

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Divine Service with Holy Communion: *LSB* Setting III

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Jesus Is Ascended, but Not Absent

On the fortieth day after His resurrection, our Lord ascended to the right hand of the Father. But although Jesus is hidden from your eyes, He is not absent from you. For He now fills all things in heaven and on earth. He continues “to do and to teach” (Acts 1:1), preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins through those sent in His name (Mark 16:14-20; Luke 24:44-53), giving you His true body and blood in the Supper.

CPH One-Year Lectionary Calendar Notes

Prelude

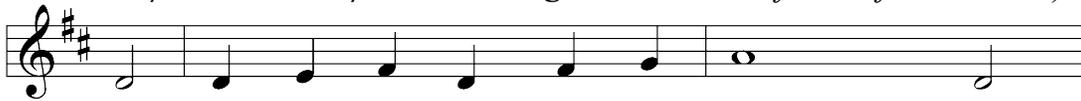
SONATA IN C MAJOR FOR FLUTE (BWV 1033)

I. Andante

J. S. Bach

OPENING HYMN

493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing *(Please stand for the final stanza.)*



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why
4 “You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,
stand and gaze up - on the sky?” Al - le - lu - ia,
to the por - tals of the sky.” Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l’wers
al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior,” thus they
al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -
say; “This is His glo - rious tri - umph
see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



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

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!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P 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.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit (sung by choir)

Psalm 47:1; antiphon: Acts 1:11, KJV

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?

Hallelujah!

This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven:

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Oh, clap your hands, all ye people:

shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

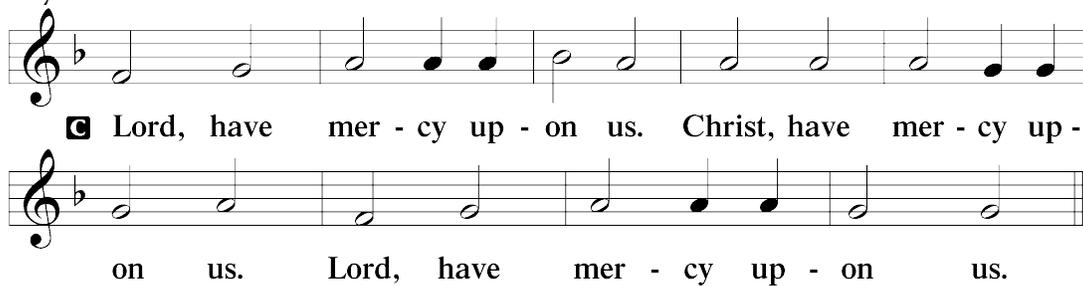
And to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

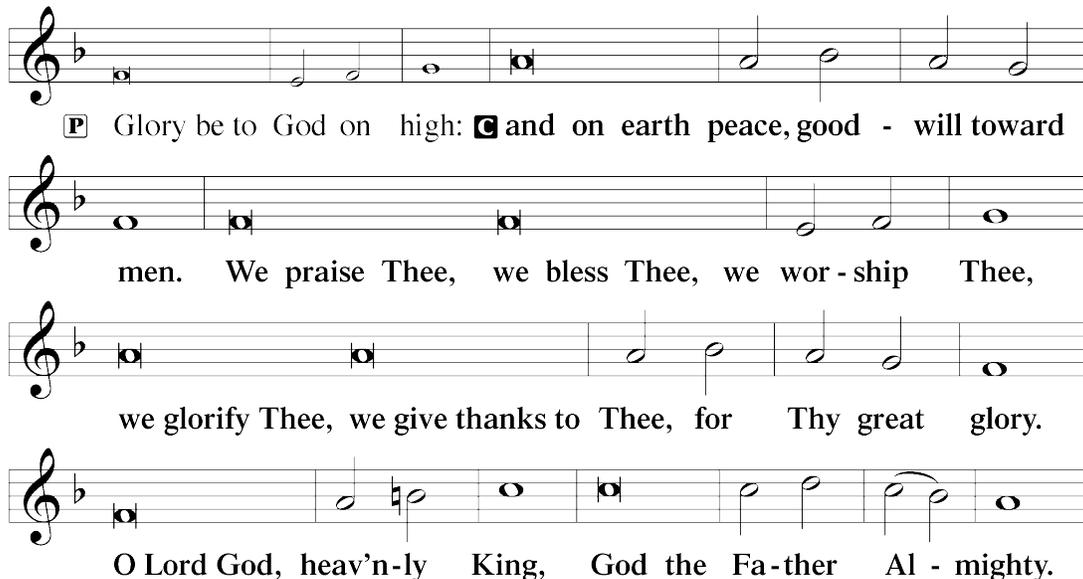
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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187



P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P 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.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading*2 Kings 2:5–15*

⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the Lord, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

¹⁵Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading*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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (sung by choir)

Psalm 47:5, 68:18a

Alleluia. Alleluia. God is gone up with a shout:

the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Thou hast ascended on high:

Thou hast led captivity captive. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:14–20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁴Afterward [Jesus] appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

¹⁹So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**☩ 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.**

Sit

About the Hymn of the Day

The following hymn by Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1887) is a true gem of English hymnody. As one commentator notes: “The amount of Holy Scripture compressed into these forty lines [he does not include the doxology] is wonderful. Prophecy, types, historical facts, doctrinal teaching, ecstatic praise, all are here; and the result is one grand rush of holy song” (*The Handbook to The Lutheran Hymnal*).

While this hymn appears in *Lutheran Service Book* (#494), the text is inexplicably altered in several places, detracting from Wordsworth’s mastery of language, verse, and Christian doctrine; hence our use of *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

HYMN OF THE DAY

TLH 218 See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

(Choir sings stanzas 3 and 5; setting: D. Reuning)

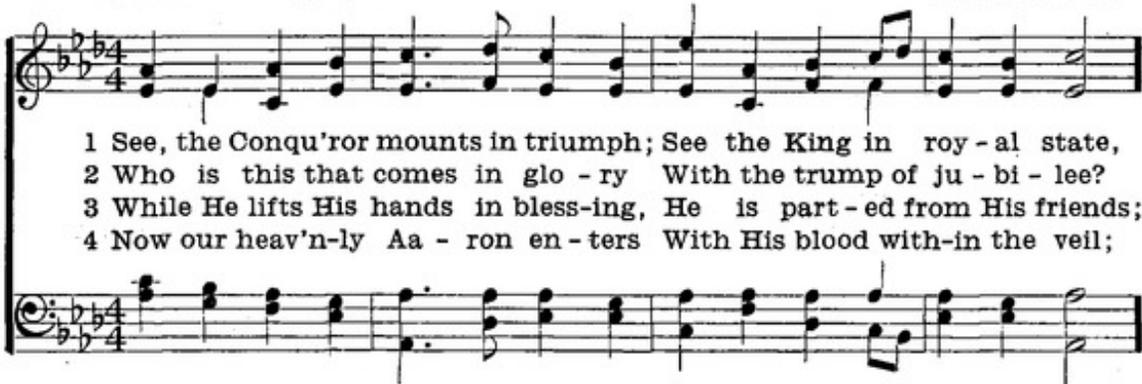
Ps. 68: 18

Christopher Wordsworth, 1862, cento

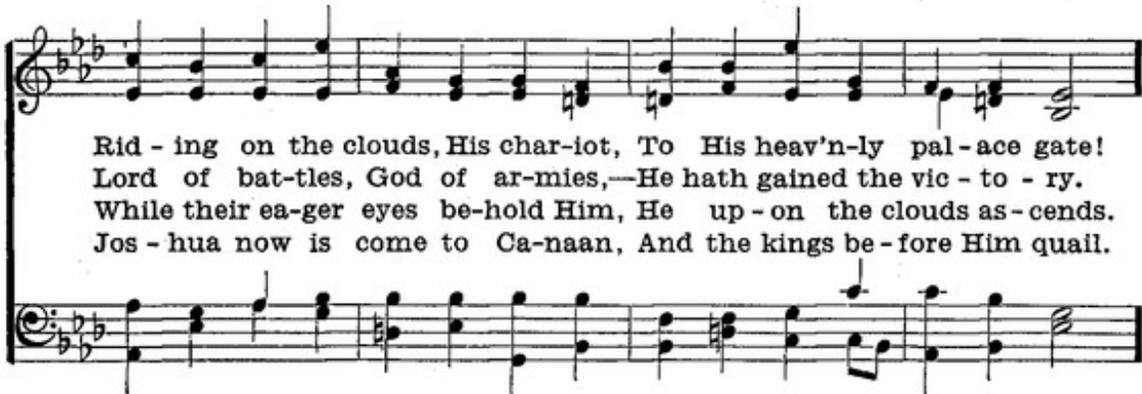
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Rex Gloriae

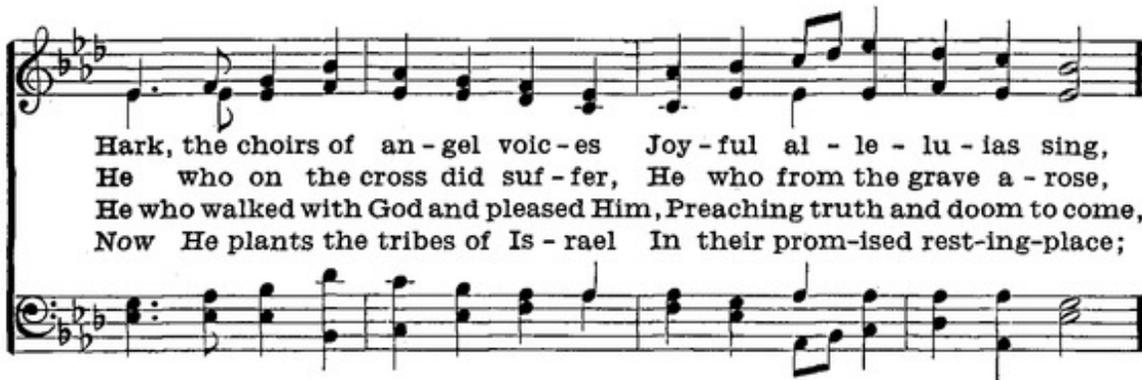
Henry Smart, 1868



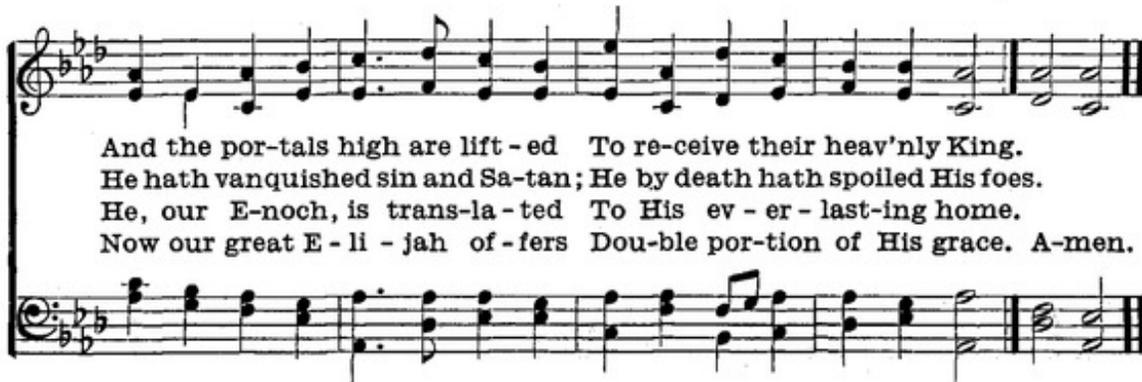
1 See, the Conqu'ror mounts in triumph; See the King in roy - al state,
2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the trump of ju - bi - lee?
3 While He lifts His hands in bless - ing, He is part - ed from His friends;
4 Now our heav'n - ly Aa - ron en - ters With His blood with - in the veil;



Rid - ing on the clouds, His char - iot, To His heav'n - ly pal - ace gate!
Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, — He hath gained the vic - to - ry.
While their ea - ger eyes be - hold Him, He up - on the clouds as - cends.
Jos - hua now is come to Ca - naan, And the kings be - fore Him quail.



Hark, the choirs of an - gel voic - es Joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing,
He who on the cross did suf - fer, He who from the grave a - rose,
He who walked with God and pleased Him, Preaching truth and doom to come,
Now He plants the tribes of Is - rael In their prom - ised rest - ing - place;



And the por - tals high are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'nly King.
He hath vanquished sin and Sa - tan; He by death hath spoiled His foes.
He, our E - noch, is trans - la - ted To His ev - er - last - ing home.
Now our great E - li - jah of - fers Dou - ble por - tion of His grace. A - men.

The hymn continues on the following page.

5. Thou hast raised our human nature
 On the clouds to God's right hand.
 There we sit in heav'nly places,
 There with Thee in glory stand.
 Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
 Man with God is on the throne.
 Mighty Lord, in Thine ascension
 We by faith behold our own.
- △ 6. Glory be to God the Father;
 Glory be to God the Son,
 Dying, ris'n, ascending for us,
 Who the heav'nly realm hath won:
 Glory to the Holy Spirit!
 To One God in Persons Three,
 Glory both in earth and heaven,
 Glory, endless glory, be. Amen.

Sermon

Pastor Grills

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine 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

LSB 195



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



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Our Teaching on the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you.

491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph
 2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual
 3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,
 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



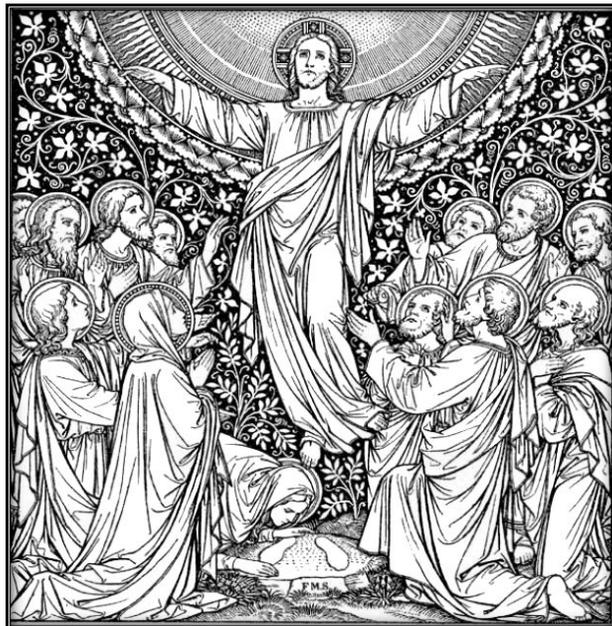
in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,
 to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther
 prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure
 Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -
 As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our
 With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as
 Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.
 world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!
 You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.
 al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!



640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior (choir sings stanzas 1-3)

Setting by Matthew Machemer



Choir 1 Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - ior, Thee,
 Choir 2 In this me - mo - rial of Thy death, O Lord,
 Choir 3 Thou, like the pel - i - can to feed her brood,
 All 4 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God:
 All 5 O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see,



Who in Thy Sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;
 Thou dost Thy bod - y and Thy blood af - ford:
 Didst pierce Thy - self to give us liv - ing food;
 Cleanse us, un - clean, with Thy most cleans - ing blood;
 May what we thirst for soon our por - tion be:



Both flesh and spir - it in Thy pres - ence fail,
 Oh, may our souls for - ev - er feed on Thee,
 Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win
 In - crease our faith and love, that we may know
 To gaze on Thee un - veiled and see Thy face,



Yet here Thy pres - ence we de - vout - ly hail.
 And Thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be.
 For - give - ness for our world and all its sin.
 The hope and peace which from Thy pres - ence flow.
 The vi - sion of Thy glo - ry, and Thy grace. A - men.

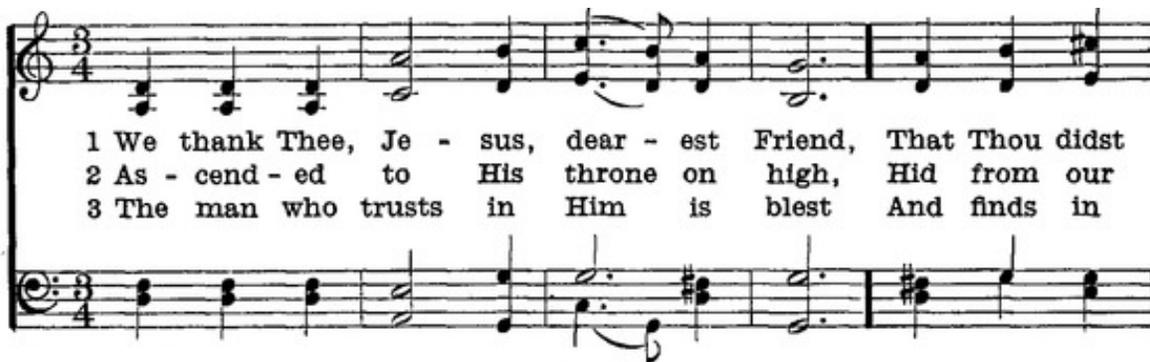
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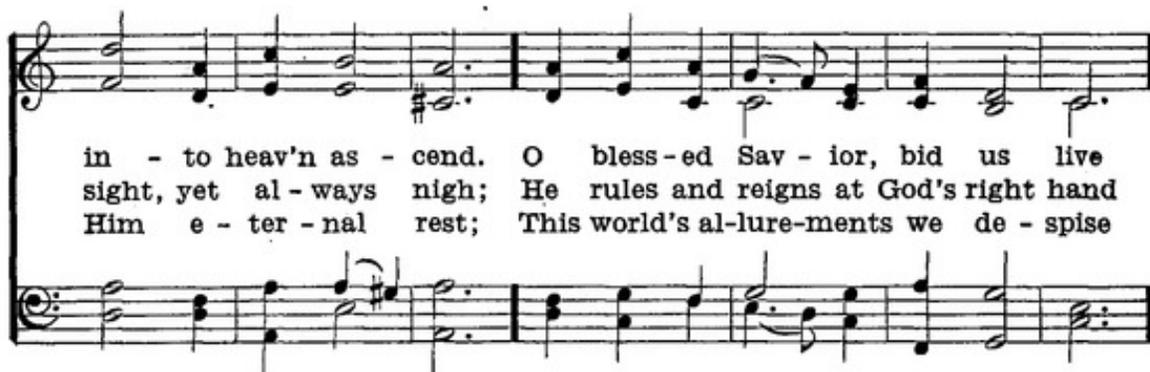
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TLH 223 We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend

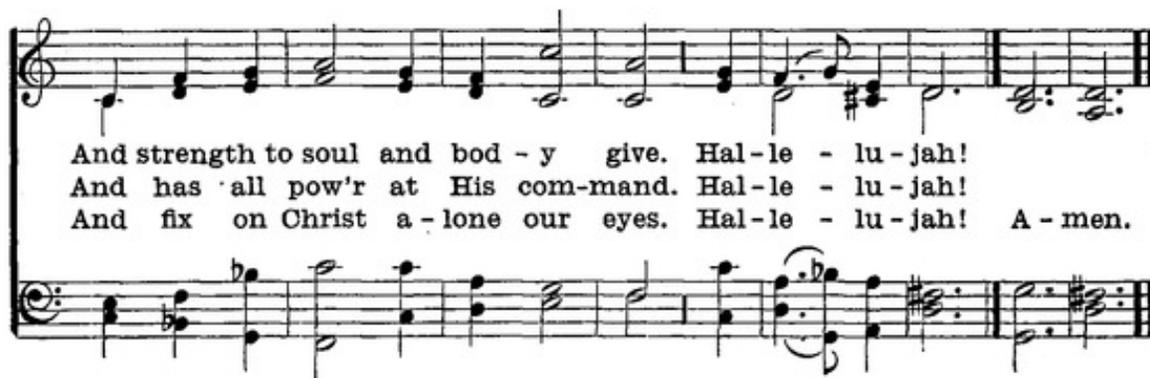
(Choir sings stanza 1)



1 We thank Thee, Je - sus, dear - est Friend, That Thou didst
2 As - cend - ed to His throne on high, Hid from our
3 The man who trusts in Him is blest And finds in



in - to heav'n as - cend. O bless - ed Sav - ior, bid us live
sight, yet al - ways nigh; He rules and reigns at God's right hand
Him e - ter - nal rest; This world's al - lure - ments we de - spise



And strength to soul and bod - y give. Hal - le - lu - jah!
And has all pow'r at His com - mand. Hal - le - lu - jah!
And fix on Christ a - lone our eyes. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

4. We therefore heartily rejoice
And sing His praise with cheerful voice;
He captive led captivity,
From bitter death He set us free.
Hallelujah!

5. Through Him we heirs of heav'n are made;
O Brother, Christ, extend Thine aid
That we may firmly trust in Thee
And through Thee live eternally.
Hallelujah!

The Dismissal

P May the holy Body and precious Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in true faith unto life everlasting.
Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P 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 A - men.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and † give thee peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



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
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



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.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



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
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



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.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Postlude

SONATA IN C MAJOR FOR FLUTE (BWV 1033)

II. Allegro

V. Menuet II

J. S. Bach

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	5/16/2021 (Ascension)	5/23/2021 (Pentecost)
Pastor	Rev. Willie Grills	Rev. Willie Grills
Cantor/Organist	Peter Eckardt	Peter Eckardt
Head Elder	Trent Duckett	Trent Duckett
Assisting Elder	Rick Shepard	Rick Shepard
Special Music	Marizza Shepard, Flute Kaylin Richey, Violin Adult Choir	Adult Choir
Altar Guild	Margaret Hagen Georgia Burtard	Margaret Hagen Georgia Burtard
Acolytes	Kaylee Croft Abigail Niemeyer	Nina Stortzum Savanah Cole

Prayer Requests

Those in Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery:

Monte Overton

Wanda Hesse

Verne Adkins

Marge Anderson

Joan Zauner

Bob Zschau

Dennis Johnson

Herman Janssen

Pat Smith

Joyce Schmidt

Church Announcements

The Ladies Aid Rummage Sale will be Saturday, May 29. You may bring items to the gym the week of May 23. Thank you so much for your contribution. *A portion of the proceeds of the sale will go to the school scholarship fund.*

* We are in need of portable clothes rack to use that week. If you have any we could borrow --please label with your name and bring to the Church Gym on Monday, May 24. Also anyone who would like to help mark items that week, we would love to have you!

Thanking you in advance, Ladies Aid

Custodial Job Opening: St. John's is hiring a part-time (16-18 hours a week) custodian for the church building. The position has flexible hours. Please contact the church office (217-234-4923) for more information or to apply!

Baby Bottle banks: If you wish to donate to Choices Pregnancy Center & Health, please fill the bottle (found at each entrance of the church) with your change and return on or before Father's Day, June 20.

Confirmation Sunday will be May 30. Mark your calendars!

Vacation Bible School will be held June 6–10. This year the schedule is a bit different. On **Sunday** evening (June 6) we will kick off the week with our opening! We will serve dinner that night and the kids will enjoy the first day of VBS. Then starting on Monday, June 7, the remaining days (Monday through Thursday) will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 am. Please contact the office at 234-4923 with any questions!

**We are still looking for volunteers to help in several different capacities. Please contact Kallie Harris at 246-6222, Nina Curry at 962-0573, or Meredith Danley at 254-5462 if you'd be interested in helping. Thank you!*

Camp CILCA's annual Hog Roast is May 30, 2021. The Camp is looking for individuals to donate baked goods for the dinner. If you would like to donate a baked good, please contact Rachel Benning: 217-697-9566 or Rachmcp42@hotmail.com. Please come for the great food and great fellowship time with other Camp CILCA friends and show support for your Lutheran Camp. For additional information about the Hog Roast, Outdoor Chapel, or the Great Central Illinois Camp-Out, go to www.cilca.org or visit Camp CILCA's Facebook page.

School Announcements

Employment Opportunities at St. John's Lutheran School:

- 5th grade teacher (Elementary Education Degree)
- Part-time preschool teacher
- Part-time 1st & 2nd Grade Paraprofessional

Church Budget & Offerings:

Budgeted: \$151,639

Received: \$118,690

Schedule for May 16 – May 23

Sun	8:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion (Ascension) 9:25–10:15 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study/Confirmation 2:00 pm Stortzum – Gym 5:00 pm Rebels - Canceled
Mon	8:00 am Laborers of Love
Tue	6:30 am Men's Bible Study @Honey Bee Café 7:00 pm Adult Choir
Wed	6:30 pm 8 th Grade Confirmation
Thu	7:00 pm Preschool Graduation
Sat	10:00 am Ladies Aid
Sun	8:00 am Worship w/Holy Communion (Pentecost) 9:25–10:15 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study/Confirmation 2:00 pm Stortzum – Gym 5:00 pm FIRE