

# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Jackson, Minnesota

*“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”*

The Ascension of Our Lord

May 24, 2020

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



**Anthem**

“A Time for All Things”

**Adult Choir**

**Hymn**

“Up through Endless Ranks of Angels”

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1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph  
2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual  
3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,  
△ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,  
to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther  
prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure  
Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -  
As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our  
With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as  
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.  
world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!  
You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.  
al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

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**Confession and Absolution**

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

**Ps. 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Ps. 47:5**

**P** God has gone up with a shout,

**C** the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**P** The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,

**C** until I make your enemies your footstool."

**P** The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,

**C** "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."

**P** The Lord is at your right hand;

**C** he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** God has gone up with a shout,

**C** the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

## Kyrie

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn of Praise

## “Praise Be to Christ”

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1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The im - age of the  
2 Praise be to Him whose sov - 'reign sway And will up - holds cre -  
3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The full - ness of the



Fa - ther shown, The first-born Son re - vealed and known, The truth and  
a - tion's plan; Who is, be - fore all worlds be - gan And when our  
God - head shares; And yet our hu - man na - ture bears, Who came as



grace of de - i - ty; Through whom cre - a - tion came to birth,  
world has passed a - way: Lord of the Church, its life and head,  
man to bleed and die. And from His cross there flows our peace



Whose fin - gers set the stars in place, The un - seen pow'rs, and  
Re - demp - tion's price and source and theme, A - live, the first - born  
Who chose for us the path He trod, That so might sins and



this small earth, The fur - thest bounds of time and space.  
from the dead, To reign as all - in - all su - preme.  
sor - rows cease And all be rec - on - ciled to God.

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**P** Let us pray: Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Acts 1:1-11 ESV

<sup>3</sup>He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**Gradual**                      **adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6**

**C** God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,

**C** he has put all things under his feet.

## Ephesians 1:15-23 ESV

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in

Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> 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 one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**[P]** This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

St. Luke 24:44-53 ESV

**[P]** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**[C]** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

*(The Paschal Candle is removed from the sanctuary,  
signifying Christ's ascension into heaven.)*

<sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**[P]** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **[C]** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

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**[C]** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the

communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the ✠ life everlasting. Amen.

# Hymn

## "See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph"

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1 See, the Lord as - cends in tri - umph; Con - qu'ring King in  
2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the trump of  
3 While He lifts His hands in bless - ing, He is part - ed  
4 Now our heav'n - ly Aar - on en - ters With His blood with -  
5 He has raised our hu - man na - ture On the clouds to



roy - al state, Rid - ing on the clouds, His char - iot, To His  
ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, He has  
from His friends; While their ea - ger eyes be - hold Him, He up -  
in the veil; Josh - ua now is come to Ca - naan, And the  
God's right hand; There we sit in heav'n - ly plac - es, There with



heav'n - ly pal - ace gate. Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es  
gained the vic - to - ry. He who on the cross did suf - fer,  
on the clouds as - cends. He who walked with God and pleased Him,  
kings be - fore Him quail. Now He plants the tribes of Is - rael  
Him in glo - ry stand. Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels;



Joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals  
He who from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished  
Preach - ing truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch,  
In their prom - ised rest - ing place; Now our great E -  
Man with God is on the throne. By our might - y



high are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.  
sin and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed His foes.  
is trans - lat - ed To His ev - er - last - ing home.  
li - jah of - fers Dou - ble por - tion of His grace.  
Lord's as - cen - sion We by faith be - hold our own.

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## Sermon

## "Hope You Can Count On"

Ephesians 1:15-23

## Prayer of the Church

*Gene Trosine, Vern Hansen, Deb Sundahl, Robert Smith, Jessica Foss (Shelly Anderson's daughter), Kim Nesmoe. We also remember in our prayers the*

*family of Roger Beebe (Darla Harries's brother), and the family of Betty Dormady (Karen Benjamin's sister) who recently passed away. We also remember in our prayers our graduates: Parker Benda, Destiny Burgy, Samuel Clipperton, Dominic Dezelske, Drew Hendricks, Spencer Heser, and Gage Mekosch.*

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . let us pray to the Lord:      **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Final petition:*

**P** All these things and whatever else we need, we ask You to grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **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;  
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.**

## **Collect**

**P** Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.  
watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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