

ASCENSION DAY (Observed)

Saturday, May 27, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 28, 2017 - 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Based on the Service of Prayer & Preaching LSB pg. 260

As We Gather

As we celebrate our Lord's ascension, we might wonder why Jesus left His followers alone. That's at least what it might look like on the surface as we read today's Reading from Acts. But nothing could be further from the truth! Jesus doesn't abandon us at His ascension. Rather, He is with us even today by the Holy Spirit. Jesus is truly present still today as we gather in His name. As He has promised, Jesus is with us always, even to the end of the age!

Prelude & Welcome

Entrance Hymn (Please stand on last verse) "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

LSB 525



- 1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
- 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim-son tro-phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down - ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal 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.

Opening Sentences

L: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C: **Teach me Your paths.**

L: Sanctify us in Your truth.

C: **Your Word is truth.**

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

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.**

Hymn of Praise

“See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph”

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1 See, the Lord ascends in triumph;
Conqu’ring King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, His chariot,
To His heav’nly palace gate.
Hark! The choirs of angel voices
Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted
To receive their heav’nly King.

2 Who is this that comes in glory
With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies,
He has gained the victory.
He who on the cross did suffer,
He who from the grave arose,
He has vanquished sin and Satan;
He by death has crushed His foes.

✠ The Word of the Lord ✠

New Testament *(Please be seated)*

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

1 John 1:1-4

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Procession and Song (*Please stand*) “Christ is Risen He is Risen Indeed” *Getty/Cash*
(*The Gospel procession moves into the center of the congregation, as the Gospel is read from our midst to symbolize the Risen Christ standing among us with the good news of His victory.*)

How can it be the One who died has borne our sin thru sac-ri-fice to con-quer ev - ry
sting of death Sing sing Hal - le - lu jah Christ is ri - sen He is
ris - en in - deed Oh sing hal - le - lu — jah Join the cho - rus sing
with the re - deemed Christ — is ris - en He's ris - en in - deed.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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.

We sing:

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| 1 The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save
He frees our hearts to live His grace
Go tell of His goodness | 2 Christ is risen He is risen indeed
Oh sing hallelujah
Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
Christ is risen He is risen indeed |
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Prayer for the Word

L: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ Catechism ✠

Ten Commandments

P: We join together in remembering our Heavenly Father’s good and perfect will for our life. It is by His Spirit that we are enabled to love Him and love others.

C: You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Children’s Message *(Please be seated)*



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
 2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
 prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
 leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Sermon "The Importance of the Ascension for Everyday Life" Acts 1:1-11

1) The Problem - As forgotten as _____, as important as _____, and _____!

³[Jesus] presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to the disciples during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ... ⁹And when [Jesus] had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight (1:3, 9).

2) The Meaning - Should he _____ or should he _____?
 Is it a _____ or a _____?

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?" (1:10-11a).

3) The Applications - You are _____! You are _____!
You are _____!

In my first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up... [Jesus said to them,] 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" (1:1-2a, 8).

Listen to past sermons or share them with a friend at clcs.org/sermons.

Apostles' Creed (please stand)

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 \ddot{x} everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Greeting & Rite of Fellowship

(Welcome! Please add your name to the fellowship pad.)

Gathering of Offerings

(As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our lives, time, talents and financial gifts. We trust Him to supply all our needs. If you would like to give your offering electronically, you can use www.clcs.org/donate or the QR code here.)



Offertory Hymn

“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

LSB 830



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



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.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

Prayer of the Church & Lord's Prayer *(Please stand)*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For *(...special petitions)*, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Confession & Absolution *(8:00 a.m.)*

P: As we prepare for the Lord to send us out into His mission field as witnesses of the love of Christ, we ask His blessing upon us. With repentant hearts, we join in confession:

C: Father of all mercy and God of all consolation, we humble ourselves before You, admitting that we have fallen short of Your good intentions for our lives. Your Law continues to reveal in our lives the many ways in which we exchange your good gifts for the temptations and desires of this world. Have mercy on us, gracious Lord. Bring us the healing of body and soul that comes from the forgiveness of Christ.

P: Your Father in heaven hears your prayer and, in His great mercy, has given His Son to die on the cross and rise again for you. The blessing of His cross and resurrection is yours today. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The 8:00 a.m. service continues on page 10.

Holy Communion - Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. He says: "Come, for those who eat this bread and drink this cup will never hunger or thirst, but be raised up on the Last Day" (John 6). Whoever receives the Lord's Supper must be a believer in Christ (Hebrews 11:6); be sorry for their sins (Proverbs 28:13); believe that Christ offers His body and blood with the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:16); and be willing to forgive those who have sinned against you (Matthew 6:14-15). Come with faith in His promises to you and His presence in this holy meal.

As you approach the Lord's table, please move to the cross on the center rail.

Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available on the two stands at the front of the church.

Worshippers with a gluten allergy may pick up a sealed packet on their way to the communion rail.

✠ Service of Holy Communion ✠ 6:30 p.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Confession of Sins & Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P: Let us go to the Lord with humility and honesty, as we reflect upon our lives

C: **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against You. The ascended Lord Jesus is with us always, yet at times we doubt His presence, provision, and love. In our day to day life, we often overlook His promise to be with us always. We also do not live our lives ready for His coming. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask for Your forgiveness. Deliver and restore us that we may rest in peace.**

P: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him. Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

The Words of Institution & the Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God"

LSB 550

1 Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Distribution Hymns (*Please be seated*) **“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”**

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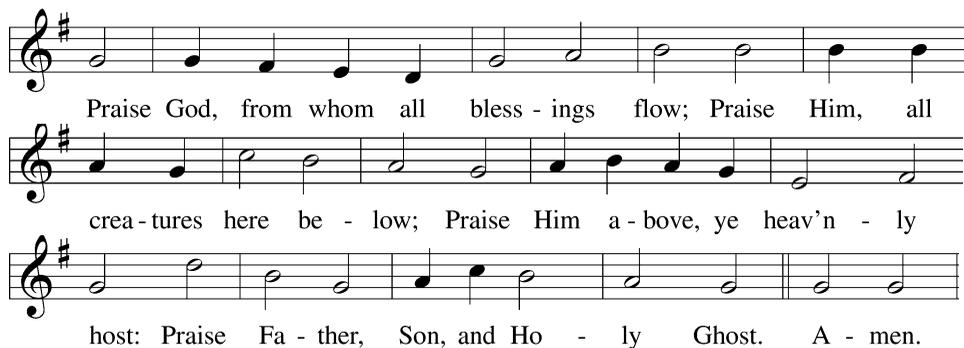
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| 1 Hail the day that sees Him rise
To His throne above the skies!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n,
Reascends His native heav'n. | 4 See, He lifts His hands above;
See, He shows the prints of love.
Hark! His gracious lips bestow
Blessings on His Church below. |
| 2 There the glorious triumph waits:
Lift your heads, eternal gates.
He hath conquered death and sin;
Take the King of Glory in! | 5 Still for us He intercedes;
His prevailing death He pleads,
Near Himself prepares our place,
Harbinger of human race. |
| 3 See, the heav'n its Lord receives,
Yet He loves the earth He leaves;
Though returning to His throne,
Still He calls mankind His own. | 6 There we shall with Thee remain
Partners of Thy endless reign,
There Thy face unclouded see,
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in Thee. |

“Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices”

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| 1 Hark! Ten thousand harps and voices
Sound the note of praise above;
Jesus reigns and heav'n rejoices,
Jesus reigns, the God of love.
See, He sits on yonder throne;
Jesus rules the world alone. | 4 King of glory, reign forever!
Thine an everlasting crown.
Nothing from Thy love shall sever
Those who Thou hast made Thine own:
Happy objects of Thy grace,
Destined to behold Thy face. |
| 2 Sing how Jesus came from heaven,
How He bore the cross below,
How all pow'r to Him is given,
How He reigns in glory now.
'Tis a great and endless theme--
O, 'tis sweet to sing of Him. | 5 Savior, hasten Thine appearing;
Bring, O bring the glorious day,
When, the awful summons hearing,
Heav'n and earth shall pass away.
Then, with golden harps, we'll sing,
"Glory, glory, to our King!" |
| 3 Jesus, hail! Thy glory brightens
All above and gives it worth;
Lor of life, thy smile enlightens,
Cheers and charms Thy saints on earth.
When we think of love like Thine,
Lord, we own it love divine. | |

Post-Communion Hymn (Please stand) "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Communion Blessing

Prayer

L: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You do not abandon Your people, but provide for us even today with the real presence of your ascended Son in this Sacrament. In His name we pray.

C: Amen.

8:00 a.m. service continues here

Evening Prayer (6:30 p.m.)

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Morning Prayer (8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.)

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Christ is ascended!

C: **He is ascended indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

LSB 466



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear!
 4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus’ re - deem - ing la - bors are done;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there.”
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won.”

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death’s fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Postlude