



The Festival of the Ascension

Peace Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Today is a celebration of Jesus' Ascension. We celebrate that Jesus is ruling over all things for the good of his church, to gather all his people to himself. We pray that the message of God's loving rule will be a blessing to your faith and life. If Peace Lutheran Church can serve your spiritual needs in any way or if you simply have questions about us and what we teach, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our contact information is on the back of this service folder.

To find the latest information about worship, see our website, www.peacelutherantrinity.com. Check out "COVID-19 UPDATES." God bless your worship today.

A PRAYER BEFORE ASCENSION WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, on the mountain of Ascension your disciples worshipped you. I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Through the preaching of your Word may I repent of my sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness.

May your Ascension, Lord, fill me with fresh courage in the certainty that you walk with us every day. May it fill me with hope that one day you will return to take me and all believers home forever. I look forward to that joyous reunion with you and all believers. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher and Presiding Minister

Pianist (Recording)

Guitarist (Recording)

Pastor Joel Schwartz

Mara Blackard

James Denny

A DIALOGUE FOR THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

M: Christ is arisen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

M: God has ascended amid shouts of joy!

C: **the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.**

M: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

C: **sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

M: For God is the King of all the earth;

C: **sing to him a psalm of praise.**

M: God reigns over the nations;

C: **God is seated on his holy throne.**

M: The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham,

C: **for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.**



PRAISE & PRAYER

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns | 341

Please stand to sing



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his
 2 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the
 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -



throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All
 side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In
 grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For
 bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The



mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the
 those he came to save. His glo - ries now we
 won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y



sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him
 sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward
 sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -
 crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye



as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 bends his won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
 kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3.
 Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

PRAYER OF THE DAY¹

M: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



The Word

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus goes from our sight that he might be with all his people all the time

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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." ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "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."

¹ *The Venerable Bede was an English monk who lived around 700 AD. Known as "the Teacher of the Middle Ages," Bede died in 735 AD on the Feast of the Ascension, and the words he spoke on his deathbed serve as the Prayer of the Day for the Festival of the Ascension of our Lord.*

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:16-23

Jesus rules over all things for the benefit of his church

¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ I pray 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 his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 28:20

C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always., to the very end of the age. Alleluia.



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a



griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
 an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—
 load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—



Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we of - ten
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
 Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do your friends de - spise, for -



for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we bear, All be -
 faith - ful Who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
 sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In his



cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a sol - ace there.

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1820–86, alt.

Tune: CONVERSE (87 87 D) Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918.

GOSPEL²

Luke 24:44-53

please stand

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 24.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Luke 24:44-53 (same as Gospel)

Sermon Theme: Rejoicing at Jesus' Ascension

² *The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ, our king.*

APOSTLES CREED³

**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.**

be seated

OFFERING

*“On the first day of the week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money” –II Corinthians 16:2.
Out of thanks to God, we set aside a regular offering to the Lord.*

Peace Lutheran offers a secure Give by Text option. To donate via text, send the dollar amount you wish to give, including a dollar sign, to 888-314-2975. Example: \$40. You will receive a secure registration link.

³ *The Creed is faith's response to God's saving Word. We publicly profess the faith which we hold.*

A PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND



God of our fathers and Lord of the nations, a melancholy melody lingers over America. It is the sound of Taps. Each evening, to weary warriors in barracks or aboard ships it has called out, "All is well, safely rest, God is nigh." But this weekend we hear the call sound forth in cemeteries—where warriors sleep in graves. Flags fly over these gravesites, and tears water the grass around the headstones. We bow our heads in memory of the lives lost to defend America. But we lift our eyes in thanksgiving for your protecting hand over our nation. We beseech you to remain our great Defender.

We beg you to forgive our individual sins and our national sins for Jesus's sake. You, Lord, are our only hope. Your Son once rested in a grave after he had fulfilled his mission to rescue mankind from the grip of the eternal enemy. Then he rose from that grave to reign in glory. So may it be with our warriors who have closed their eyes with your name on their lips, and your promise in their hearts. Raise them to serve you in the sweet and blessed country of God's elect. Let the final words of Taps become our own:

Thanks and praise, For our days,
'Neath the sun, 'Neath the stars,
'Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know,
God is nigh. Amen.

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.



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us;



His the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace -
 Flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, Friend
 Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight



ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea Where the
 re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."
 songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, abr., alt.
 Tune: HYMN TO JOY (87 87 D) Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, alt.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

AFTER WORSHIP: BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, May 24 | 11:15 AM

Today's Topic: Jesus' Prayer as He Prepares Depart. Jesus prays for himself, for his disciples, for his church as he readies us for his visible departure from this earth. We will study John chapter 17, sometimes called, *Jesus' Great High Priestly Prayer*.

FRUITS OF FAITH

Cumulative gifts given in April 2020:	\$20,262
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Budgetary funds needed for May 2020:	\$14,056
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*Peace Lutheran's mission is to build a Christ-centered community on God's Word
Growing in God's grace
Telling of his love to all people*

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