

But you will receive power  
when the Holy Spirit  
comes on you...

Acts 1:8



**THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE**  
**FESTIVAL OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 16, 2021 – 8:00 AM**

A warm welcome to all worshipping with Resurrection Lutheran Church today. In May of 2020, we celebrated forty-two years of ministry. Celebrating our Savior's love continues today in the faithful gathering of God's people, whether we are together in God's house or as you watch online from the comfort of your home.

**LESSONS AND LITURGY TODAY**

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension to the Right Hand of the Father. Ascension Day goes beyond Easter and assures us that our future is in the care of a gracious and powerful God. As Jesus departed from this earth and was welcomed into Heaven, so we too look forward to worshipping the Lamb upon His Throne with our endless Alleluias.

❖ Denotes times when the congregation is invited to stand.

The congregation is encouraged to quietly and prayerfully prepare for worship during the prelude.

**PRELUDE**

*Lasst Uns Erfruen* – P. Manz

**GREETING**

❖ **INVOCATION**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

P In the Name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

**FIRST READING**

*Acts 1:1-11*

*(St. Luke relates how Jesus was taken up into Heaven.)*

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."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing*

LSB 493

v. 1 – All

v.2 – Men

v.3 – All

v. 4 – Women and Children

v.5 – All

v. 6 – All

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!

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## ❖ DIALOG

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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

P Christ is ascended into Heaven! Alleluia!

C **And He will come again! Alleluia!**

P God has ascended amidst shouts of joy! Alleluia!

C **The Lord amid the sounding of the trumpets! Alleluia!**

P For Christ is King over all the earth! Alleluia!  
C **Sing to Him a psalm of praise! Alleluia!**

P God reigns over the nations! Alleluia!  
C **God is seated on His Holy Throne! Alleluia!**

P “People of Galilee, 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.”

C **Christ has died! Alleluia!**  
**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**  
**Christ will come again! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

❖ **CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOOD NEWS OF FORGIVENESS**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your Will and walk in Your Ways to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins.  
As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
C **Amen.**

❖ **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,  
“You are a Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”  
C **The Lord is at your right hand;  
He will shatter kings on the day of His Wrath.**

All **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.**

❖ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*This is the Feast* – arr. R. Hillert

**LSB 155**

Refrain

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**

**2. Power, riches, wisdom and strength  
And honor and blessing and glory are His. Refrain**

**3. Sing with all the people of God,  
And join in the hymn of all creation:**

**4. Blessing, honor, glory and might  
Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**

**5. For the Lamb who was slain**  
**Has begun His reign. Alleluia. Refrain**

❖ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Lord of time and eternity, as we observe with rejoicing the day on which Your Son,  
Jesus Christ, ascended and was received at Your Right Hand;

**C** **grant us Your Grace that we may journey in peace, and with joy, from earth to**  
**Your Glorious Presence in Heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,**  
**Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

**EPISTLE**

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

*(Jesus has dominion over all things for all time.)*

For this reason, ever since I heard about  
your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love  
for all the saints, I have not stopped  
giving thanks for you, remembering you in  
my prayers.

I keep asking that the God of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give  
you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation,  
so that you may know Him better.

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may  
be enlightened in order that you may  
know the Hope to which He has called  
you, the riches of His glorious inheritance  
in the saints, and His incomparably great  
power for us who believe.

That power is like the working of His  
mighty strength, which He exerted in  
Christ when He raised Him from the dead  
and seated Him at His Right Hand in the  
heavenly realms, far above all rule and  
authority, power and dominion, and every  
title that can be given, not only in the  
present age but also in the one to come.  
And God placed all things under His feet  
and appointed Him to be Head over  
everything for the Church, Which is His  
Body, the Fullness of Him Who fills  
everything in every way.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA VERSE**

**C** Alleluia! Alleluia! Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. Alleluia!  
Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia!

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Luke 24:44-53*

*(Jesus ascends into Heaven.)*

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

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

Then He 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 for the 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.”  
And 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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

Vicar Alan Shaw

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels*

**LSB 491 (Tune: LSB 909)**

1. Up through endless ranks of angels, Cries of triumph in His ears,  
To His heav'nly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears,  
Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears.
2. Death-destroying, life-restoring, Proven equal to our need,  
Now for us before the Father As our brother intercede;  
Flesh that for our world was wounded, Living, for the wounded plead!
3. To our lives of wanton wand'ring Send Your Spirit, promised guide;  
Through our lives of fear and failure With Your pow'r and love abide;  
Welcome us, as You were welcomed, To an endless Eastertide.
4. Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to see the Father's face!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!

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## SERMON

## Looking Up With Thanksgiving

Vicar Alan Shaw

*Luke 24:44-53*



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**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
Maker of Heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only-Begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by Whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into Heaven  
 and sits at the Right Hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory  
 to judge both the living and the dead,  
 Whose Kingdom will have no end.  
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and Giver of life,  
 Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 Who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the ✠ Life of the world to come. Amen.

## ❖ GREETING OF PEACE

All are invited to greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3*) Any gesture accompanying this greeting (wave, hand over heart with slight bow) is welcome.

## OFFERING

(The offerings of God’s people will be received through electronic giving, by postal mail, and in baskets located in the Narthex.)

## ❖ OFFERING HYMN

*Look, Ye Saints the Sight Is Glorious*

**LSB 495**

1. Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious; See the Man of Sorrows now!  
 From the fight returned victorious, Ev’ry knee to Him shall bow.  
 Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X) Crowns become the victor’s brow. (2X)

2. Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him! Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
 On the seat of pow’r enthrone Him While the vault of heaven rings.  
 Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X) Crown the Savior King of kings. (2X)

**3. Sinners in derision crowned Him, Mocking thus the Savior's claim;  
Saints and angels crowd around Him, Own His title, praise His name.  
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X) Spread abroad the victor's fame. (2X)**

**4. Hark, those bursts of acclamation! Hark, those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station; Oh, what joy the sight affords!  
Crown Him! Crown Him! (3X) King of kings and Lord of lords! (2X)**

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## **PRAYER FOR THE ARMED FORCES**

**P** Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us.  
We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom.  
Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the armed forces. Today, we  
pause to reflect and honor those who gave or who continue to sacrifice so much in  
the defense of our freedom to be faithful.

**C** **We remember the great courage and selfless service of so many throughout  
history who have answered the call to serve. We remember their honorable  
sacrifice for the freedom of others. Comfort the families who mourn the loss  
of loved ones. Comfort also those who suffer permanent injuries as a result of  
serving our nation in the military.**

**P** We remember with thankfulness the millions of Americans who give so generously  
of their life and labor in times of national conflict, particularly the family members of  
our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

**C** **We are grateful for the devotion and sacrifices of military families.  
Grant us the resources and willing hearts to support them.**

## **ANNIVERSARY PRAYER AND RE-DEDICATION**

**P** Dear Loving Heavenly Father: Your Loving-Kindness toward us is especially evident  
today.

**C** **We thank and praise You for creating Your Church and for giving life to this  
congregation through the Power of Your Holy Spirit.**

**P** Heavenly Father, we give You thanks and praise for bringing Resurrection Lutheran  
Church to its 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. We celebrate, along with all the saints who have gone

before us, reaching out in love, by grace to serve one another, our community and our neighbors near and far.

**C Holy Father, may the next generation find us faithful, steadfast and persevering. May they see Your Fruit evident in our lives and hunger to seek You and to know You. May we boldly proclaim Your Goodness to the next generation and encourage them in their faith to rise up as servants to tend the harvest.**

**P Lord, give Your Grace, Strength, Patience and Wisdom to all whom we ask to administrate the work we do together, so that all our service may honor You.**

**C Lead us as we make our plans for the future; and complete the plans we make, so that in all we start, continue and finish by Your Grace, Your Name will be glorified.**

**P Lead us, guide us and strengthen us as we continue to build Your Kingdom, so that all may come to know the Love and Saving Grace of Christ Jesus.**

**C To You, Lord, be glory and honor, forever and ever! Amen.**

## ❖ PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P Ascended Lord Jesus Christ, we rejoice in bringing You our *Alleluias* and our homage. Now also we bring our prayers to Your Throne of Mercy, asking that You graciously will hear us.**

**P We pray for the Church, which is our spiritual home: bless our Christian family with a full measure of faithfulness, as we journey together toward our Heavenly home.**

**C We pray that we would be true ascension witnesses, sharing the Good News of Your triumph over sin, death, and the devil; and showing people the way in which You have gone.**

**P On this day of rejoicing, we pray for those with special needs, whose earthly journeys are challenging or difficult. Especially we remember the sick and the shut-in; and also those others, known to each of us, who are in need of our prayers.**

*After each portion of the prayers:*

**P Lord, in Your Mercy,  
C hear our prayer.**

P Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your  
Mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C Amen.

So remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

❖ **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.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.  
The LORD make His Face to shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *(Numbers 6:24-26)*  
C Amen.

❖ **CLOSING HYMN**

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

**LSB 717**

1. Eternal Father, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,  
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

2. O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traffic runs amain  
By mountain pass or valley low; Wherever, Lord, Thy people go,  
Protect them by Thy guarding hand From ev'ry peril on the land.

**3. O Spirit, whom the Father sent To spread abroad the firmament;  
O Wind of heaven, by Thy might Save all who dare the eagle’s flight,  
And keep them by Thy watchful care From ev’ry peril in the air.**

**4. O Trinity of love and pow’r, Our people shield in danger’s hour;  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them wheresoe’er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

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**P Christ is risen!**  
**C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**  
*Bryn Calfaría – P. Manz*

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