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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL † SEEK THE THIRSTY † TEACH THE WORD

† *As We Gather* †

In a world where people are hungering for hope amid disasters, viruses, and failures of trusted leaders, many try to fill the void with the latest fad or by trusting in human institutions run by fallen humanity. Ascension gives us real hope. God loves us so much He sent His one and only Son to redeem us through His crucifixion and resurrection. Then Jesus walked the earth for forty days before ascending to heaven promising that He is with us always—in His Word, Sacraments, and among His people. That is our hope.

† *Preparation* †

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493



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

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

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INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Water of Life!

Gene & Elizabeth (Liz) E.
 Jason & Joan, Jordan, Jacelyn M.
 Melissa S.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 47:5; 110:1, 5

Pastor God has gone up with a shout,
People **The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Pastor The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool."
People **The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings on the day of His wrath.**

HYMN VERSE

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

LSB 609, v. 4

4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor Let us confess our sins before God our Father.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Pastor Most merciful God,
People **We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We are guilty of placing our hopes and dreams in the people, places, and things of this world, which are here today and tomorrow are thrown in the fire. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who lived, died, rose, and ascended to Your right hand, and lead us to bear witness to the real hope we have in You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

Pastor As a called and ordained servant of our ascended Lord Jesus and by His power and authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

6 Now my con - science is at peace; From the Law I
stand ac - quit - ted. Christ hath pur - chased my re - lease
And my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my
soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

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† Service of the Word †

SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

ALL Almighty God, as Your 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. Amen.

FIRST 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."

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your 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.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

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

People 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.

People **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

**ALL 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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.**



1 Christ sits at God's right hand, His sav - ing work com - plete,
 2 Christ was that priest God swore, U - nique - ly First and Last,
 3 Christ's al - tar was the tree, Where on the world's be - half
 4 What cost - ly sac - ri - fice To cov - er hu - man sin!



To reign till ev - 'ry foe will lie Be - neath His feet—
 Who would in righ - teous - ness and love Be un - sur - passed:
 He shed a blood, un - like the blood Of goat or calf,
 Who but Christ Je - sus had the right To en - ter in?



All that the Fa - ther planned, The Son sought to ful - fill,
 "A priest for - ev - er - more," An oath God would not break,
 To seal God's guar - an - tee Of grace that can - not fail;
 His blood, that sprin - kled price, So we might be as - sured



When first He said, "Lord, here am I To do Your will."
 "A priest with - in the or - der of Mel - chiz - e - dek."
 With blood He en - tered for our good Be - hind the veil.
 That our in - her - i - tance in light Has been se - cured.

5 Then let us now draw near,
 Washed in that precious flood
 And enter the Most Holy Place
 By Jesus' blood.
 From hearts that are sincere,
 Let tongues our hope profess,
 And trust anew God's faithful grace
 That we confess.

△ 6 All praise to Christ we bring,
 Our Lord who intercedes,
 Our great High Priest enthroned above
 Who knows our needs;
 And to the Father sing
 Our songs of thankful praise,
 Who with the Spirit reigns in love
 For endless days.

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OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

Praise Team

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. *(repeat)*

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," Let the poor say, "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. *(repeat)*

Give thanks, Give thanks.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

† *Service of the Sacrament* †

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

People We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalm 136

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor It is truly good, 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

(Tune: *LSB 507*)

"Holy, holy, holy!" all the saints in glory
Fill Your temple with their song around Your golden throne;
"Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore You;
God in three persons, all in Christ as one.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Blessed are You, ascended Lord, for You have had mercy on all humanity as You took on our flesh and our punishment, dying for the sins of the world before rising again and returning to Your Father and our Father. Forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat and drink Your body and blood. Send us out as Your witnesses to share what we have seen and heard and to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to all people in Your name. Keep us in the one true faith as we wait for Your return in glory. To You alone who are to be praised above every name we give all honor, glory, and praise, for You rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**ALL 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

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

(Tune: *LSB 702*)

O Lamb of God, we pray:
Take all our sins away—
Our faith increase.
Have mercy on us all,
Strengthen us when we fall,
Answer our fervent call
And grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION ~ *Welcome to the Lord's table.* (An usher will direct you.)

DISTRIBUTION SONG

Grace Flows Down


Praise Team

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
Amazing love, now flowing down
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree
As grace flows down and covers me
It covers me, It covers me, It covers me, And covers me

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor We give thanks to You, ascended Lord, Jesus Christ, as Your Father has made You head over everything for the Church. In body and blood in, with, and under bread and wine, You have given us the gift of Yourself as You forgive our sins and strengthen our faith. Help us to know that Your presence with us each day through every trial and trouble is enough for our souls. Fix our eyes upon Your coming Kingdom, and grant that Your Church, strengthened by Your presence, live in faithful confidence and hope with all the grace You supply; through Your name above all names, who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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 ☩ give you peace.

People **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

LSB 815



1 All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in Thee,
4 Where-fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, Thou
5 Let ev - 'ry tongue con - fess with one ac - cord,



Didst yield the glo - ry that of right was Thine,
By Thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
Who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
Art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
In heav'n and earth, that Je - sus Christ is Lord,

That in our dark-ened hearts Thy grace might shine.
 And by Thy death was God's sal-va-tion wrought.
 Hum-bling Thy-self to death on Cal-va-ry.
 And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow.
 And God the Fa-ther be by all a-dored.

Al - le - lu - ia!

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