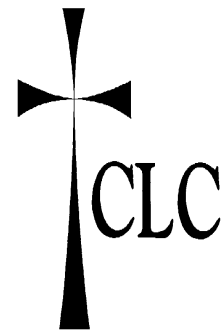




**Christ ... Ascends to the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
TLH 212:1**

Ascension Day Service

May 13, 2010



Luther Memorial Church & School

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CLC - Church of the Lutheran Confession

Divine Worship Service 7:00 pm

Organist Adrienne Fillmore Pastor Dave Naumann

Today's Hymns: 738, 222, 341, 212:7

WELCOME!

Greetings to all, especially our guests and visitors! If you are worshiping with us for the first time, we are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are with us this evening. Luther Memorial Church is committed without reservations to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in our Ascended Lord Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us great pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please make a record of your attendance at our register, and come again - you're always welcome!

AN ORDER OF VESPERS

Bells - Prayer

Opening Hymn: 738

PASTOR In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.
O Lord, open Thou my lips.

CONG Sing) And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: (Sing) Make haste to help me, O Lord. 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. Hallelujah!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: With the truth of Jesus' resurrection fresh in our hearts and minds, let us draw near confessing our sins and receiving the precious and firm gift of forgiveness.

C: Eternal LORD God, by Your own Word You open our hearts and minds to understand and believe that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and action. By Your Word You call us to repent of our sins and believe in Your Son Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Oh Lord we do repent of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

P: "Lifting up His hands, He blessed them." (Luke 24:50) Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my LORD Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PSALM

Responsive reading of Psalm 96 p. 144

1st Lesson

Acts 1:1-11 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 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, 3 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. 4 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; 5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 "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." 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 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."

2nd Lesson

Ephesians 1:16-23 I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: 17 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, 18 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, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when

He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 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. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

The Second Article, Luther's Catechism (Sydow, p. 87)

"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, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true!"

HYMN 222

THE SERMON

Luke 24:44-53 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." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

46 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, 47 "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 "And you are witnesses of these things. 49 "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." 50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. 51 Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

Theme: "CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"

- I. Crown Him the LORD of the Word (44-45)
- II. Crown Him the LORD of the Church (46-49)
- III. Crown Him the LORD of the World (50-53)

THE OFFERTORY (Cong. Sings)

**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.**

THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

THE OFFERING HYMN

(Cong. stands and sings hymn 572:4)

**As Thy prospering hand hath blest, May we give Thee of our best
And by deeds of kindly love For Thy mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days Praise to God, immortal praise!**

THE GENERAL PRAYER

(Pastor)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(All)

Hymn 341

THE SALUTATION

PASTOR The Lord be with you.

CONG. Sings "And with thy spirit."

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

(Pastor)

CONG. Sings "Amen"

THE BENEDICAMUS

PASTOR Bless we the Lord!

CONG. Sings "Thanks be to God!"

THE BENEDICTION

PASTOR The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

CONGREGATION SINGS: "Amen, Amen, Amen."

Closing Hymn 212:7

--- SILENT PRAYER ---

Verbal Announcements -- Ushers dismiss by row

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

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1st Lesson for Ascension Day Service

Acts 1:1-11

In this account from the NT Church, we hear of Jesus Ascension into heaven. With great Joy we remember that our exalted King Jesus Christ is coming again as the disciples saw him go. We read...

2nd Lesson

Ephesians 1:16-23

Paul prays for the believers of all times, asking God to fill us with the Word of God that gives knowledge of the rich blessings our Ascended and powerful LORD Jesus Christ showers upon us today and for eternity. We read...