

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMNHail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

TLH 213

1. **Hail the day that sees Him rise To His throne above the skies!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Reascends His native heav'n.**
2. **There the glorious triumph waits: Lift your heads, eternal gates.
He hath conquered death and sin; Take the King of Glory in!**
3. **See, the heav'n its Lord receives, Yet He loves the earth He leaves;
Though returning to His throne, Still He calls mankind His own.**
4. **Still for us He intercedes; His prevailing death He pleads,
Near Himself prepares our place, Harbinger of human race.**
5. **There we shall with Thee remain Partners of Thy endless reign,
There Thy face unclouded see, Find our heaven of heavens in Thee.**

10:30 Green Park Choristers

I Can Do All Things

Mark Burrows

***INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **✠ Amen.**

BAPTISM (10:30)

L: Thanks to You, O Father, who sent Your Son into the world to be a man, born of a woman, to die for us on the cross.

C: **Praise be to You that He walked among us on our earth, in our world of conflict, and ordained the remembrance of His death, His death which gives us life.**

L: Spare us, Your people, O Lord,

C: **And cleanse us of our iniquities for Your name's sake.**

L: Absolve our guilt,

C: **And pardon our offenses.**

L: Forgive our misdeeds,

C: **And blot out all our transgressions for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*****THE ABSOLUTION**C: **✠ Amen.*****THE GLORIA PATRI** (Taken from LSB, page 186)C: **✠ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*****THE KYRIE**C: **✠ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **✠ And with thy spirit.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **✠ Amen.**

THE FIRST READING for the Ascension of our Lord is from Acts 1:8-11, page 909:

⁸But 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." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **✠ Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING is from Ephesians 1:19b-23, page 976:

¹⁹According to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far 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. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

***ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

C: **✠ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL** - The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter, verses 45-53, page 885:

C: **✠ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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." ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **✠ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

***THE CREED (Luther's Explanation of the 2nd Article) (5, 8, 9:20)**

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Our Hope

LSB 553

- 1. O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, Creation's mighty Lord,
Redeemer of the fallen world, By holy love out-poured.**
- 2. How vast Your mercy to accept The burden of our sin
And bow Your head in cruel death To make us clean within.**
- 3. But now the bonds of death are burst, The ransom has been paid;
You now ascend the Father's throne In robes of light arrayed.**

4. **Oh, let your mighty love prevail To purge us of our pride
That we may stand before Your throne By mercy purified.**

5. **Christ Jesus, be our present joy, Our future great reward;
Our only glory, may it be To glory in the Lord!**

THE SERMON

“Blessings of the Ascension”

(Luke 24:50-53)

THE OFFERING - *During the offering all worshipers are asked to fill out the blue or ivory cards found in the pew rack. Please pass cards down to center aisle. They will be collected immediately after the offering.*

VOLUNTARY

***THE OFFERTORY** LSB page 192

♩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

***LITANY OF THE ASCENSION (5:00 & 8:00)**

L: Jesus, King of Glory, Who did ascend up into heaven in the sight of Your disciples:

C: Have mercy upon us.

L: Jesus, seated in glory at the Right Hand of the Father:

C: Give ear to our supplications.

L: Jesus, unto Whom all power is given in Heaven and in Earth, Whose Kingdom shall have no end:

C: Ever rule in our hearts.

L: Jesus, adored by all the Angels of God:

C: Attune our lips to Your praise.

L: Jesus, gone to prepare a place for us and Who will come again in glory to judge the world:

C: Keep us faithful to the last.

L: Jesus, Who will receive Your own unto Yourself, that they may be with You where You are:

C: Have mercy upon us.

L: By Your glorious Resurrection and Ascension:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

L: That we who are risen with You may set our affections on things above, and that we may abide in Your love.

C: Hear us, good Lord.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER (5:00, 8:00, 9:20)** (Found on back cover of hymnal.)

(10:30) ADULT CONFIRMATION

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♩ Amen.

***THE AGNUS DEI** LSB page 198

♩ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Oh, Blest the House

LSB 862

1. **Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all;
A home that is not wholly His—How sad and poor and dark it is!**

2. **Oh, blest that house whose faith is found And all in hope and love abound;
And trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!**
3. **Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need
And weary not of care or cost: May none to them and heav'n be lost!**
4. **Oh, blest that house; it prospers well, In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown How richly God can bless His own.**
5. **Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord.**

10:30 Chancel Choir

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 770, 619, 623

NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon Luke 2:29-32

LSB page 199

♫ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

L: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

C: **♫ And His mercy endureth forever.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **♫ Amen.**

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **♫ And with Thy Spirit.**

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: **♫ Thanks be to God.**

*THE BENEDICTION

C: **♫ Amen. Amen. Amen.**

*THE CLOSING HYMN

Draw Us to You

LSB 701

1. **Draw us to You, for then shall we Walk in Your steps forever
And hasten on Where You are gone To be with You, dear Savior.**
2. **Draw us to You Unceasingly, Into Your kingdom take us;
Let us fore'er Your glory share, Your saints and joint heirs make us.**

*SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE + + + + +

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

Liturgist: 5:00, 8:00, & 10:30 - Pastor Jon C. Furgeson; 9:20 - Sem. Edwards

Organist: Burnell Hackman, DMM

Choir Dir.: Burnell Hackman, DMM; Debbie Prange and Alexia Arensmeier

KFUE AM 850 Broadcaster/Engineer: Dean Seyfert/Alan Hopfer

NEWS AND NOTES:

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 8, 2016

CHRIST'S TRUE BODY AND BLOOD, given and shed in His passion for the forgiveness of sins, are really present in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament of the Altar and are given to and received by those who commune. Confirmed church members who are of one faith with us are invited to the Lord's table. Please register by marking the attendance card in the pew rack.

TODAY'S EDUCATION HOUR: 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class (Lower Commons): I John

Women's Bible Class (Office Conf. Rm.): led by Janice McCreary

Youth Bible Class: led by Christina Stackle, DCE

8th Grade Youth: led by Rick Goodman 7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel

PLEASE SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES.

HEARING ASSIST TRANSMITTERS are available from the ushers. Ear pieces are available although we suggest you bring your own.

FOOD & DRINK consumption should be kept inside the Gym.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of Mary Jane Wagner from her children and grandchildren; from Greg & Lois Ebmeyer in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary on May 8th; from Mike & Jan Thiel in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on May 11th; and from Roy Baese in loving memory of Ginnie Baese on Mother's Day.

ADULT CONFIRMATIONS (10:30): Steven Michael Bellistri, Sydney Rose Fulkerson, Noah Timothy Fulkerson, Christopher John Schmelig, Stephanie n e Gable Schmelig, Amber Nichole n e Staab Webb. Received by Profession of Faith: Phoenix M. Webb, Katie R. n e Jandourek Davis & sons: Edward and Truman Davis. Received by Transfer: Eric & Heather n e Ebers Girard and daughter Elyse Girard, Christopher & Kimberly n e Ostermeier Van Oosten and son, Chase Van Oosten. Welcome!

BAPTISM (10:30): Samantha Renee Schmelig, daughter of Christopher and Stephanie n e Gable Schmelig. Sponsors: Dan M. Roberts.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY tomorrow Monday, May 9, 7:00 p.m., in the Lower Commons.

MOTHER'S DAY FOOD DRIVE Today the bags are turned in. If you forgot yours, you may bring it in yet tomorrow (6 a.m.-10 a.m.) for late inclusion.

"STAND AND PRAY FOR LIFE" at Concordia Seminary, May 14, 9:00-11:45 a.m. Sponsored by the Concordia Seminary Life Team. Training beforehand, followed by 45 minutes outside of Planned Parenthood. Debriefing and normal Life Team meeting to follow on the Seminary Campus.

LADIES GUILD The May meeting will be on the 19th. Dessert will be served at noon, meeting at 12:30. Pat Bernthal will be sharing information on St. Trinity Food Pantry. Those planning to attend are asked to bring canned goods donation. Election of officers will be conducted.

YOUTH NEWS: Jr. Youth to lead Bethesda worship service May 15, 10:30-11:30. Sign up on the bulletin board if you're able to help. High School Graduates please let Christina know if you are able to attend the Recognition Party on May 15 at 9:15 a.m.

PARENTAL MEETING of next year's 7th-8th Grade Confirmation students, Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 p.m. to introduce curriculum materials, carpool arrangements, and class sessions, held Wednesdays, beginning August 24. (Sermon notebooks available for 7th/8th graders to begin taking notes May 15.)

JOB OPPORTUNITY Green Park Lutheran School is filling two positions for the 2016-17 school year—a part-time art teacher for grades 3-8, and a full-time Kindergarten teacher. If interested, please mail a cover letter and resumé to Green Park, Attn: Mr. Stephen Eggold, 4248 Green Park Road, St. Louis, 63125.

ALASKA MISSION BAKE SALE in the Gym **this weekend**. Stop by and pick up something special for Mom or for your holiday meals. All proceeds help fund our Alaska mission work this June. Also sponsored by Thrivent. Thank you for your continued support.

COUPLES CLUB Warm Springs Ranch Tour (home of the Clydesdales), Sat., June 11. **RSVP extended to this Fri., May 13th**. Everyone welcome! RSVP to Heather Carlson or Tammy Goodman.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 8, 2016:

Mon:	9:30	Berean Careciples
	7:00	Boy Scout Committee Meeting
	7:00	Voters Assembly
Tue:	9:00	Quilters
	7:00	Eagle Board of Review
	7:15	Memorial Day Wind Symphony Rehearsal
Wed.	11:15	Preschool Chapel
	11:00	South County Senior Citizens
	6:30	Confirmation Parent Meeting
	4:50	Celebration Ringers
	5:30	Glocken Ringers
	7:00	Alleluia Ringers
Thu:	9:00	Mary/Martha Bible Study
	5:30	ESL Sports
	6:00	St. Trinity Cemetery Board
	6:30	ESL Classes
	7:00	Chancel Choir
	7:30	Memorial Day Choir Rehearsal
Fri:	6:00	Wesche/Santiago Rehearsal
Sat:	2:00	Wesche/Santiago Wedding
	5:00	Worship Service
Sun:	8:00/9:20/10:30	Worship Services