



SUNDAY OF THE ASCENSION
MAY 28, 2022 - 5:00 PM
MAY 29, 2022 - 10:45 AM

*(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)*

PRELUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in D Major”

Georg Böhm

WELCOME

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” (vv. 1-4)

Hymn 493

(Stand and face the cross as it enters the Sanctuary.)

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

**“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!**

***THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Please kneel or be seated.)

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” (v. 6) *Hymn 493*

**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!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation

People: but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father;

Pastor: for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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, ¹¹ and 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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

“Toccata - Op. 59, no 5”
(Organ Solo)

Max Reger

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then 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.” 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

[10:45] CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

***SERMON HYMN**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

(Theme song for Grace Lutheran School, 2021-2022)

**For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies:**

Refrain

*Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

**For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain***

**For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain***

**For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain***

**For yourself, best gift divine, to the world so freely giv'n;
Agent of God's grand design, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n: *Refrain***

THE SERMON

“A Grand Graduation”

Luke 24:51

[5:00]*PROFESSION OF FAITH - APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

[10:45]RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

*PREFACE

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

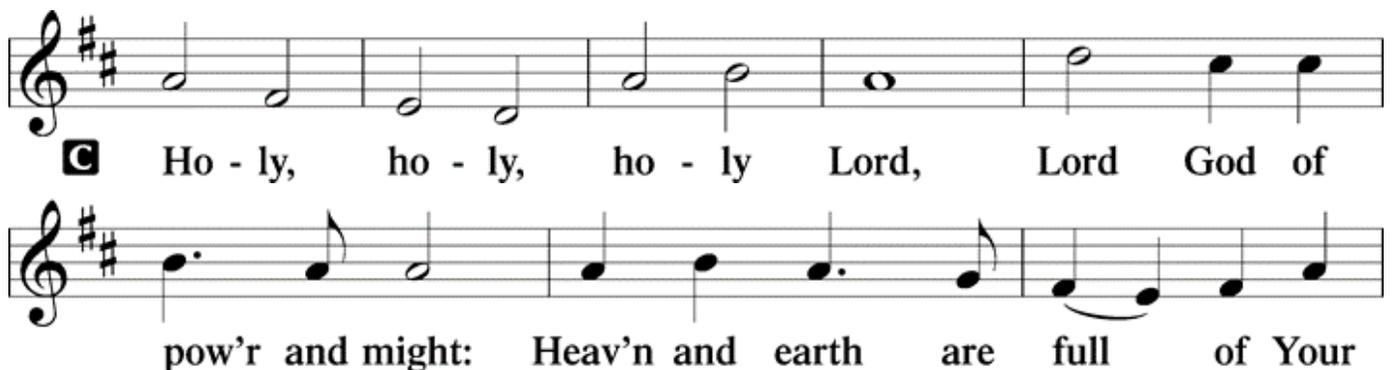
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and singing:

*SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



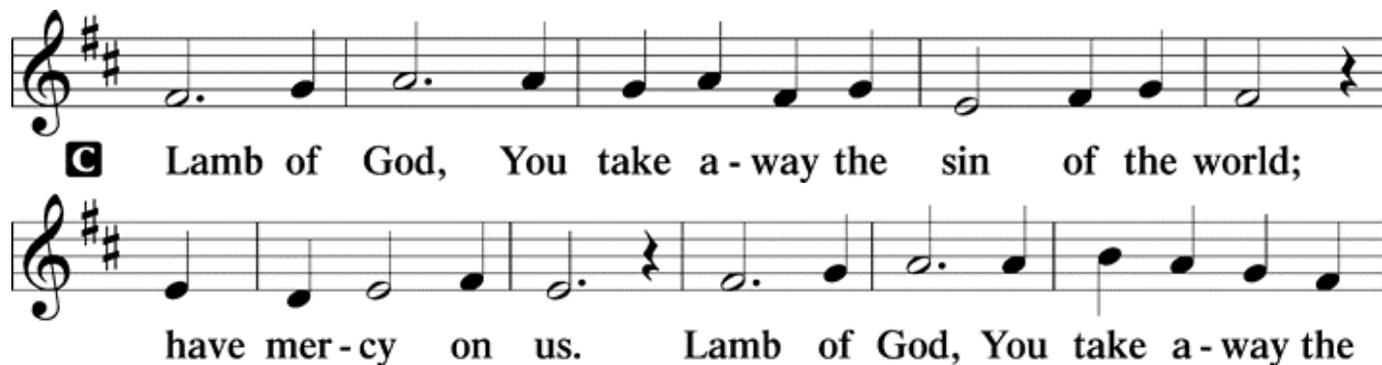
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

***AGNUS DEI**



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
 have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the

sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Hymn 717

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

"The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns"

Hymn 532

**The Head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns The mighty Victor's brow.**

**The highest place that heav'n affords Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heav'n's eternal Light;**

**The Joy of all who dwell above, The Joy of all below
To whom He manifests His love And grants His name to know.**

**To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;
Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of heav'n.**

**They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above,
Their profit and their joy to know The myst'ry of His love.**

**The cross He bore is life and health, Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.**

"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious"

Hymn 495

**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!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crowns become the victor's brow.
Crowns become the victor's brow.**

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!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown the Savior King of kings.
Crown the Savior King of kings.

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!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Spread abroad the victor's fame.
Spread abroad the victor's fame.

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!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
King of kings and Lord of lords!
King of kings and Lord of lords!

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

***THE BENEDICTION** (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

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Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“Before You, Lord, We Bow”

Hymn 966

Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow’r and love.
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!

The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.
For this bright day, For this fair land— Gifts of Your hand — Our thanks we pay.

May ev’ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word’s pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev’ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grateful song.

Earth, hear your Maker’s voice; Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before The Crucified.

And when in pow’r He comes, Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,
A countless throng, With joy to sing To heav’n’s high King Salvation’s song!

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

“Toccatà, BWV 538 ‘Dorian’”

J.S. Bach

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

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The Organist
The Communion Deacons
The Lector
The Usher/Greeter Team

The Rev. Charles T. Reich
Nick Klemetson
Vickie Ryan, Jan Struck
Roger Walker
Jim Campbell, Linda Davy

SUNDAY, 10:45 AM

The Preacher
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The Organist
The Sound Technician
The Elder on Duty
The Communion Deacons

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