

TODAY'S WORSHIP

Divine Service III LSB pages 184-202

L = Liturgist * = Stand C = Congregation

PRELUDE AND WELCOME

*** HYMN OF INVOCATION***Hail 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 Peace Choristers and Green Park Ringers and Singers with Mothers

*Children of the Heavenly Father****INVOCATION AND GENERAL CONFESSION**

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

C: **✠ Amen.**

BAPTISM (5:00)

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, 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**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 recorded in Acts 1:8-11, page 909: (5, 8, 10:30)

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 EPISTLE 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** according to St. Luke 24:45-53, pages 885-886:

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 1st Article)**

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Blest the House

LSB 862

- 1. Oh, blest the house, what'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 where faith is found And all in hope and love abound;
They 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, bless 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!**

THE SERMON

“Ascension—Gone Yet Here”

(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 10:30 Green Park Ringers and Singers

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr: Michael Burkhardt

***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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***LORD'S PRAYER** (Found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)(8, 9:20, 10:30)

***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

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire

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!**

10:30 Peace Choristers and Green Park Ringers and Singers with Mothers

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

OTHER DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 770, 637, 623

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**

Holy Father, In Thy Mercy

TLH 643

1. **Holy Father, in Thy mercy Hear our anxious prayer;
Keep our loved ones who are absent 'Neath Thy care.**
2. **Jesus, Savior, let Thy presence Be their light and guide;
Keep, oh, keep them in their weakness At Thy side.**
3. **Father, Son and Holy Spirit, God the One in Three
Bless them, guide them, save them, keep them, Near to Thee.**

***SILENT PRAYER / POSTLUDE**

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY:

Preacher: Pastor Dennis A. Kastens

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

Organist: 8:00 & 10:30 - Kendra Ruesler; 5:00 & 9:20 - Alice Kastens

Choir Director: Debbie Prange and Alexia Arensmeier

KFUO 850 AM Broadcaster/Engineer: Wayne Schuessler/Alan Hopfer

NEWS AND NOTES:

ASCENSION DAY

MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 13, 2018

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): Hebrews

Bible Study for 18 - 25 Year Olds (Former Sanctuary Overflow Room)

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 and Mike Renner

7th Grade Youth: led by Greg Wirtel and Louise Oster

ALTAR FLOWERS given in loving memory of Mary Jane Wagner from her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; from Ron & Dorothy Tomlinson, Regina & Adam Johnson Family, and Irene & David Kieffer Family in loving memory of Herman & Alice Petsch's son, Stephen; also from Roy Baese and Family in loving memory of Ginnie Baese.

BAPTISM (5:00) Kendall Drew Crossin, son of Rick A. and Ameer M. n e Walker Crossin. Sponsors: Nicholas A. Walker and Jamie L. Bromme.

HOLY COMMUNION will be Sunday, May 27.

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY is this Monday, May 14, 7:00p.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 (6a.m.-10a.m.) for late inclusion.

FULFILLING HIS VISION A brochure was recently placed in your mail slot concerning this campaign on behalf of Green Park Lutheran School. Please consider supporting Green Park as we work together toward *Fulfilling His Vision* and providing superior Christian education to students today and tomorrow.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the annual Veterans' Memorial Service led by Boy Scout Troop 584 to be held on May 24 at 7:00p.m. at St. Trinity Cemetery. All members of the congregation are invited to attend. All veterans present will be honored at the ceremony.

VBS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for children ages 3 to 5th Gr. Go to peacelutheransti.org and click below the Journey to the Cross icon to register.

YOUTH NEWS: High School Seniors you are invited to a reception during Bible Class in the Youth Room on May 20. Please let Christina know **today** if you plan on attending.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EVENTS: 3rd-5th Graders and families join us on Wednesday, May 30 from 6-8 p.m. for an evening of fun at Rock Roll-O-Rena Roller Rink in Arnold. The event is free. Families with children in Parent's and Me. Preschool and Kindergarten are invited to stay after church on Sunday, June 3 from 11:30-1:00 for lunch and outside play on the playground. To assure we have enough food please register your family by May 27. Sign up for these events on our church website under Children's Ministry.

ALASKA MISSIONS BAKE SALE PICK UP You may pick up the bake sale "goodies" you ordered in the gym this weekend. Thank you so much for your support, and enjoy the "goodies"!

ANNUAL FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY will be held by Troop 584 on Thursday, June 21, at 7:00p.m. on the Peace parking lot. A box for collecting non-serviceable American flags will be at the Welcome Center beginning Memorial Day weekend.

LADIES GUILD MEETING will be held on May 17. It will be the final meeting for the season. Plan to meet at church at 11:00a.m. when we will carpool to the Panorama dining venue at the St. Louis Art Museum for lunch and fellowship. Please RSVP to Geri Werner by May 14.

IN OUR PRAYERS: Merrily Goldsmith, Nikki Shea, Larry Sorth, Louise Oster, Carol Wohlstadter, Viola Preusser, Yvette Doyle, Lauren Beckner, Dorothy Wachter, Debby Hutton, Tim Doyle, Daniel Kitzmann, Jerry/Lucy McElroy, Marvleen Noll, Donna Roberts, Donald Rathert, Linda Hinton, Susan Zalaudek, Milford Gerler, Luke Harashe, John Yaeger.

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF MAY 13, 2018:

Sun: 6:00 Adult Inquiry
Mon: 6:30 Cub Scout Meeting
7:00 Voters Assembly
Tue: 9:00 Quilters
9:00 Plastic Mat Making
6:00 Property Management
Wed. 9:00 TPL Assembly
11:00 South County Senior Citizens
7:00 Wednesday Bible Study
Thu: 9:00 Mary/Martha Bible Study
11:00 Ladies Guild Meeting
5:30 ESL Sports
6:00 CPR First Aid Training
6:30 ESL Classes
6:30 Security Team Meeting
Sat: 5:00 Worship Service
Sun:8,9:20,10:30 Worship Services