



Ascension of Our Lord

May 29, 8:45 & 11:15 am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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In today's readings 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 are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); 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.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sicilienne, Op. 5

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination may follow.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 392

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

GREETING

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After 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. While 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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But 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.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They 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 word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(8:45) Sung by the choir.

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy..
For the Lord Most High is to be feared:
he is the great king over all the earth,

He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.

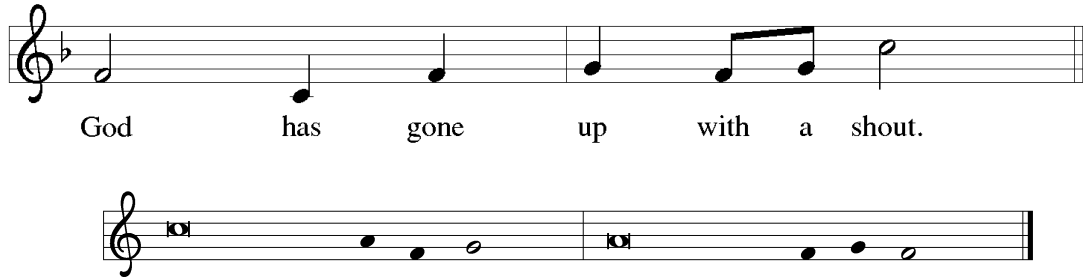
God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.

For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted.

(

11:15) Please sing the refrain after the organ introduction. Please sing all the verses.



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shout to God with a | joyful sound.
For the Lord Most High is | to be feared:
a great king over | all the earth,

who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;
who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves. R

God has gone up | with a shout,
the Lord with the sound | of the ram's horn.
Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises. R

For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.
God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God is en- | throned on high.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted. R

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far 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 age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(8:45)

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

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the end of the age.
(Matt. 28:19, 20)

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

(11:15)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And 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.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Paschal Candle is now extinguished.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • ACS 953

Before the Ancient One, Christ Stands



1 Be - fore the An - cient One, Christ stands, en - robed in cloud and
 2 Who was, who is, and is to come as ser - vant lived in
 3 Now in the lat - ter days you call, O Christ, and plead the



bright as snow, five wounds im - print his side, feet, hands, and
 hu - man sphere; com - pas - sion was his di - a - dem; his
 prem - ise clear, that pow - er grasped is none at all, and



thorns, the gar - land on his brow. Yet thrones and
 glo - ry was the gen - tle tear; hu - mil - i -
 serv - ing shows your Spir - it near. As na - tions



pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of maj - es - ty,
 ty, his pur - ple garb; the heal - ing hand, his roy - al orb.
 clash and wis - dom wanes, as glo - ries tempt and greed sus - tains,



for what the world ad - mires as gain is not the es - sence
 Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the
 you bid us choose in ev - 'ry hour the pow'r of love, the



of Christ's reign, and strength is his, and name and
 tru - er strength, and through all space the host pro -
 great - est pow'r, that love may her - ald God's do -



might, be - cause he pit - ied hu - mans' plight.
 claims the name a - bove all oth - er names.
 main, and you, at last, may come to reign.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
 Music: CHRIST CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950
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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need,
and all of creation.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of life,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ,
our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

The peace of the ascended Lord be with you always.

And also with you

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

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CHORAL ANTHEM (8:45)

The Lord goes up

The Lord goes up with shouts of joy,
While trumpets all his triumph tell;
With him humanity is raised
Above angelic worlds to dwell.

He sits with God, at his right hand,
Who is the Lord of every thing;
The Father's glory is his own:
Christ Jesus, all creation's king.

And when he comes again in might,
To raise us on that splendid day,
We shall be gathered up to him,
And every tear be wiped away.

O God, our Father, hear our prayer;
With Christ, our Lord, your only Son,
Send forth the Spirit of your love
To live in us and make us one.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Text: Stanbrook Abbey Hymnal
Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY(11:15)

Chorale Prelude on "Crusader's Hymn"

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer. We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosotros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen and ascended Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

When communing, kindly receive the communion elements from the servers. The servers will then step back. At that time, please remove your mask and partake of the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Then proceed to the appropriate station to deposit your individual cup. If you wish gluten free bread, simply let the server know .

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 838

Beautiful Savior



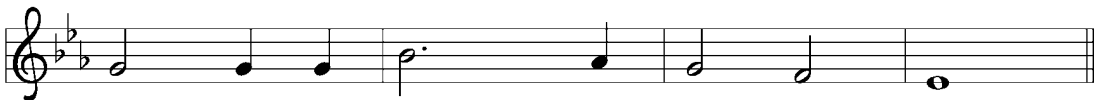
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God bless you with the knowledge that Jesus, God's only Son has ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us.

Amen.

Be lifted up and guided by Christ's intercession at God's right hand.

Amen.

At Christ's promised return, may we be found blameless and welcomed into the joys of God's eternal kingdom.

Amen.

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

SENDING HYMN • ELW 579

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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 Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991
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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

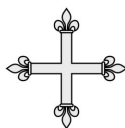
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Festival Voluntary, Op. 87

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)



WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER

11:15 a.m. Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

READERS

8:45 a.m. Matt Shugert, Member, Congregation Council

11:15 a.m. Barbara Sensenig, Member, WELCA Board

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Schola Cantorum (8:45)

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, May 29—The Ascension of Our Lord

8:45 AM **Holy Communion**
10:15 AM SLSHY
Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
Affirmation of Baptism Class
Sunday School
11:15 AM * **Holy Communion**
4:00 PM Choristers Rehearsal

MONDAY, May 30

Memorial Day

TUESDAY, May 31

8:00 AM CDS Classroom Cleanup
5:30 PM Organ Renovation Committee
7:00 PM Reformation Bells

WEDNESDAY, June 1

6:30 AM Zoom Faith Connections
5:00 PM Choristers Rehearsal
5:30 PM Zoom Sara/Lydia Circle
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, June 2

7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, June 3

7:00 PM Book and Video Discussion Group

SATURDAY, June 4

9:30 AM AA
11:00 AM Girl Scouts MCOGL Event

SUNDAY, June 5—Pentecost

8:45 AM **Holy Communion**
10:15 AM SLSHY
Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
Affirmation of Baptism Class
Sunday School
11:15 AM * **Holy Communion**
12:30 PM Annual Meeting (Hybrid)
3:00 PM Zoom San Lucas Gospel Meditation

*NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed
* in person only*

Upcoming Commemorations

Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637

Sunday, May 29, 2022

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

Tuesday, May 31, 2022

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886

Friday, June 3, 2022

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963

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When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

Saint Luke Update 5/29/2022 Edition

TODAY, MAY 29, WE CELEBRATE A MAJOR CHURCH FESTIVAL, THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD. Forty days after Easter marks this event, which means it always falls on a Thursday. In order to commemorate this major day with a wider assembly, many congregations lift it up on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, which we do today. The promise of Christ's resurrection and ascension reminds us of the awesome breadth and depth of God's love, a love deeper than we can imagine. **THE PASCHAL CANDLE** is extinguished today after the reading of the Gospel. It will be returned to its place by the baptismal font and will be lighted for baptisms and funerals.

NEXT SUNDAY IS A RED DAY—YES IT IS PENTECOST, SO GET OUT THOSE RED SOCKS. Please consider wearing red to church next week—red for the fire of the Holy Spirit. We will welcome the Choristers singing with the Schola Cantorum and also hear from the Reformation Bell Choir—how wonderful!

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 5 IS ALSO THE ANNUAL MEETING. This will be in person and online, at 12:30 p.m. Wow—there will be exciting updates and several action items as we move into the future! All regular voting members please attend, in person or virtually.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS! Saint Luke Christian Day School (CDS) is still enrolling for the 2022-2023 school year. CDS is a part-time, play-based program serving children ages 2, 3, Pre-K. The first day of school is September 6, 2022. CDS has space available for all age levels.

To learn more and apply on-line, visit www.saintlukekids.org. Students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY FOR THE ANNUAL BABY CARE KIT collection for Lutheran World Relief. The items are used to build baby kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits are given to new mothers and used to welcome the child and help the mother take care of her baby's needs. Please consider donating the following items which can be dropped off across from the entrance to the Nave: T shirts (9 months & 24months), Gowns/Sleepers (6-24 months), Receiving Blankets, Sweater (6-24 months), Fold Flat Cloth Blankets, Baby/Gentle/Sensitive Soap (full size bars), Dark Colored Hand Towel. Also, to contribute financially, you may do this electronically on the Saint Luke website or also checks are most welcome. Thank you.

SUMMER CHOIR—Are you too busy to join choir during the school year? Starting June 19, this summer you are invited to sing at the 11:15 Holy Communion Service. Just come down to the music room at 10:00 a.m. robe up, and we'll get ready to sing for the service. No need to commit for the entire summer!

WOULD YOU CONSIDER serving as a reader on Sunday morning? If you might be able to do so, please email stluke@saintluke.us and note which service, the 8:45 or 11:15 a.m. Thank you for prayerfully considering this important ministry.

LOOKING AHEAD:

June 5 Annual Meeting (hybrid)

June 12 Affirmation of Baptism (11:15 a.m.)

Today's Music

St. Olaf Choir will be in town!

St. Olaf Choir is coming to the Music Center at Strathmore in North Potomac. You may get tickets on the Strathmore website. The concert time is Wednesday June 8 at 7:30 PM.

HYMN NOTES

Alleluia, sing to Jesus

William C. Dix, 1837-1898

One usually does not expect an insurance agent to write hymns, but Dix turned to the filed of letters and wrote this text as a new Communion hymn for the Church of England. However, the “communion” stanza is usually omitted, making the text more generally useful for praise, adoration or Ascension—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Beautiful Savior

Anon.

How often a simple work which no one felt was worth claiming has become an all time favorite. The choir director at St. Thomas' Church in Leipzig (Bach's famous church) discovered the Silesian tune, and Richard Willis (who also wrote the tune for “It came upon the midnight clear”) introduced it to America. All nature is beautiful, but Jesus is fairest of all.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934)

Rowthorn wrote this hymn in response to a request from the Yale Divinity School graduating class of 1978. The first four stanzas each quote a saying of Jesus related to a specific missional responsibility. A common refrain for all the stanzas asks for the Holy Spirit's help. —ELW Hymnal Companion

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude: Sicilienne, Op. 5—Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

French organist-composers typically develop long-term identifications with a particular church—consider Widor, then Dupré at Saint-Sulpice, Messiaen at Sainte-Trinité, and Saint-Saëns at La Madeleine. For Maurice Duruflé (1902–86) the church was Saint-Étienne du Mont, a strikingly unusual edifice near the Panthéon in the 5th arrondissement, where Duruflé served as organist from 1929 until his death in 1986. The second movement from the three-movement Suite, op. 5, Sicilienne is distinctly Ravellian in its melodies, harmonies, and even overall mood. (This is the movement that will remind listeners most vividly of Duruflé's beloved Requiem.) Duruflé writes: “The Sicilienne is of classic construction, comprising three statements of the main theme and two episodes. The contrasting of timbres and a quest for color were the composer's aim, as well putting into relief the evocative character of this genre.” All rather the understatement, given the main theme's exquisitely shaded contours, the bewitching harmonies, and the breathtaking kaleidoscope of shifting, shimmering colors.—Scott Foglesong

Chorale Anthem: The Lord goes up—Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

Archer is an English composer, conductor and organist.[1] He combines this work with a recital career. Archer was formerly Organist and Director of Music at Bristol Cathedral, Wells Cathedral and at St Paul's Cathedral[2] and Director of Chapel Music at Winchester College. The anthem “The Lord goes up” is based on a French church melody. While writing it in modern music notation with meters, Archer achieves the free flowing quality of chant by changing meters (number of beats in a measure).

Prelude: Festival Voluntary, Op. 87—Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Peeters was a Belgian composer, organist and academic teacher. He was director of the Conservatorium in Antwerp, Belgium, and organist at Mechelen Cathedral from 1923 to his death in 1986. As an organist and pedagogue, Peeters enjoyed great renown, giving concerts and liturgical masterclasses all over the world. He also made recordings of sixteenth-, seventeenth- and eighteenth-century organ music; some of these have been reissued in recent years on compact disc. Most of his own pieces (he wrote well over 100) were for his own instrument, for choir, or for both. Among his many compositions is the well-known Entrata Festiva (opus 93) for choir, brass, timpani, and organ. Other works include Aria (opus 51) and Toccata, fugue and hymn on "Ave Maris Stella" (opus 28), Peeters studied Renaissance music, particularly of the school of Flemish polyphony. This style was also absorbed into his music. In addition, he showed an interest in twentieth-century techniques such as polyrhythms and polytonality.—Wikipedia