

Ascension Sunday
May 21, 2023
9:30 a.m.

*Be glad and rejoice,
for the LORD has
done great things!*

JOEL 2:21



"Christ – Students - Community Coming Together"

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PRELUDE

Stand

INVOCATION

P If in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Most merciful God, **C** Have mercy on us.

C We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE *Greet others, saying “Peace be with you/And also with you”, along with a head nod, handshake, bow, or placing your hand on your heart.*

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

“Awake, My Heart, With Gladness”

1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!

Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
 But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.

My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
 For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take

When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.

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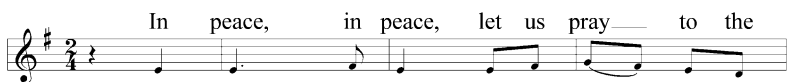
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Col. 2:15; Rom. 8:35–39; Gen. 3:15; Rom. 6:4

[P] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **[C]** **And also with you.**

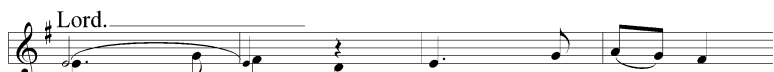
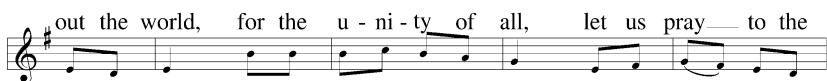
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C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



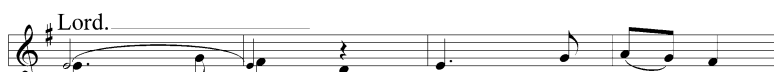
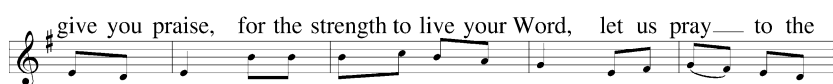
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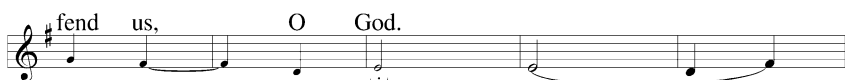
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Lord, have mer - cy.



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Continue the following without interruption. All sing the Refrain.

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre -
a-tion sings for joy to the God of
life and love and free-dom; praise and
glo-ry for ev - er - more!

Stanza 1

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and u - nit - ed us

Refrain

to be one great peo - ple of God.

Stanza 2

2 Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and might, all hon - or and

glo-ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Stanza 3

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

God; to make all things new.

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NOW THE FEAST
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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- [P] The Lord be with you. **[C] And also with you.**
- [P] Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **[C] Amen.**

Sit

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Joel 2:21 - 27

- [R] Do not fear, O soil;
 be glad and rejoice,
 for the LORD has done great things!
- Do not fear, you animals of the field,
 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;

the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the LORD your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

| - - - - Introduction - - - - - |

C Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-

ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia! *(Repeat, starting after intro.)*

Sit
MESSAGE

Stand

HYMN

"You Are Mine"



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom,

I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see.
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

(2) In the



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here.
 Come and rest in me.
 all will know my name.
 up, now walk and live!

To stanza 2

To refrain

To refrain

To refrain

Refrain

Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I

To stanzas 3 and 4



love you and you are mine."

4 "I

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Music: David Haas

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YOU ARE MINE
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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator 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 again to judge the living and
the dead.

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

PRAYERS

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

*Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to
which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:*

[P] Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in
your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C]** Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

OFFERING

*You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in
offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.*



OFFERTORY MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

Stand

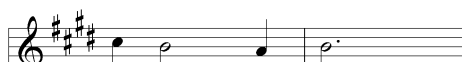
P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P  The Lord be with you.

C  And also with you.

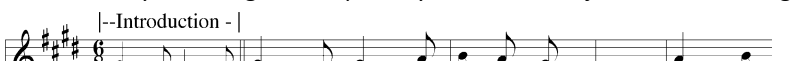
P  Lift up your hearts.

C  We lift them to the Lord.

P  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C  It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C  **Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly are you, God of**
pow - er and might; Heav-en and earth are
filled with your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho-



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

[P] In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

[P] Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

[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

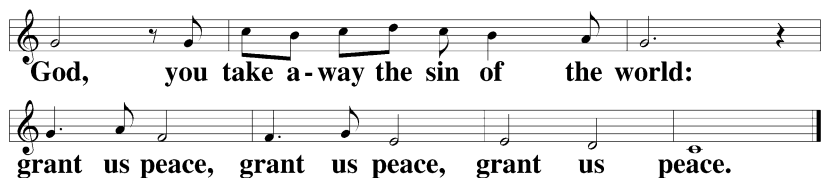
AGNUS DEI

[C] ----- Introduction -----

1) Lamb of God, you take a -
2) Lamb of God, you are the

way the sin of the world: have ^(hold)mer - cy on us,
way of mer-cy and love: have mer - cy on us,

^(hold)mer - cy on us, ^(quick)mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 2 above)
^(hold)mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 3-->) 3) Lamb of



Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive pre-packaged communion elements, or from the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Pre-packaged Gluten free options are available.

HYMN “As The Grains of Wheat”

C | - - - - introduction - - - - | *Refrain*

rit. As the grains of wheat once
scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in - to one to be -
come our bread; so may all your people from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in

Verses

*(1st & 2nd times; go to verses;
3rd time: end)*

1. As this cup of bless-ing is
2. Let this be a fore-taste of
shared with - in our midst, may we share the
all that is to come when all cre - a - tion
pres - ence of your love.
shares this feast with you.

*(Sing Refrain & 2nd Vs.)
(Sing Refrain once more)*

HYMN

"Oh That I had A Thousand Voices"

1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es To praise my
 2 O all you pow'rs that He im - plant - ed, A - rise, keep
 3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der That dance for
 4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, That through the

God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
 si - lence now no more; Put forth the strength that God has
 joy in sum - mer air, You mead - ow grass - es, bright and
 earth, the sea, the sky, Come, share with me my heart's de -

joic - es, Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs To all, wher -
 grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore. O soul and
 slen - der, You flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, You live to
 vo - tion, Help me to sing God's prais - es high. My ut - most

ev - er I might be, What great things God has done for me.
 bod - y, join to raise With heart - felt joy our Mak - er's praise.
 show God's praise a - lone. Join me to make His glo - ry known.
 pow'rs can nev - er quite De - clare the won - ders of His might.

5 Creator, humbly I implore You
 To listen to my earthly song
 Until that day when I adore You,
 Together with the angel throng
 And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing
 Eternal anthems to my King.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt.
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O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (KÖNIG)
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1 Chron. 16:31–36; Ps. 126:3; Joel 2:26; Ps. 95:6

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. [C] **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER



1) Praise to you, O God of mer-cy: Thanks be to
2) From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to
you for-ev-er! Rais-ing high the weak and
you for-ev-er! Truth and jus-tice you have
low-ly: Thanks be to you for-ev-er! (*sing vs. 2*)
taught us: Thanks be to you for-ev-er! (*cont.-->*)
Strong is your faith-ful-ness, strong is your love, re-
mem-b'ring your cov-e-nant of life with us.
Praise to you O God of mer-cy: Thanks be to you for-
ev-er! Rais-ing high the weak and low-ly: Thanks be to
you for-ev-er. Thanks be to you for-ev-er!

[P] Let us pray. We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. [C] **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. [C] **Amen.**

P Go in peace; serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN "A Hymn of Glory"

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -

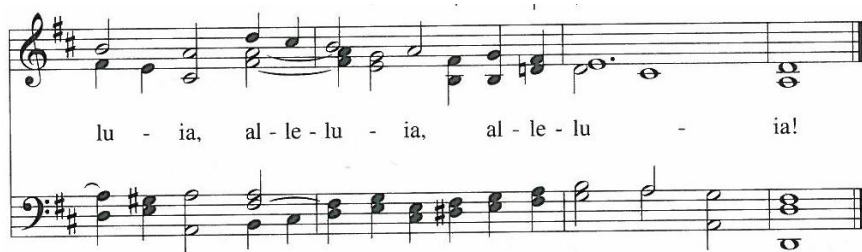
hymns through - out the world shall ring;
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,

Christ, by a road be - fore un -
And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers
al - le - lu - ia!

trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -

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

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (two sharps). It consists of six systems of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some lines having two parts (1 and 2). The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines. The lyrics are: 1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New; 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -; hymns through - out the world shall ring; on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,; Christ, by a road be - fore un -; And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers; al - le - lu - ia!; trod, As - cends un - to the throne of; see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -; God, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le; ty.



5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978, alt.
Tune: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623; setting: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Acts 1:9–11; Col. 3:1–4; Ps. 47:5–9; Rev. 5:13

POSTLUDE

Our Confession about Communion

Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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