



CHRIST ASCENDS IN TRIUMPH

Festival of Ascension
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Roanoke, Virginia
May 16, 2021 10 a.m.

Welcome

Our Savior and God has ascended into heaven in triumph. He did not ascend to leave us on our own, but to continue his reign over all this earth. While we often don't see visible evidence of his rule, he is Lord of lords and King of kings. He is governing this world for the good of his people until he returns to take us home. This is our hope, this is our confidence!

Guests, thank you for letting us share Jesus' love with you this morning! We'll do our best to make you feel welcome and at home with friends. Please come back and learn more about the extraordinary love our God has for all of us!

OUR WORSHIP

Our entire worship service is printed out in this worship folder to make it easy to follow. The **congregation speaks the parts in bold** while the pastor speaks the parts in plain type.

Participate in the worship service as much or as little as you like. More than anything we want you to feel comfortable here so you can take to heart the main message—Jesus gave his life to give us real life.

We enjoy having children in worship because Jesus gave his life for them too. If you feel like they need a break, we do have a quiet nursery with a video feed from our worship. Our nursery is across the hallway from worship. You'll find signs just outside the double doors.

RESTROOMS

The restrooms are located just outside the double doors in the rear of the worship area. Just follow the signs.

LORD'S SUPPER

We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. We invite every confirmed member of our church family or of sister congregations in the Wisconsin Synod or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod to join us at the Lord's table. If you aren't part of our church "family" yet and would like to take this meal, please talk with our pastor, Paul Workentine. He will gladly work with you so you can take it in our fellowship in the future. Thank you!

We enter God's presence

A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING..... HYMN 171



1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-out the
 2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the Mount of
 3. To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up -
 4. "You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up to the por - tals
 5. Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our fu - ture
 6. O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All praise to you let



world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ,
 Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! And
 on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This
 of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here -
 great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Then,
 earth ac - cord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You



by a road be - fore un - trod As - cends un - to the throne of God.
 with his fol - low - ers they see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
 is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This is his glo - rious tri - umph day."
 af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."
 throned with you for - e - ver, we Shall praise your name e - ter - nal - ly.
 are, while end - less ag - es run, With Fath - er and with Spi - rit one.



Al - le - lu - ia!
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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me, a sinner.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given us his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAISE AND PRAYER

Christ is arisen!

He is risen indeed!

God has ascended amid shouts of joy!

Let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

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."

We believe and are sure that he is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

God raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Never again will we hunger; never again will we thirst. The sun will not beat upon us, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; he will lead us to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

THIS IS THE FEAST OF VICTORY HYMN 265

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our

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

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
3. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
4. For the Lamb who was slain Has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia!

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our

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

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A - men.

The prayer above were the last words of the Venerable Bede, an English monk who lived around 700 AD. Known as "the Teacher of the Middle Ages," Bede's best known contribution is the system of dating events by years before or after Christ. (B.C. and A.D.). He also wrote our opening hymn. Bede died in 735 A.D. on the Feast of the Ascension.

GOD SPEAKS TO US

DEUTERONOMY 33:26-29

Jesus is our shield and helper and glorious sword.

“There is no one like the God of Jeshurun,
who rides on the heavens to help you
and on the clouds in his majesty.
The eternal God is your refuge,
and underneath are the everlasting arms.
He will drive out your enemy before you,
saying, ‘Destroy him!’
So Israel will live in safety alone;
Jacob’s spring is secure
in a land of grain and new wine,
where the heavens drop dew.
Blessed are you, O Israel!
Who is like you,
a people saved by the LORD?
He is your shield and helper
and your glorious sword.
Your enemies will cower before you,
and you will trample down their high places.” NIV

PSALM 110

Of David. A psalm.

The LORD says to my Lord:

**“Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies
a footstool for your feet.”**

**The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion;
you will rule in the midst of your enemies.**

**Your troops will be willing
on your day of battle.**

**Arrayed in holy majesty,
from the womb of the dawn
you will receive the dew of your youth.**

**The LORD has sworn
and will not change his mind:**

**“You are a priest forever,
in the order of Melchizedek.”**

**The Lord is at your right hand;
he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.**

**He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead
and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.**

**He will drink from a brook beside the way;
therefore he will lift up his head. NIV**

EPHESIANS 4:7-16

Our ascended Christ has gifted us to strengthen each other.

But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he led captives in his train
and gave gifts to men.”

(What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. NIV

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia. Matthew 28:20b

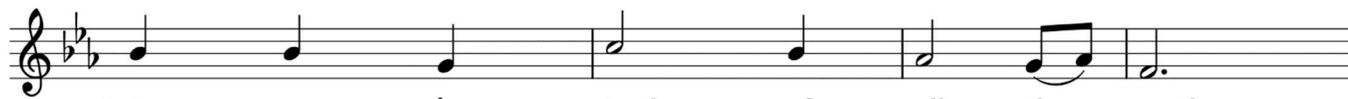
Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia give thanks to the ris - en Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.



1. Je - sus is good Lord news of all the earth;
2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth;



He is the King of and cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:44-53

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. NIV

FOR HE LOVED ME

sung by choir

*Jesus came to be my Savior;
For he loved me! Yes, he loved me!
Son of God, born in a manger;
For he loved me! Yes, he loved me!
Angels called to shepherds in the night,
Singing "Glory be to God on high."
Christ had come to be the one true Light;
For he loved me! Yes, he loved me!*

*Jesus died upon a cruel cross;
For he loved me! Yes, he loved me!
There he cried and bled to save the lost;
For he loved me! Yes, he loved me!
In the tomb, he laid to set me free,
Then he rose to bring me victory.
Now he lives ever to intercede;
For he loved me! Yes, he loved me!*

*Jesus reigns, forever Lord of lords,
For he loved me! Yes, he loved me!
By his grace, my hope has been restored;
For he loved me! Yes, he loved me!
He is worthy of the highest praise,
To the King of kings, my song I raise.
I will live to serve him all my days;
For he loved me! Yes, he loved me!*

SERMON: DEUTERONOMY 33:26-29

There is no one like the God of Jeshurun,
who rides through the heavens to help you.
In his majesty he rides through the clouds.

The everlasting God is a dwelling place,
and his eternal arms are under you.
He drove out the enemy in front of you,
and he said, "Destroy!"

So Israel settled down in safety.
Jacob dwelt in security
in a land of grain and fresh wine,
and, yes, its heavens dropped down dew.

How blessed are you, O Israel!
Who is like you?
You are a people saved by the Lord,
the shield who gives you help,
the sword who gives you majesty.
Your enemies will come cringing before you,
and you will trample on their high places. EHV

Who is like our God?

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

THE NICENE CREED

**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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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 and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy
Christian 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.**

OFFERING

After worship, you may place your offering in the basket near the hymnal bookshelves in the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.

We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.

O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious gospel message of God's love for all the world.

Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.

O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's rich blessings in our everyday lives.

Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.

O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your Church.

You are our Lord, Master, and King.

Jesus, our High Priest, you present us with your body and blood through the bread and wine in the supper we are about to receive. Through the power of your promise, you give us your true body and blood, forgive our sins, and strengthen our faith. As you have promised, use this meal to increase our love for you and for each other. May none take this in an unworthy manner, but approach your table in humble repentance for all our sins and simple trust in all your promises.

You are our Lord, Master, and King.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.

Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

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For all our unasked needs we pray:

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.

Jesus gives us his body and blood

The Lord be with you.



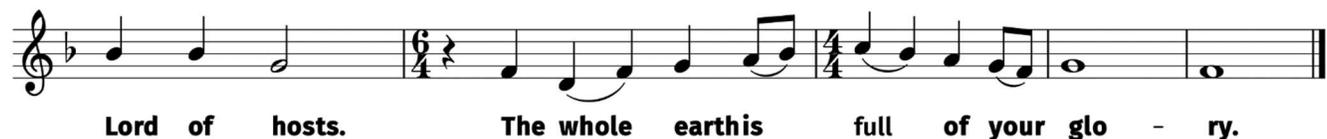
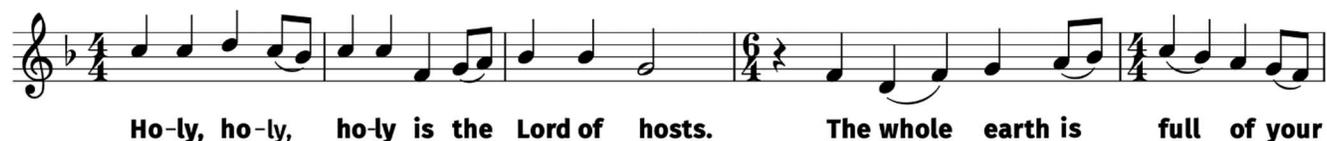
Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.



Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you

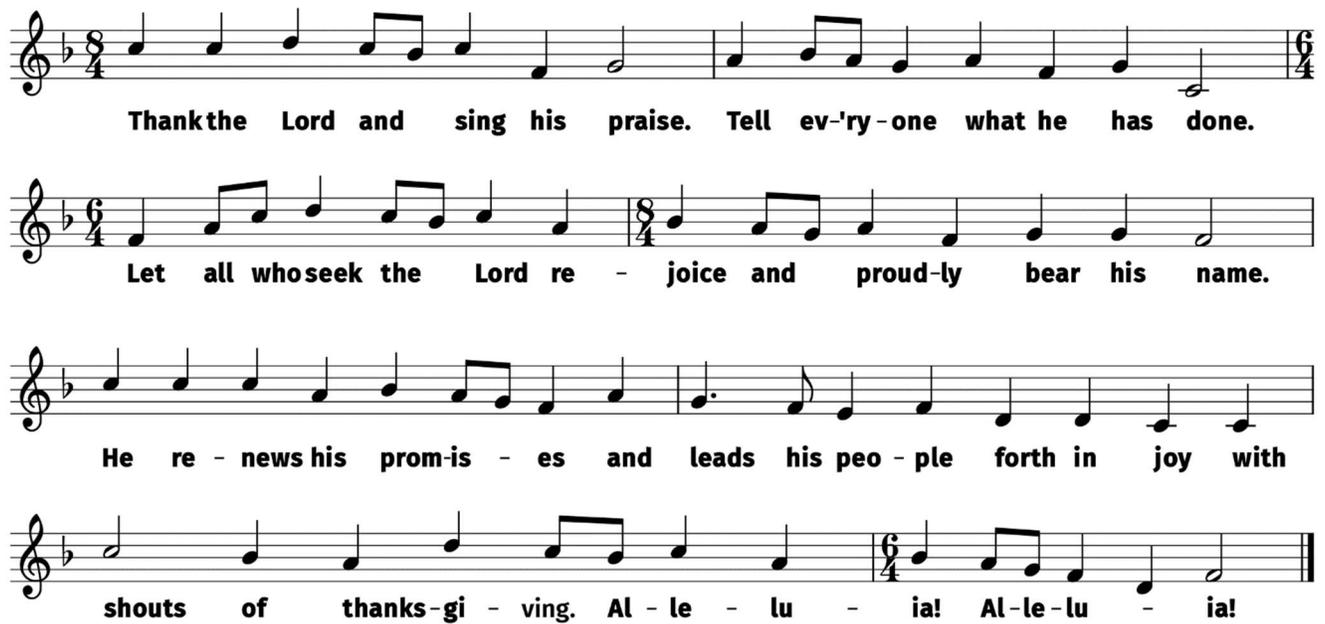


take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re - news his prom-is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-gi - ving. Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

THE LORD'S BLESSING

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

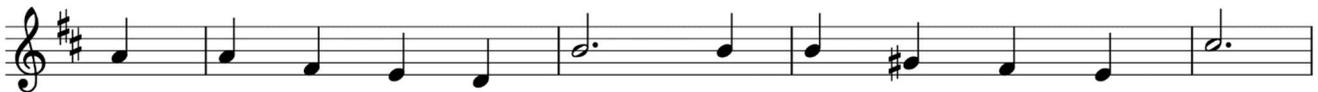
CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS..... HYMN 341



1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the Lord of love - Be - hold his hands and side,
 3. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 4. 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.
 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,
 No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing Who died and rose on high,
 Crown him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore him fall;



And hail him as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 But down - ward bends his won - d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 Who died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
 Crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

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CALENDAR

Today	10 am	Worship and communion
	11:30 am	Sunday school – Can we end suffering by ending life?
Tuesday	10 am	Pastors’ study club
	6 pm	Building committee
Wednesday	9:30 am	Bible study
	7 pm	Bible study
Next Sunday	10 am	Worship
	11:30 am	Sunday school

	This weekend	Next weekend
Pastor	Paul Workentine	Paul Workentine
Organist	Betsy	Betsy
Musicians	Holly, Josh, Suzanne	
Greeter	Jocelyn	Holly
Usher	Derek	Josh
Cleaning	Sally, Peggy, Ray	
Snacks	Eileen	Rachel
Video	Jocelyn	Jill



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