



**Celebration of the  
Ascension of our Lord**  
*May 21, 2020 7:00 P.M.*  
*Immanuel Lutheran Church, Seymour, Indiana*

**Welcome to worship!** Jesus' disciples were taught by Him up until His last moments here on earth. When He ascended into heaven the disciples were prepared to carry on His great message of forgiveness and hope. Jesus may have departed into the sky, but He has not forgotten us, and He is always with us. He works that great Gospel ministry through the Church! And we are the Church!

**Hearing Devices** are available from an usher.

## +The Order of Vespers+

**THE PRELUDE:** "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build" - Matthias Weckmann

**THE OPENING HYMN:** "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

**Hymn 493**

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
And with His faithful foll'wers see Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 To them the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"This is the Savior," thus they say; "This is His glorious triumph day!"  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 "You see Him now, ascending high Up to the portals of the sky."  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty."  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### **THE RESPONSES**

- L O Lord, open my lips,  
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**  
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**  
C **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.**  
**Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.**

## THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen. After His suffering, He showed Himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they met together, they asked Him, "Lord, are You at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven."

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. C: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE HYMN: "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

Hymn 492

- 1        On Christ's ascension I now build    The hope of my ascension;  
          This hope alone has always stilled    All doubt and apprehension;  
          For where the Head is, there as well I know His members are to dwell  
          When Christ will come and call them.
  
- 2        Since Christ returned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me obtaining,  
          My heart will rest in Him alone, No other rest remaining;  
          For where my treasure went before, There all my thoughts will ever soar  
          To still their deepest yearning.
  
- 3        O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling Your ascension,  
          That I may serve You faithfully In thanks for my redemption;  
          And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace  
          In answer to my pleading.

## THE EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked 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 one to come. And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

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## THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:44-53

Then [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." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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." Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us. C: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE COMMON RESPONSORY

- L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.  
C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**  
L Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.  
C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**  
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

## THE HYMN: "See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph"

Hymn 494

- 1 See, the Lord ascends in triumph; Conqu'ring King in royal state,  
Riding on the clouds, His chariot, To His heav'nly palace gate.  
Hark! The choirs of angel voices Joyful alleluias sing,  
And the portals high are lifted To receive their heav'nly King.
- 2 Who is this that comes in glory With the trump of jubilee?  
Lord of battles, God of armies, He has gained the victory.  
He who on the cross did suffer, He who from the grave arose,  
He has vanquished sin and Satan; He by death has crushed His foes.
- 3 While He lifts His hands in blessing, He is parted from His friends;  
While their eager eyes behold Him, He upon the clouds ascends.  
He who walked with God and pleased Him, Preaching truth and doom to come,  
He, our Enoch, is translated To His everlasting home.
- 4 Now our heav'nly Aaron enters With His blood within the veil;  
Joshua now is come to Canaan, And the kings before Him quail.  
Now He plants the tribes of Israel In their promised resting place;  
Now our great Elijah offers Double portion of His grace.
- 5 He has raised our human nature On the clouds to God's right hand;  
There we sit in heav'nly places, There with Him in glory stand.  
Jesus reigns, adored by angels; Man with God is on the throne.  
By our mighty Lord's ascension We by faith behold our own

## THE SERMON: "Gone, But Not Forgetting!"

## THE KYRIE, LORD'S PRAYER, and COLLECTS

Kyrie

- C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

## 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.**

- L O Lord, hear my prayer.  
C **And let my cry come to You.**

## Collect of the Day

### Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

#### Collect for Peace

- L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## THE BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

### Benedicamus

- L Let us bless the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

### Benediction

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C **Amen.**

## THE CLOSING HYMN: "Crown Him with Many Crowns

**Hymn 525**

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.
  
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
The babe of Bethlehem.

- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of all.

**THE POSTLUDE:** "A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing - Paul Manz

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**Preacher:** Pastor Rodriguez **Liturgists:** Pastor Bloch and Pastor Ralph Blumenberg

**Lector:** Vicar Ronchetto **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

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