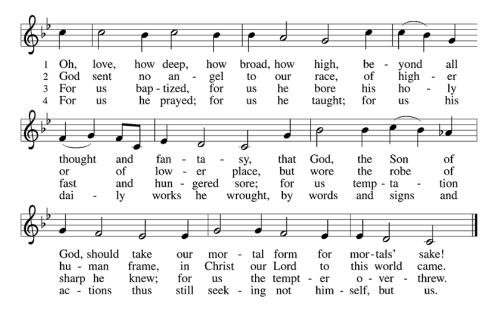


The Ascension & Our Lord

Dzelude Entrance Hymn Oh, Love, How Deep <u>322</u> (vs. 1, 5-7)



For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us he gave his dying breath. For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad: The Trinity whom we adore Forever and forevermore.

Easter Greeting

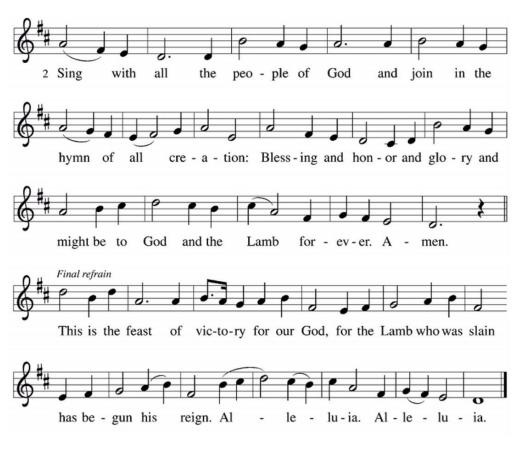
A: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

P: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love our God who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which he gives to us be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Hymn of Draise pg. 149 Refrain Assisting minister S 149 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 his. and glo - ry are Refrain This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu ia.



Drayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God, on this day when you brought your son into his glory in your Kingdom, we pray that you will send him again to us in power, that, as you have promised, he will bring the final victory over, despair, death and evil. Until then, may his intercessions on our behalf be heard, that we will always know your mercy, blessing and peace. We ask this in the name of the one who sits at your right hand, Jesus the Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Ascension of Jesus

In my first witnessing to all Jesus does and teaches, O Theophilus, I wrote of him from the beginning until the day when, having

commanded the apostles whom he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, he was taken up, and who presented himself alive in many indisputable ways after his suffering, appearing to them for forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While he was with them, he alerted them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father, "which you heard from me. For John, on the one hand, baptized with water, but you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So, when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the historical moment when you are in the process restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

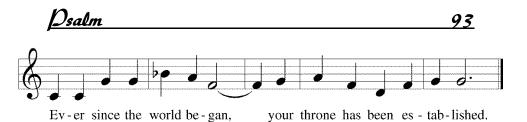
Jesus replied, "It is not for you to know the historical moment or Godordained moment that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the last of the earth."

And having said his, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud obscured him from their eyes.

And while they were gazing into heaven and he was going, behold, two men in white clothes stood by them.

These two men said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into 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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!



The Lord is king; he has put on splendid apparel; the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved; R

ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore. R

Second Lesson

Exhesians 4

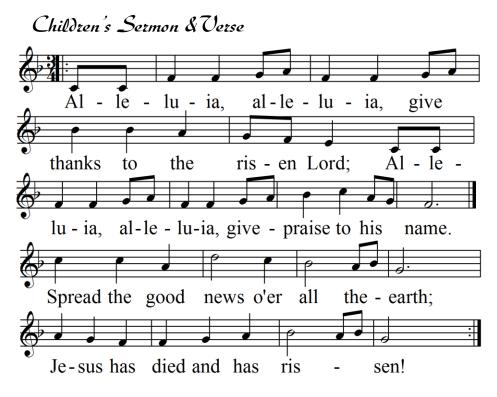
I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said,

> "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ that we may no longer be little children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!



Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 3rd *chapter.* **C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Gospel

Mark 3:7-13

A nd Jesus left with his disciples *and went* toward the sea. A great multitude from Galilee and Judea, and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and around Tyre and Sidon, hearing what he was doing, came toward him. He told his disciples to have a

boat ready for him because of the crowd - so that they would not crush him, for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases rushed upon him to touch him.

Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they prostrated themselves before him crying out, "You are the Son of God!"

So *Jesus* rebuked them, in order that they might not reveal him. Then *Jesus went* up into the mountain and called to him those he wanted there, and they left where they were and went toward him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day [tune: Von Himmel Hoch ELW 268]

Lord Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, arises now to paradise. Disciples whom He washed and fed rejoice as heavenward He flies.

With Moses and Elijah dwell; Love joins Just Law with Mercy's Grace. The King who knew the death of hell Alive in glory takes His place.

Ascended Lord your presence here Around the table you have laid; The Mystery your Word makes clear, Our debt for sin by faith you paid.

O Savior now at God's right hand, Come key the gate to holy ground. Jerusalem, our promised land! Cry out our hearts at trumpet sound.

In joy and hope we raise to you Uplifted voices, hearts and eyes. All honor, glory, praise is due O Holy God who fills the skies.

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 truly 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, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Passing of the Peace

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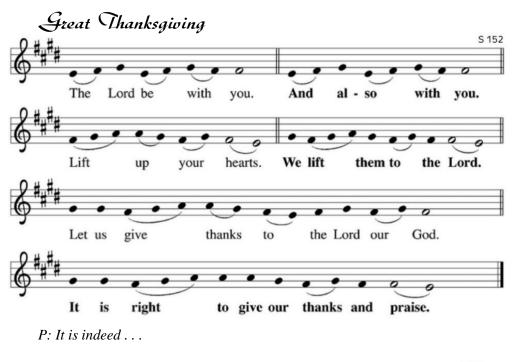
Praise, my soul, the God of heaven; joyfully your tribute bring. Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praises everlasting ring!

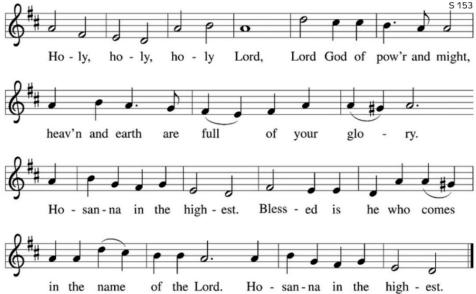
Offertory Prayer

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Angels sing in adoration, in God's presence, face to face. Sun and moon and all creation, all who dwell in time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

P: Let us Pray **C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this** life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.





The Lord's Prayer

C: 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing with heav'nly hosts to Christ our king: today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!

That Easter morn, at break of day, a faithful woman went her way to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia! When Mary's heart was filled with gloom and she stood weeping near the tomb, a stranger spoke, she knew not whom. Alleluia!

"Why do you weep?" his question came. "Whose is the body you would claim?" And then, at last, he spoke her name. Alleluia!

No longer weeping, anguish-bent, but with rejoicing Mary went, by Christ as first apostle sent. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!





Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

Recessional Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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Dostlude & Dismissal

Altar flowers are dedicated by Bill Kraus in loving memory of Maxine Kraus.

Sunday, May 12



Monday, May 13 1:00 p.m. Grace Book Club Ascension Sunday

8:30 Worship9:30 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting9:45 a.m. Sunday School & ConfirmationClasses11:00 a.m. Worship12:00 p.m. Special Congregational Meeting

Tuesday, May 14

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast 11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – hybrid 3:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee 4:30 p.m. Confirmation Class 7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris – online

<u>Wednesday, May 15</u> 9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

Sunday May 19

Pentecost Sunday

8:30 Worship9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Classes11:00 a.m. Worship



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