Monday: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.;

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; (12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)

Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

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From the Pastor

Grace, mercy and peace, to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Now as the church is unofficially open or soon to be fully opened, we will still continue this Email ministry. We are not aware of how many we are reaching but we are getting feedback that people are reading them. So, may this Email continue to nurture and keep you in the one true faith till life everlasting.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children

Word Search: Ascend/Ascended

[Underline or highlight this word or phrase throughout the Divine Service]

A Sunday School lesson can be found at our website: <u>www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org</u>

5 th graders and older: Mark	the service with directional arrows $[\ \ \]$ as to show what direction
the interaction between God,	us and with each other is taking place. Use these symbols to
indicate our posture during the	ne service - standing in respect; - kneeling to receive a
blessing or show respect;	- humbly sitting to receive from the Lord].
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The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

Also, have those who can read, answer the questions found throughout the Divine Service. They can highlight or underline the answers usually found above the questions.

For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Where is this found in the Luther's Small Catechism? Put LSC in the margin and the section [Ten Commandments, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Baptism, Office of the Keys, or the Lord's Supper] of the catechism where this teaching can be found. [ex: LSC-Baptism]

A Bible Study on one of the lessons can be found at our website: www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org

Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

Another excise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through a section and journal your thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use "Text Box" that is a good way to do it. You may also go to "References" and use "Foot Note" to record your thoughts or insight.

Contact the church office to register or if you have any questions.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

WORSHIP FOLDER THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD Jesus Is Enough May 13, 2021 May 15 & 16, 2021 (Observed)

AS WE GATHER

"I'll see you soon!" So says the parent, spouse, or friend leaving for an errand or a short trip, with certainty that time together will soon be had again. "I'll see you soon!" so says Jesus as He departs and ascends into heaven. And though it has not been hours or days or even weeks, rather nearly two thousand years later, we still hold to the certainty of His promise that we shall see Him again soon at



His time. Until that day, though, we are wise to not stay looking up into the sky, as the disciples began to do long ago. Rather, we heed His mission to make disciples and keep ourselves prepared for that day. Even as we long to see Him soon, we know that Jesus is enough for us every day, and we take comfort in the fact that our ascended Lord Jesus remains present with us now, in this life, even amid troubles and trials. We hold on to His promises by the faith given, and we anticipate that joyful day when He will come again in the same way He was taken up into heaven.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake.

Opening Hymn Verses LSB 493 "A Hymn Of Glory Let Us Sing" st. 1



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INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation

Amen.

READING Acts 1:1–11

Pastor

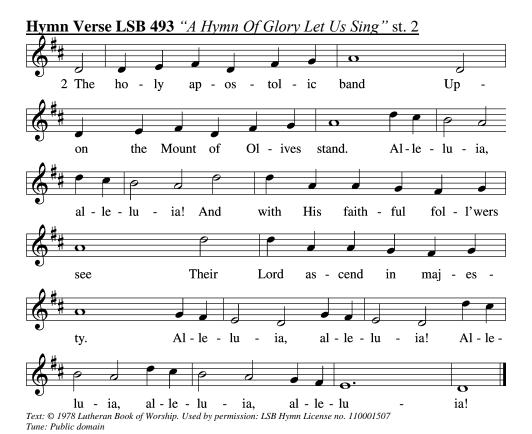
Our First Reading, the account of Christ's ascension, from Acts, the first chapter:

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,

Congregation "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Pastor

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."

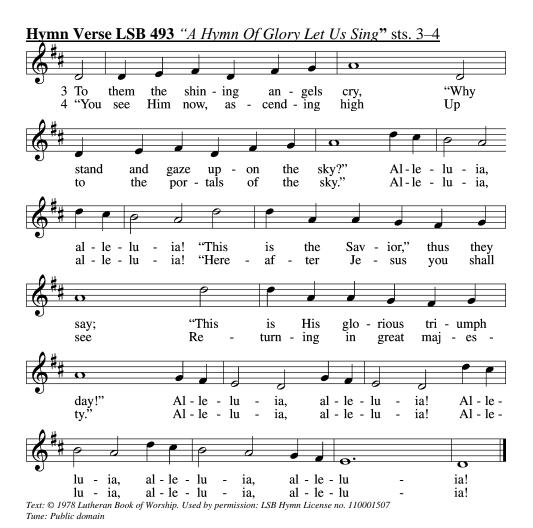


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And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do 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."

Congregation

Who went up to heaven?



Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

Congregation He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

Pastor Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation who made heaven and earth.

Pastor Let us then confess our sins unto our gracious Lord.

Congregation We confess before God and before one another that we have failed to

live in the image of Christ. We have sinned against You in thought,

word, and deed.

Pastor We stand guilty before our Father in heaven and are in need of His

forgiveness.

Congregation Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Pastor **Congregation**

Because of and in Christ's continued presence through all our days, renew us and strengthen us for Christ-like living and service in Your kingdom until the day when we ascend to the heavenly realm where we shall be in the presence of Christ forever and ever.



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Pastor

Jesus Christ, your ascended Lord, has heard your confession, and He alone has the power to forgive all sin. His presence and grace are enough for us in this time and eternally. God has promised His merciful forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus, to those who repent of their sins and turn to Him in faith. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, in His stead and by His command, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

Pastor

God keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you in ways of faith and obedience, and finally bring you to live with Him forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation Amen.

Because Jesus went up to heaven He can say this to us. "You are"."

INTROIT

Pastor God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Congregation The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,

until I make your enemies your footstool."

Pastor The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

"You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

Congregation 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.

Pastor God has gone up with a shout,

the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

When Jesus went up to heaven where did the Father want Him to sit?

KYRIE LSB 152

Assistant In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Assistant For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Assistant For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



Assistant For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



Assistant Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor 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.

Congregation Amen.

Where does Jesus live?

EPISTLE Ephesians 1:15–23

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.

What does God the Father want to give us?

VERSE Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

C Alleluia.

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

C Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:44–53

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

Congregation 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.

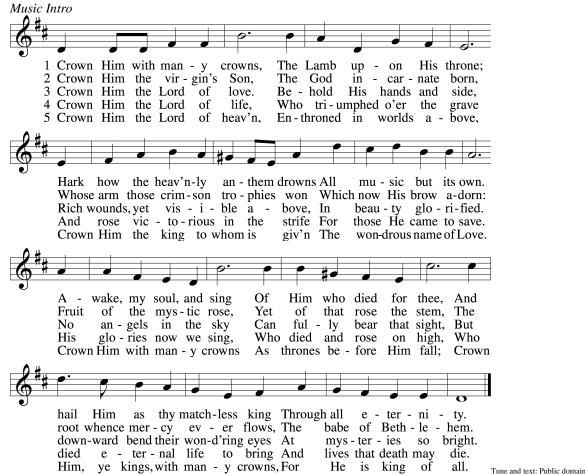
Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation Praise to You, O Christ.

Where did the disciples go to worship and bless God?

Highlight any words or phrase that describes the blessing we receive because Jesus went to heaven?

Hymn of the Day LSB 525 "Crown Him With Many Crowns"



PRAYER BEFORE HEAR IN THE WORD

Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

SERMON "The Joyful Departure" Luke 24:44–53

Introduction:

Parting gifts are usually given to the person leaving. Yet, in some cases, the person departing gives a gift to others so that they will remember them when they are gone. Christ our Lord has done this. He gave a least two gifts to His disciples that He still gives to us.

I. He opens our minds to understand the Scriptures

The first gift is that of understanding the Scriptures. It doesn't take a miracle to understand the Bible. Yet, we cannot fully understand the Bible without the help of the Holy Spirit.

Our sinful nature and our sins have separated us from God. If mankind had remained perfect and Adan and Eve hadn't sin, we would have a perfect communication with our God and a perfect knowledge of God. We would have had a perfect understanding of His will and would have been able to live according to His will.

But sin has destroyed this. By nature we are enemies of God, by nature we resist God's guidance and by our sinful nature rebel against God. So, His word would have remained a mystery to us because we are of the flesh and not of the Spirit.

So, when we read the Scriptures there is a teacher present who opens our minds to understanding the word. That teacher is the Holy Spirit. He enters into our hearts as we hear the Word and He works to open our hearts and our minds to understand that the Scriptures are about Christ and the salvation that He brings to us.

He opened the minds of His disciples so that they could under what the books of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms said about the Christ. He showed to the disciples all that He, that is Jesus, had done was foretold in the Old Testament.

Even to this day, the Old Testament is be studied and read in the light of Jesus Christ. And again this is not merely a learning tool but the working of the Holy Spirit to open our minds to know that Jesus is our Lord and Savior and that He is the only one who can and has saved us.

II. He cloths us with power on high to be His witnesses

This brings us to the second gift God has given us. He has given the role of being witnesses of His death and resurrection. We are to proclaim His death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sin.

Yes, it is His death that pays for our sins. It is His resurrection which proves that the forgiveness of sins has been secured for us by Christ. It is in the preaching of this message that people are brought to repentance and call upon Christ for the forgiveness of sin.

The gift is that with this message God provides us with the Holy Spirit so that we can and will speak. God does not leave us to our own accord. He does not send us out to spread the Word alone, by ourselves. The Holy Spirit, the power from on high, goes with us.

He will give us the words that we need to say. He will do the work through our words. He doesn't leave it up to us convince the person to believe. But through His Word others will come to faith. As Scriptures says, faith comes through hearing and hearing through the Word.

Conclusion:

This is the joy that we have. Christ ascended into heaven. He departed physically from our presence, our sight. Yet, He never has left us.

He stills to this day dwells in us and is with us. We are never alone nor do we ever do His work without Him present.

We have the joy of spreading the Gospel message and even seeing it work faith in the hearts of others. We have the joy of knowing that His ascension was not a good bye forever, but a "see you later" farewell.

The gifts, that He has given us, move us to joy and to blessing His name. And so we gather continuously to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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APOSTLES' CREED

Congregation I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life T everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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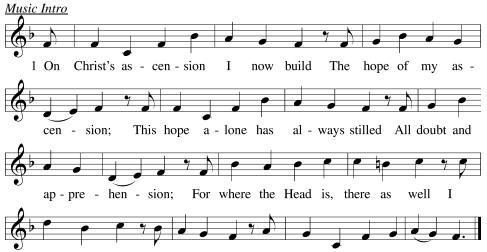
Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Ascended Lord, Jesus Christ, we rejoice as we bring our prayers to Your throne of grace. We pray for the whole Christian Church, that through it the will of God be done among us on earth and that in it we may rejoice in hearing the Good News of the Gospel. Ascended Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation

hear our prayer.

Hymn Verse Response LSB 492 "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build" st. 1



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.

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Pastor

As all things on this earth are under Your feet, we pray for the nations of the world and for those who lead them, that justice, security, and peace be

known around the globe by Your mercies, provisions, and grace. Ascended

Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

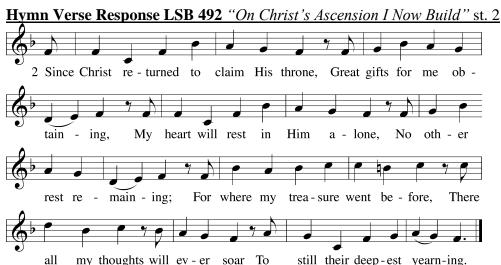
Pastor We pray for the Church and for this congregation, that we use wisely the

time and all resources You have given us, accomplishing Your will to further

Your mission by the power of the Holy Spirit. Ascended Lord, in Your

mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.



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Pastor We pray for all those with special needs facing trial and troubles in spirit or

body, and all those whose cares and challenges are of concern to us, *[especially . . .]*. Assure them and us of Your continuing presence in their lives and in our lives also. For the times in our lives when we wonder if

Jesus is enough, remind us that because of Christ's ascension, His presence remains each day as He continually pours out His gifts of grace, mercy, and

forgiveness. Ascended Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.

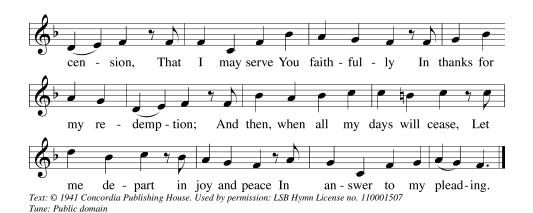
Pastor With gratefulness, ascended Lord, we thank You for the faithful witness of

those no longer with us here on earth who rejoice in Your eternal care. Inspire us by their faithful witness and help us serve You and others in love

all our days. Ascended Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation hear our prayer.





(Additional petitions may follow.)

Pastor Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray,

trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ,

our Lord.

Congregation Amen.





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LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation

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.

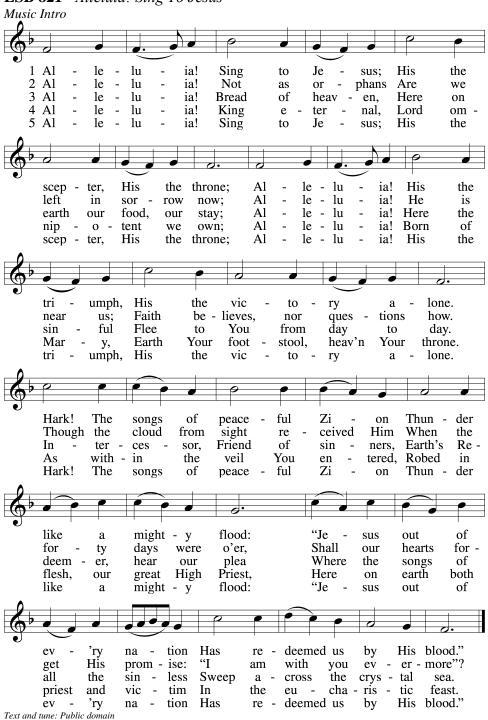
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

HYMNS





LSB 821 "Alleluia! Sing To Jesus"



THANK THE LORD LSB 164



BENEDICTION

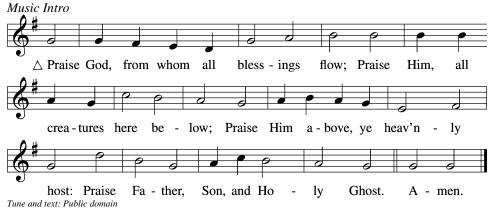
Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

Congregation Amen.

Hymn of Departure LSB 805 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"



PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Coloring Page

Ascension Luke 24:44-53



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