

# LARGE PRINT EDITION



## HOLY COMMUNION

*Ascension of Our Lord (transferred)  
Seventh Sunday of Easter*

May 12, 2024 + 9:30 am

*Christ present in all times & places*

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Learn Live and Share God's Word

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***Christ is the throne who welcomes us to sit with him***

*In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.*

## GATHERING

*The disciples urged Jesus strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over."  
So he went in to stay with them.*

### PRELUDE

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

*arr. M. W. Smith*

*At the sound of the bell please stand and face the worship leaders.*

### EASTER PROCLAMATION

**P Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*(hymn)* ELW 634  
*stanzas 1, 2, 3, 6*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.**
- 2 O seed of Israel's chosen race  
now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
and crown him Lord of all.**
- 3 Hail him, you heirs of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call  
the God incarnate, man divine  
and crown him Lord of all.  
The God Incarnate, man divine  
and crown him Lord of all.**
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.**

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5-6

## GREETING

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

**C** And also with you.

**HYMN OF PRAISE TO THE RISEN CHRIST** (hymn) ELW 880

“O God Beyond All Praising”

stanza 1

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*The presider continues with words of welcome.*

**WORD**

*Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.*

**THANKSGIVING FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

## CHILDREN'S WORD

*Children are invited forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.*

## READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

*Jesus sends the apostles*

Acts 1:1–11

*Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.*

*Luke writes:*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

<sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

... Word of God, Word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Psalm 47 ICEL

*God has gone up with a shout. (47:5)*

A All peoples, clap your hands, shout your joy to God.

For God Most High is awesome, great king of all the earth.

**C The One who conquers peoples and sets them at our feet  
chooses for beloved Jacob a land to be our pride.**

A God ascends the mountain to cheers and trumpet blasts.

**C Sing out your praise to God, to the king, sing out your praise.**

A For God rules the earth; sing praise with all your skill.

God rules over nations, high on the sacred throne.

**C Foreign rulers join the people of Abraham's God;  
all the powers on earth belong to God on high.**

A God has gone up with a shout.

**C Give praise to the Father Almighty;  
to the Son, Jesus Christ, the Lord;  
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts;  
both now and forever. Amen.**

**SECOND READING**

*Seeing the risen and ascended Christ*

Ephesians 1:15–23

*The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we would be given the wisdom to comprehend this and display it through love toward others.*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus

Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

<sup>20</sup>God put this power to work 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 age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

... Word of God, Word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION & PROCESSION**

*tune: ELW 386*

*The assembly stands and welcomes the gospel, singing:*

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus gave his life for us, Rose from death victorious.**

**To reign o'er all; no more to die. Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

*Christ present in all times and places*

Luke 24:44–53

*On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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, the prophets, and*

the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The refrain is repeated as the gospel procession reverses. ELW 386*

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*(hymn) ELW 392*

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

*stanza 1, 2, 4, 5*

**1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."**

- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us;  
faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?**
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.  
As within the veil you entered,  
robed in flesh, our great high priest,  
here on earth both priest and victim  
in the eucharistic feast.**
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
has redeemed us by his blood."**

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**A** With the whole church, let us proclaim our Easter faith.

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.



**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Prayers are offered for the Church, the earth, the nations, and those in any need.  
each petition concludes:*

God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

## **MEAL**

*When Jesus was at the table with them, he took bread,  
blessed and broke it and gave it to them.  
Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.*

## **PEACE**

**P** The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*The assembly is invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.*

## OFFERING

*When bread and wine are broken and shared in the Lord's Supper an offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Please leave your offerings in the baskets in the aisles or give online. During this time, the table is set. Please stand as the offering procession reaches the chancel. Thank you for your generosity.*

"Beautiful Savior"

### Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray together.

**C Risen Christ, receive these gifts,  
with our hopes, dreams, and prayers.  
Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread,  
that our eyes may be opened  
to see your presence among us,  
and our lives filled with the new life  
of your resurrection. Amen.**

*The assisting minister pours out the wine.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C it is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P ...and join their unending hymn:

*(setting 3, p. 144)*

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

*The presider continues with the Great Thanksgiving:*

P ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P ...in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer (1789)

C Our Father who art 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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

Communion

"Lamb of God"

*setting10; ELW page 208*

C O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you suffered death our lives to save; have mercy now,  
we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
you set us free from guilt and grave; have mercy now,  
we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;

**eternal peace with God you made; give us your peace,  
we pray.**

*silence for reflection concludes the communion*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**A** Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem.*

*They told what had happened on the road and  
how he had been made to known to them in the breaking of the bread.*

### **SENDING DIALOG**

**A** We have heard the holy and saving gospel  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **We have celebrated with joy the Easter mysteries.**

**A** We have been nurtured at the holy table  
and baptized into the priesthood of Christ.

**C** **We offer ourselves now to the Lord of all creation  
in thanksgiving for all that God has done for us.**

**P** Go out from this Easter assembly  
to proclaim the mighty works of the Lord.

**C** Let us bear God's creative and redeeming word  
to all the world.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope. Almighty God, Father, + Son,  
and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

*(hymn) ELW 855*

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

*stanzas 1, 3, 4, 5*

**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.

**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 burning 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 years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail  
throughout eternity.**

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

## DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“Ode To Joy”

*arr. Don Hustad*

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# SERVING TODAY

Pastor Foy Christopherson, *presiding*  
Audrey Erickson, *assisting minister*  
Lory Dubbels, *reader*  
Children & Youth, *crucifer, banners; bell tree*  
Ruth Bills, *director of music & worship*  
Sanctuary Choir  
Dave Larson, Anna Matthes, *technology desk*  
Janell Partyka, *sacristan/altar guild*  
Rich Feist, Jim Felicetta, *ushers*  
Nancy & Jim Felicetta, *Salty Carmel hosts*  
Andy Benedict, *bus ministry*  
Foy Christopherson, *coffee treats in honor of SS teachers*

**Chancel flowers** this weekend are given by Karl Breitbarth  
in memory of Richard Nye's birthday.

*If you wish to donate flowers sign up in the narthex or call the church office.*

*Please join us for coffee fellowship **in Fireside** following worship.*

*This service is being streamed live on the internet.*

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## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

Contact the coordinator below if you can volunteer to accomplish these tasks:

OPPORTUNITY	COORDINATOR	DUE
Blow leaves out of front lawn shrubs	Pastor C	this week
FMSC Pack at the Park	Audrey Erickson	May 22, morning
Salty Carmel teams	Pastor C	Sign up in narthex
MCCC Board secretary	Brenda W; C Pudney	open position
Annual budget team	Karen Moeller	new team established by cong. council
"Dust the wallpaper"	Steve: spring cleaning	pick a room, any room

*Lean Mean Body of Christ Machine  
SIMPLIFY RE-CENTER OPEN UP  
Becoming more nimble & flexible week by week*

## Becoming the Story We Tell

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## Pentecost birthday gift for the Church - May 19

Sunday, May 19, 2024 is Pentecost, the Church's birthday. In honor of our seven confirmands who will affirm their baptisms that day, your special birthday gift to the church is invited. Designated special Pentecost birthday gifts will support our youth ministry.



### WORSHIP LIFE

#### *The Ascension of the Lord*



Great feast that Easter is, one day (or even Three Days!) is insufficient to celebrate the fullness of the joy and mystery of the resurrection. So, as Christians, we keep a fifty-day-long festival, punctuated forty days in by our celebration of the Ascension of our Lord—the fortieth day of Easter. Ascension, like a prism, helps us focus the wondrous colors of the Easter spectrum.

The images from Ascension worship give us a sense of the hope and joy that color this feast: “Christ’s ascension is our glory and hope.” “The joy of the resurrection and the ascension renews the whole world.” “Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow.” “Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us, but to be our hope.” “Christ was taken up to heaven to claim for us a share in his divine life.”

Through these Easter days, the assisting minister has been sending us out into the world with the Easter message, “Go in peace. Share the good news!” We go to the font only once in our lives, and we go to the altar for an hour or so each week. The rest of the time is spent outside the church doors, but still in Christ, as Christ, to our world today. To this we say, “Thanks be to God!”

If we have been united with Christ through baptism in his death and resurrection, we are surely united with him in his transformation and redemption of the world. What we celebrate, however, is not only a past or future event. We are given glimpses of God’s Reign breaking in even now. So, feet firmly planted on earth, the community gathers to rejoice in the life we share with the risen Lord. “Go in peace. Share the good news!”

#### *Pentecost is next Sunday*

Easter reaches its fullness next Sunday as we celebrate the 50th day, the Spirit’s day, birthday of the church, Confirmation, great Pentecost! What began in cold ashes, what was washed with water and oiled with gladness and nourished with bread and wine now is filled with breath and stirred aflame. Breathe deeply this week; let every breath be a prayer. Play the flute or the kazoo. Hang wind chimes to catch God’s breath. Fly a kite. Be on fire; live passionately. Read a love poem. Challenge someone to act on behalf of the common good. Take a stand against a grave injustice. Light seven candles on the dinner table. Wear red. Eat strawberries (if you’re not allergic). Sing! Fifty days of Easter have been given for our delight and for our celebration. Rejoice and be glad!

Wear something red to worship next Sunday!

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# WELCOME

**Everyone is welcome.** We are a faith community participating in the life of God, a life that is a gift to us and in which we are actively engaged. That gift compels us to be actively engaged in the neighborhoods of Northeast Minneapolis as well. We are a multigenerational community that proudly celebrates our history while joining together with younger generations to follow where God is leading. We build our community through faith practices like prayer, dwelling in the Word and hospitality.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. If you would like more information about Mt. Carmel, please contact us at 612-781-2796, or email [pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org)

**Children are welcome** at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available outside the sanctuary.

**Welcome to the Lord's Table.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated if you require accessibility accommodation. Please inform the ushers. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. White grape juice is available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

**Welcome to the Holy Baptism.** All who come seeking Jesus are welcome to receive Holy Baptism. Please visit with any worship leader, staff member, hospitality volunteer, contact the church office, or complete an information card, indicating that you wish to be baptized. Our pastor will contact you.

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Across the country and beyond there are many people who have a soft spot in their heart for Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church – people who feel a connection both to the history and the ongoing mission of this congregation. If you're one of them, we invite you to join a new network of Friends of Mt. Carmel. Email [pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org](mailto:pastor@mountcarmelmpls.org) for more information or to join.



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