



# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Jackson, Minnesota

*“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”*

**The Ascension of Our Lord**

*(transferred)*

**May 12, 2024**

**Welcome** to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.



## Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

**Hymn** “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” **493**

**Confession and Absolution** **151**

**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** **152-3**

**Hymn of Praise** “Gloria in Excelsis” **154**

**Salutation and Collect of the Day** **156**

**[P]** The Lord be with you. **[C]** *(sung)* **And also with you.**

**[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** (*sung*) Amen.

## First Reading

Acts 1:1-11 ESV

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

<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>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

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

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

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

**P** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

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

## Epistle

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.

## Alleluia and Verse

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## Holy Gospel

St. Luke 24:44-53 ESV

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

**C** *(sung)* **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup> [Jesus] 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** *(sung)* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Apostles’ Creed

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## Hymn

“See the Lord Ascend in Triumph”

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## Sermon

St. Luke 24:44-53

“Jesus’ Ascension Leads to Worship”

## Installation of Lay Minister

Joshua Schuetz

# Prayer of the Church

*Ron Thurmer, Elaine Dvorak, Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard’s son), Craig Hakes, Caleb Hakes, Jason Benjamin, Ruth Polz, Pam Kemp, Richard Polz, Megan Janzen (Pastor Nathan Janzen’s wife), Teressa Schuetz (Pastor’s niece), Ron Sinn, Gail Lanning, Brent Baumann (Steve Milbrath’s brother-in-law and Lori Milbrath’s cousin), Gen Rehnel, Kristi Ledin, Carol Kolander, Kathy Miller (Neil’s, Susan’s, and Patti’s sister-in-law), Ken Temple, Karen Temple, Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch. We remember in our prayers Jake Staton, who has been deployed overseas in our nation’s armed forces.*

*Petitions conclude:*

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

*Final petition concludes:*

**P** . . . Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Offering and Offertory** **159-160**

## The Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn**      “Up through Endless Ranks of Angels” **491**

## Collect

**Benediction** **166**

**Hymn**      “The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns” **532**

## Postlude



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