



*Faith Lutheran Church  
Ascension—May 18<sup>th</sup> 2023*

# WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## TODAY'S SERVICE

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Ascension Service

**Liturgy:** Common Service

**Speaker:** Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:** Ann Sprengeler

# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 47*

Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph! <sup>2</sup> For the LORD Most High is awesome; *He* is a great King over all the earth. <sup>3</sup> He will subdue the peoples under us, And the nations under our feet. <sup>4</sup> He will choose our inheritance for us, The excellence of Jacob whom He loves. Selah <sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout, The LORD with the sound of a trumpet. <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! <sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. <sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne. <sup>9</sup> The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth *belong* to God; He is greatly exalted.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

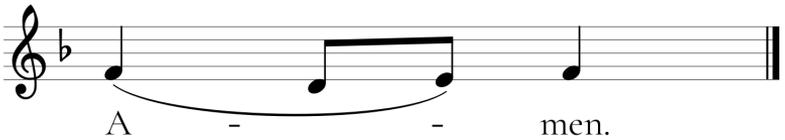
#212:1-4 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

## QUESTIONING OF CONFIRMANDS

#212:5-7 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

## INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



# CONFESSION OF SINS

p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

all Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have mer -  
cy on us, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



1. \_\_\_ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
5. For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was



slain, whose blood set us free  
 strength, and hon - or, bless -  
 God, and join in the hymn of  
 might be to God and the Lamb for -  
 slain has be - gun His reign.



to be peo - ple of God. *refrain*  
 ing, and glo - ry are His. *refrain*  
 all cre - a - tion: *stanza 4*  
 ev - er. A - men. *refrain*  
 Al - le - lu - ia. *final refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

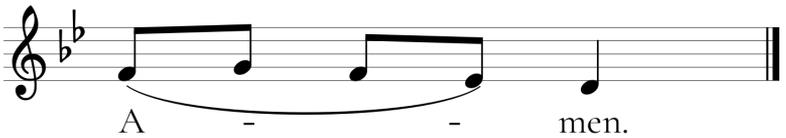


Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

p The Lord be with you.



p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into heaven, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.



## THE WORD

**Acts 1:1-11** The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, <sup>3</sup> to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen

by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; <sup>5</sup> "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup> "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, <sup>11</sup> who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

**Ephesians 1:15-23** <sup>15</sup> Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power <sup>20</sup> which He worked 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 principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



Al-le - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia!

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## 215 Draw Us To Thee

# SERMON

**Luke 24:44-53** <sup>44</sup> Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me." <sup>45</sup> And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, <sup>47</sup> "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> "And you are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." <sup>50</sup> And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

# LEAVE IT TO JESUS

Jesus' ascension assures us that the same man who died for our sins now rules over all things for the good of His church. We can confidently leave all things in His hands knowing that He is in control.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.  
Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and



take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to  
me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-  
hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

## 757 Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

### OFFERING #442:2

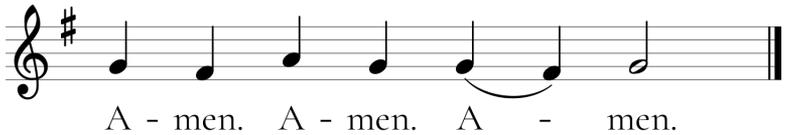
2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee  
Gladly, freely, of Thine own;  
With the sunshine of Thy goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by Thee, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.

# PRAYERS, THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

## THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#552:1,2,6-8 Abide With Me (MFH 108)



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