



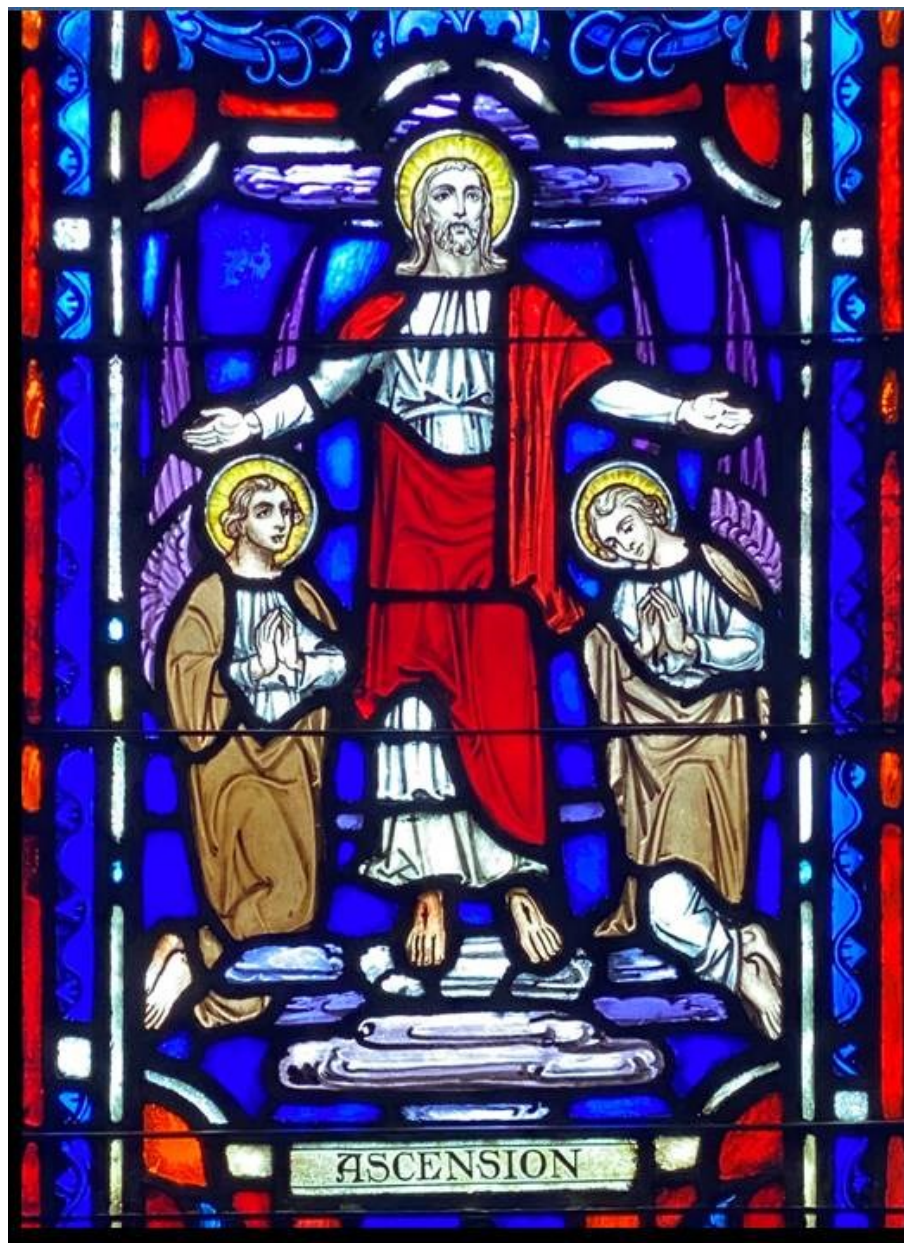
Ascension of Our Lord

May 21, 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

The Ascension

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

IV. Prayer of Christ Ascending Towards His Father

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.

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.

CHORISTERS RECOGNITION

The Choristers' Prayer

Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple; Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

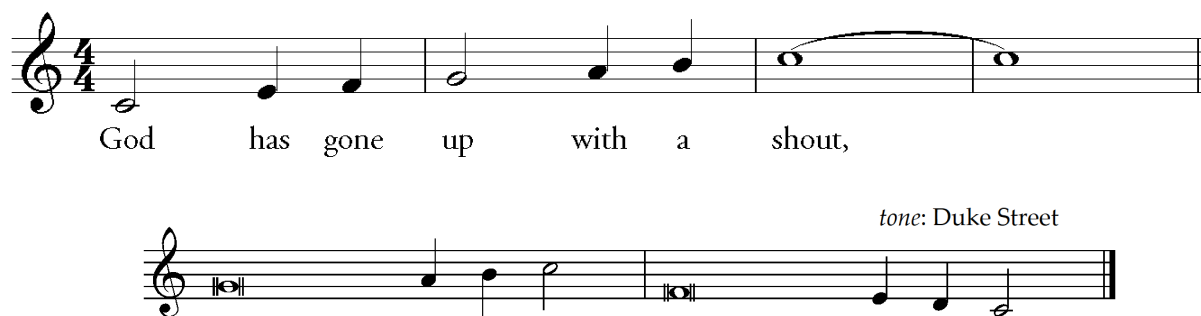
[Luke writes:] In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many 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.

Please sing the refrain after the organ introduction. Please sing all the verses.



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 [peo]-ples under us,*
 and the nations [under] our feet.
 He chooses our in-[heritance] for us,*
 the pride of Jacob [whom] he loves.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

God reigns [over] the nations;*
 God sits upon his [ho]-ly throne.
 The nobles of the peoples have [gathered] together*
 with the people of the [God] of Abraham.
 The rulers of the earth be-[long] to God,*
 and he is [highly] exalted.

Antiphon

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)



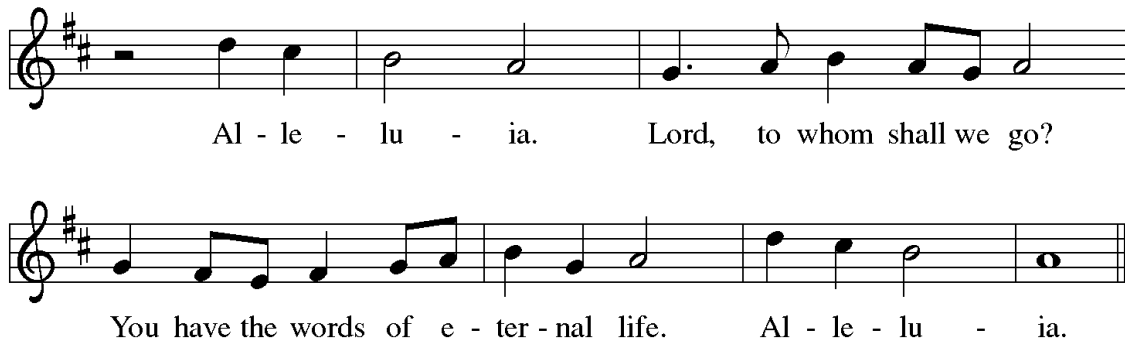
Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (11:15)



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.

SERMON

Pastor Miller

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

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us.
You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church
9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

CHORAL ANTHEM (8:45)

A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

O holy Jesus,
Most merciful redeemer,
Friend and brother,

May I know thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
And follow thee more nearly.

Text: Richard of Chichester

Music: L. J. White

ORGAN VOLUNTARY(11:15)

Chorale Prelude on “Crusader’s Hymn”

Aaron David Miller (b. 1972)

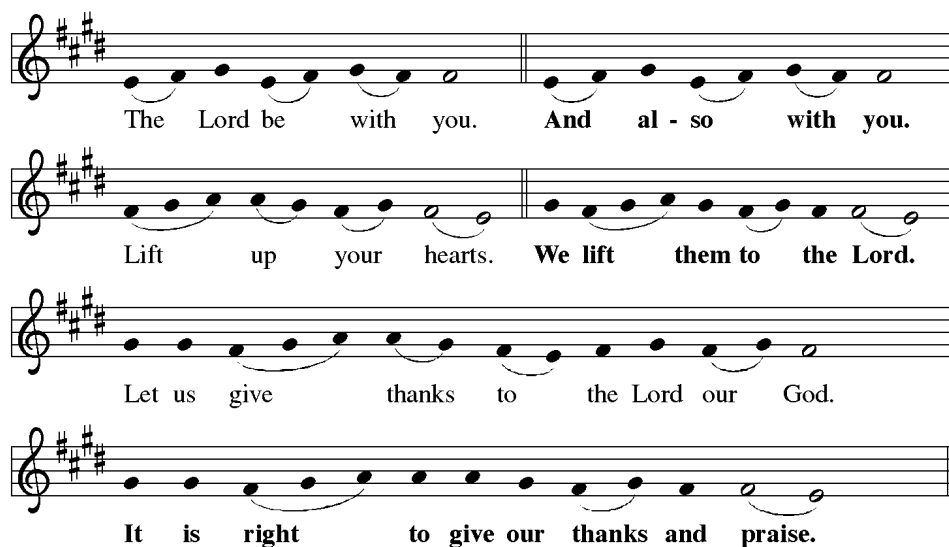
Please stand as you are able.

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



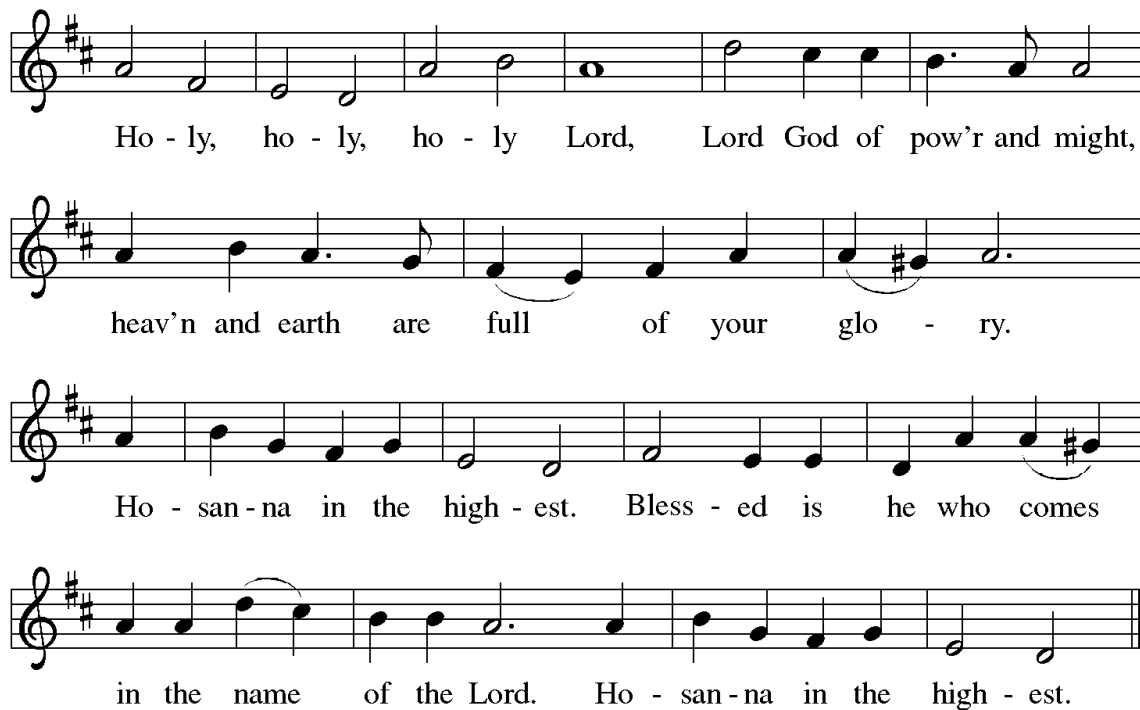
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. 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:



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 .

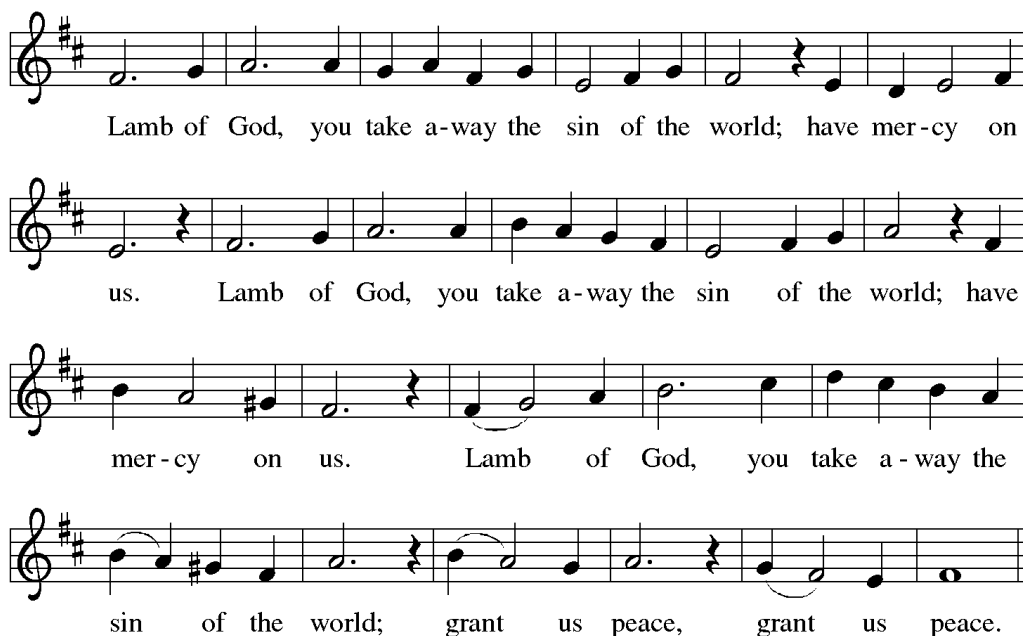
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

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:



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

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

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.

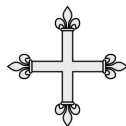
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POSTLUDE

The Ascension

Olivier Messiaen

III. Outburst of joy from a soul before the Glory of Christ which is its own glory



WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

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

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTERS

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

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

READERS

8:45 a.m. Sayra Lopez, Ronan Shugert

11:15 a.m. Dee Clarkin

MUSICIANS

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

Choristers (8:45)



THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in remembrance of the life and witness of Arthur Moorman, by Ruth Moorman and family. Today would have been Art's 80th birthday. How we give thanks for the saints in light.

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, May 21—Ascension Sunday

8:45 AM Holy Communion
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
 10:00 AM Reception
 10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion
 12:30 PM Congregation Meeting (Hybrid)
 3:00 PM Girl Scout's MCOGL Older Girl Ceremony
 3:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation online
 4:30 PM Girl Scout's MCOGL Older Girl Reception
5:00 PM Ascension Choral Vespers
 5:40 PM Reception

12:00 PM CDS Closing Program
 5:00 PM Choristers RSCM program
 6:30 PM VBS Volunteers' Meeting
 7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
 7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, May 25

5:00 PM Quilters
 7:30 PM Centering Prayer (Zoom)

FRIDAY, May 26

SATURDAY, May 27

9:30 AM AA
 11:00 AM Al-Anon

MONDAY, May 22

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 6:00 PM Yoga
 7:00 PM Finance Committee

SUNDAY, May 28—Pentecost

8:45 AM Holy Communion
 10:00 AM Reception
 10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion

TUESDAY, May 23

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 4:30 PM Piano Lessons
 7:00 PM Girl Scouts
 7:00 PM Council Organizational Meeting (Zoom)
 7:00 PM Reformation Bells

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

WEDNESDAY, May 24

7:00 AM Zoom Faith Connections
 8:00 AM CDS Classes
 10:00 AM Women in Community

Upcoming Commemorations

Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564

Saturday, May 27, 2023

Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the Reformed churches.

Saint Luke Update

5/21/2022 Edition

ASCENSION SUNDAY

Today, 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.

ANNUAL MEETING TODAY

Please attend the Annual Meeting today at 12:30 p.m. Hopefully you can be here in person but if not please participate online at www.saintlukemeeting.us

ASCENSION CHORAL VESPERS

This evening at 5:00 p.m. come to Ascension Choral Vespers, with music led by the Schola Cantorum, guest organist Grace Oh, and the leadership of Dr. Truche. What an opportunity for beautiful music, prayerful worship, décor of candelabra, the light of Christ, and a time on this Ascension Sunday to give thanks for God's eternal loving presence. The Vespers service will be followed by a reception in the Fireside Room. Also this service will be in person as well as livestreamed. Hope to see you this evening.

THANK YOU ALL FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS

Today is the last Sunday of Faith Formation classes for this program year. Thank you to everyone who led Sunday School classes, Affirmation of Baptism classes, SLSHY, and any adult education opportunity this year. Learning and exploring our faith is so important for people of all ages. Education opportunities on Sunday mornings for this program year ends today, but some adult faith formation opportunities will continue during the summer. Check the [Faith Formation opportunities](#) webpage for more information. The new program year begins with Homecoming Sunday on September 10. More information about that coming this summer.

PENTECOST

Next Sunday, May 28, is a red day, yes, it is the Festival of Pentecost, so,,,get out those red socks! Please consider wearing red to church next week—red for the fire of the Holy Spirit. Let us see a sea of red next Sunday—how we give thanks for the Spirit within us.

CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL

We are so blessed with such a wonderful school. Enrollment is happening for fall. Spots are still available. Thank you for helping pass the word. Thank you for helping pass this word through your social media, neighborhood listservs and the like. To learn more and apply on-line, visit www.saintlukekids.org. Students will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Call to schedule a tour today, 301-588-3866. Again thanks for passing this information along.

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SUMMER WORSHIP

Beginning June 11 through September 3, Sunday morning worship will be at 10:00 a.m. followed by fellowship and refreshments, and maybe some special surprises now and then.. Watch the calendar. The 5:00 p.m. service on Sunday in Spanish, Misa Español, will continue on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.



It is all about “45 Alive.” Have you seen the videos showing the ministry and mission outreach of Saint Luke? It is amazing! As we look to a new fiscal year, the Stewardship Committee is asking each giving unit, household, to increase giving each month by \$45. Inflation is a very big factor. We have slimmed down the budget to have major cost savings and done the math—\$45 extra will greatly help to balance the budget. Some may not be able to do this but others may consider giving extra for those who cannot. We hope to begin this with the fiscal year starting August 1. Thank you for prayerfully considering “45 Alive.” We can do it!

CHILDREN’S CLOTHING DRIVE: THANK YOU

Today is the final day for the clothing drive, ages 2-10, for the Langley Park Community. Thanks to all who have donated. Pastor Morales will be distributing your gifts to so many children in need. Thank you again.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: ITEMS NEEDED

Needed items are canned beans, vegetables and/or fruit, rice/pasta, cereal, peanut butter, granola bars, antiseptic and/or alcohol wipes, band-aids, gauze pads, stretch medical wrap, and full-size toothpaste tubes. Donated items can be placed in the blue bins in the Fireside Room through June, preferably by early June. Monetary donations can also be given to VBS Service Projects online at www.saintlukegive.us. If you have questions, contact Melissa Groen at mgroen@saintluke.us

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS—FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Can you help one Sunday, with putting out the coffee, refreshments and the like and helping with clean-up? We have some very faithful people who help but they deserve a break now and then. Can you help one Sunday? If so, please contact Kathy Bergeron at bergeron25@gmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Today—Annual Meeting 12:30 p.m.

May 28—Pentecost— A day to wear Red

June 3—Metro DC Synod Assembly

June 4—Trinity Sunday, 8:45 a.m. Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

June 11—Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. summer schedule begins

Today's Music

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992) was a towering figure in 20th century European music. His highly-personal musical language drew heavily on the natural world, the music of Eastern cultures and, above all, his devout Catholicism. A talented pianist, Messiaen entered the Paris Conservatoire in 1919 at a remarkably early age, and in 1927 joined Marcel Dupré's organ class, although he had never previously set eyes on an organ console. Dupré spent the first class demonstrating the instrument, and Messiaen returned the following week, having learnt Bach's Fantasia in C minor to an impressive standard. In 1931 he was appointed Organist at the Eglise de la Sainte-Trinité (La Trinité) in Paris, with support for his candidacy from Charles Tournemire and Charles-Marie Widor—two of the city's eminent organists. He would remain at La Trinité for more than sixty years, until his death.

The organ version of Messiaen's cycle of four symphonic meditations, **L'Ascension (1933-34)**, was published and first performed in January 1935, only a few days before the premiere of the orchestral version (1932-33). This extraordinary work was praised by the music press and immediately established Messiaen as one of the most important composers of his generation.

Messiaen described the final movement, **Prayer from Christ**, as the 'emotional peak' of L'Ascension. Marked 'extremely slow', its succession of richly-coloured harmonies contains an elusive melody. Messiaen wrote of his aim to 'éloigner le temps'—to eliminate a sense of time. The near-stasis of this serene movement, like *Le Banquet céleste*, approaches this desire: the harmonies rise almost imperceptibly, finally settling on a long, seemingly inconclusive, seventh chord. — Tom Winpenny

The following scripture is included in the movement title:

And now, O Father, I have manifested thy name unto men... and now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. John 17: 6, 11

One usually does not expect an insurance agent to write hymns, but **William Dix (1837-1898)** turned to the filed of letters and wrote this **Alleluia, sing to Jesus** 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

Born to a noble family in the late 12th century, **Richard of Chichester** was educated at Oxford, and during a life worthy of canonization, was appointed Chancellor of Oxford University. Later becoming a priest, he lived a life of simple vegetarian frugality, and as Bishop of Chichester, Richard was instrumental in major reform to the manners and morals of his clergy. Canonized in 1262, his shrine eventually became so popular that King Henry VIII ordered it destroyed. On his deathbed in 1253, Richard is believed to have uttered a prayer containing these words, some of which have been popularized in the song "Day By Day" from the Broadway musical "Godspell." The words have been set to music by British organist and composer L.J. White of which not much is known.

Our communion hymn today is **Beautiful Savior**. 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

Jeffery Rowthorn (b. 1934) wrote **Lord, You Give the Great Commission** 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

The dazzling toccata **Outburst of Joy** replaced the orchestral movement *Allélulia sur la trompette*, *Alléluia sur la cymbale*, which Messiaen believed would transcribe inadequately for the organ. The disparate elements of this movement—the arresting opening chords, the powerful solo pedal lines and the concluding *moto perpetuo*—root this movement firmly in the improvisatory tradition of the French organ school. Nevertheless, few organ works have come close to the cataclysmic impact of this movement's vitality—a deep statement of faith in the power of resurrection. — Tom Winpenny

The following prayer is included in the movement title:

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light... he raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Colossians 1: 2, Ephesians 2: 6