



# Ascension Day

Christ the King Lutheran Church  
May 18, 2023

# Welcome and Announcements

## Opening Hymn *Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels*

p.491



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!

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919-2008

Tune: Henry V. Gerike, 1948

Text: © 1974 Augsburg Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000765

Tune: © 1973 Henry V. Gerike. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000765

## Opening Versicles (Jeremy Petrini)

LSB 287

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
  - C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.
  - L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
  - C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- 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.

- <sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all | peoples!\*
- Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!
- <sup>2</sup>For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,\*
- a great king over | all the earth.
- <sup>3</sup>He subdued peoples | under us,\*
- and nations un- | der our feet.
- <sup>4</sup>He chose our heritage | for us,\*
- the pride of Jacob | whom he loves.
- <sup>5</sup>God has gone up | with a shout,\*
- the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.
- <sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing | praises!\*
- Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!
- <sup>7</sup>For God is the King of | all the earth,\*
- sing praises | with a psalm!
- <sup>8</sup>God reigns over the | nations;\*
- God sits on his | holy throne.
- <sup>9</sup>The princes of the peoples gather
- as the people of the God of | Abraham.\*
- For the shields of the earth belong to God;
- he is highly ex- | alted!

**Glorify 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.**

**First Reading****(Ryan Marks)****Acts 1:1-11**

In my former book... I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power

when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord;

**C** Thanks be to God!

### **Gospel Reading (Scarlett Westerfeld) Luke 24:44-53**

<sup>44</sup> Then he 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.”

<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And 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.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord;

**C** Thanks be to God!

### **Responsory**

L: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet (Psalm 47:5)

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Hymn

*On Christ's Ascension Now I Build*

p.492



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -  
 2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -  
 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and  
 tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er  
 cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I  
 rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There  
 my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.  
 all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
 me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

Text: Josua Wegelin, 1604-40; tr. William M. Czamanske, 1873-1964, alt.  
 Tune: Etlich Cristlich liden, 1524, Wittenberg  
 Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110000765  
 Tune: Public domain

Message

Pastor Rob Morris

Greeting of Peace

Lord's Prayer (Isaiah Morris)

LSB 285

**☩ 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.**

**Apostles' Creed (Isaiah Morris)**

*LSB 286*

**☩ 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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

**Versicles (Orion Lowery)**

*LSB 286*

**℣** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**☩** let my cry come to You.  
**℣** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**☩** for You answer me.  
**℣** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**☩** and blot out all my iniquities.  
**℣** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**☩** and renew a right spirit within me.  
**℣** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**☩** and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
**℣** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**☩** and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
**℣** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**☩** my lips will praise You.  
**℣** For You have been my help,  
**☩** and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.  
**℣** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**☩** unite my heart to fear Your name.

- L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** and I will glorify Your name forever.
- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** May those who love Your salvation say evermore, “God is great!”
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** listen to my plea for grace.

## Collect

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. Amen.

## Evening Prayer

*LSB 287*

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.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 287*

- L** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

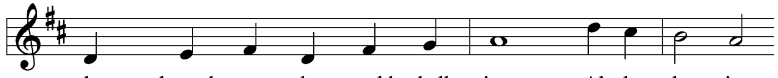
## Blessing

*LSB 287*

- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**C** Amen.



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



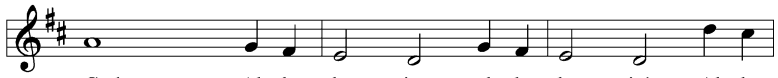
hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,  
 to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



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!