

The Ascension of Our Lord

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting One

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INTRODUCTION

In today's Gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

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GATHERING

The GATHERING MUSIC: "A Hymn of Glory"

The THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism as the Pastor begins

In the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the Pastor gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.
Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The GATHERING HYMN

Please follow the Cross of Christ as we gather and sing. As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly may be sprinkled with water during the singing.

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

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The GREETING

The Pastor greets the assembly with the following words:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

The KYRIE

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The HYMN OF PRAISE

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The PRAYER OF THE DAY

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The assembly is seated

WORD

The FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

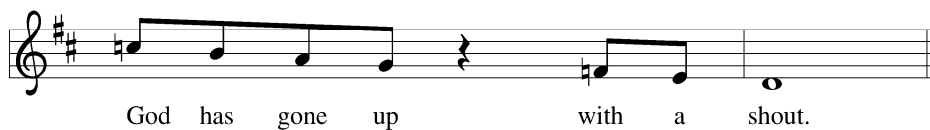
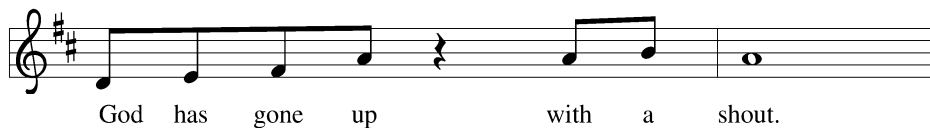
The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The PSALMODY

Psalm 98



⁴⁴Then 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been 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 was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The SERMON

Silence for reflection.

The assembly stands

The HYMN OF THE DAY

"A Hymn of glory let us sing!"

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The CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

The PRAYERS & PEACE

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The assembly is seated

MEAL

The OFFERING

SENIOR CHOIR: “Walking in Faith with Our Lord”

The assembly stands

You Are Holy

Du är helig

1*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

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The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The SANCTUS

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The THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (I)

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The LORD'S PRAYER

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The BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The assembly is seated

The LAMB OF GOD

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The DISTRIBUTION

Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.

*To reflect the celebratory nature of the Fifty Days of Easter, **the Sacrament is distributed by coming up the center aisle and moving to the far end of the altar rail. Please remain standing.** Standing, a symbol of rising and resurrection, is the posture for the Fifty Days of Easter.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Lord, I lift your name on high”

ELW 857

“Soon and very soon”

ELW 439

The assembly stands.

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray...Good Shepherd,
lead us from the fulfillment and joy of this meal
to bring joy and fulfillment to others.
Guide us on paths of justice.
Teach us to live for you as servants to one another.
Enfold us in your abiding love.
We give thanks in the name of the risen Christ.
Amen.

SENDING

The Blessing

Children by the grace of God,
one in Christ,
and inspired by the Holy Spirit,
rejoice in the resurrection
and live in hope, peace, and joy.

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

The SENDING HYMN

“Lord, you give the Great Commission”

ELW 579

The SENDING

Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

The SENDING MUSIC: “You Servants of God”

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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SUNDAY, JUNE 1 @ 9:30am!!!!

. **CHURCH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS** - Mon., Wed., Thurs. – 10am-2pm ;
Fri. – 10am-1pm.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Assisting Minister

Sam D. Seward

Lector

Doris Keener

Ushers:

Dallas Hostetler, Betty Menapace, Bob Shetler, Beverly Shetler

Altar Guild:

Carol Lautenschleger, Sandy Samsa

PRAYER CONCERNS—Gary Courtwright, Dave Himes, Judy Himes, Alvin Himes, Sam Seward, the family and friends of Rick Staley, Richard Endres (our flower supplier) and all nursing home residents.

The **Altar Flowers** are given by Gary & Dale Ann Conner in honor of Mom’s birthday.

The **Eternal Candle** is in honor of Maddie Burk’s 10th birthday with Love, Missy & Pat Burk.

SML—meets this Tuesday to outline worship plans for Summer and Fall.

JANITORIAL DUTIES - A new sign up sheet for janitorial duties is posted in the Narthex. It will be broken down into a weekly schedule starting with the month of July. Please sign up and help maintain our church.

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you purchase the Altar Flowers on any given Sunday you are now responsible for taking them. The Altar Guild will no longer be delivering the flowers. This decision was made by Church Council on May 12, 2009

COOPERATIVE CATECHISM DINNER—is scheduled for **Saturday, May 30, at 6pm** at Grace, Dover. It’s the end of the year event of our area confirmation partnership for this year. The dinner is open to catechism students and their families.

WORD OF THANKS – We would like to thank Steve and Janelle Allensworth for the donation of all the mulch that was placed in our flower beds here at First Lutheran. Thanks!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Held at St. John UCC from June 22-26 - 9am-12 noon. Registration forms are located in the Narthex with deadline for sign-up **June 8, 2009.**

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 5/24—5/31)

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| Sunday | <u>The Ascension of Our Lord</u>
9 AM—Christian Education/Catechism (Various locations)
10:15 AM—Holy Communion (Sanctuary) |
| Monday | Memorial Day
Church Office Closed |
| Tuesday | 7 PM—Sacristy & Musical Life (Lounge) |
| Wednesday | 10 AM— <i>Divine Drama</i>
7 PM—Senior Choir |
| Thursday | 7 PM— <i>Divine Drama</i> |
| Friday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Saturday | No Scheduled Activities |
| Sunday | <u>The Coming of the Holy Spirit—the Day of Pentecost</u>
10:15 AM—Festival Holy Communion (Sanctuary) Wear Red!! |

Pastor Steven, serving part-time (75% time or 30 hours), office hours for this week

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| Sunday | Worship |
| Monday | OFF |
| Tuesday | 9-9 |
| Wednesday | 9-5 |
| Thursday | 12-9 (includes <i>The Divine Drama</i>) |
| Friday | OFF |
| Saturday | OFF |

*These hours include sermon/worship preparation, meetings, and visitation. **Of course these hours do not apply if a pastoral emergency occurs.***