

THE ASCENSION



The Ascension
SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024



We're so glad you're here.



At Church of the Savior, our vision is to grow in "Loving God, Loving Others, Loving Life." We hope you sense God's presence and our warm welcome. We'd love to meet you in the foyer after the service.

--Fr. Kevin and Mtr. Karen

About Our Worship: We use an Anglican liturgy. Liturgy simply means that everyone gets to participate, so please join in as you feel comfortable.

Children's Worship: Nursery is available for children 6 months through 4 years. Children's Worship rooms are available for children Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, and 3rd to 5th Grade. You may choose to keep children with your family, and coloring pages will be available to all.

Assisted Listening or Noise Cancelling Headphones: Assisted-listening loops are in the livestream booth (an usher can guide you there). Noisecancelling headphones are at the Info Table in the foyer.

Today begins the Last Week of Eastertide, the seven-week celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Last Thursday was forty days after Easter, the day that Jesus ascended into heaven; next week is Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Easter and the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the followers of Jesus gathered together in the upper room. During these ten days between the Ascension and Pentecost, we rejoice with the earliest Christians that Jesus sent the Spirit who guides and comforts the Church with the peace and love of Christ.

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE & WELCOME

You may stand.

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! to his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia! Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia! enters now the highest heav'n. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia! lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia! He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia! take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Highest heaven its Lord receives; Alleluia! yet he loves the earth he leaves. Alleluia! Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! still he calls us all his own. Alleluia!

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I Exalt Thee

For Thou oh Lord, art high above all the earth. Thou art exalted far above all gods; For Thou, oh Lord, art high above all the earth, Thou art exalted far above all gods.

I exalt Thee! I exalt Thee! I exalt Thee, oh Lord! I exalt Thee! I exalt Thee! I exalt Thee, oh Lord! Children from kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to follow the acolyte to Children's Worship during the next song.

GLORIA



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ACTS 1:1-11

¹ 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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM PSALM 47

- Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.
- ² For the LORD Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth.
- ³ He subdues the peoples under us, * and the nations under our feet.
- ⁴ He chooses our inheritance for us, * the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- ⁵ God has gone up with a shout, * the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- ⁷ For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.
- ⁸ God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne.
- ⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered together * with the people of the God of Abraham.
- ¹⁰ The rulers of the earth belong to God, * and he is highly exalted.

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ.

¹⁵ Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, ¹⁶ I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, ¹⁷ asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. ¹⁸ I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

¹⁹ I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power ²⁰ that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. ²¹ Now he is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. ²² God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church. ²³ And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.

⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA

You may stand.

Alleluia alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord Alleluia alleluia, give praise to His name Spread the good news o'er all the earth Jesus has died and is risen Alleluia alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord Alleluia alleluia, give praise to His name Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

- 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 Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ALLELUIA

Please be seated.



Please Be Seated Kevin Miller Rector

We take a few minutes of silence to reflect, pray, and listen for what God may be saying.

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THE NICENE CREED

You may stand.

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate: he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

The celebrant concludes the Prayers of the People.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please sit or kneel for a time of silence.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

At this time, parents should pick up their children from the nursery and children's worship.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please be seated.

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY

Rejoice, Ye People of the Faith by Joseph M. Martin

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Congregation join in the singing of the hymn

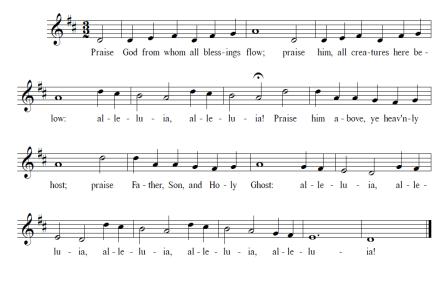








You may stand.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you. Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

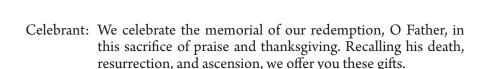
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All:

Christ has died.

Christ is ris - en.



Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body of your Son, the holy food of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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Celebrant: All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ:

All: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please join us for Communion: all who are baptized and seeking to follow Jesus are welcome. If that doesn't describe you, simply say "Blessing," or cross your arms, and the minister distributing bread will pray a short prayer for God's favor on your life. The first tray contains wine; the second contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Need prayer? A trained prayer minister sits by the west wall.

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth; One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food; And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three in One, And mystic, sweet communion With those whose rest is won: O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with Thee.

What A Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You, our Christ. What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this. What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

You heard the cry of ev'ry captive, So Jesus, You brought heaven down. My sin was great, Your love was greater; What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this. What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus. What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, The veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever God, You reign. Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is. The Name of Jesus Christ, my King. What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against. What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

Salvation Belongs To Our God

Salvation belongs to our God, Who sits upon the throne, And unto the Lamb; Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, Honor and power and strength...

Be to our God forever and ever; Be to our God forever and ever, Be to our God forever and ever, Amen!

And we the redeemed shall be strong In purpose and unity, Declaring aloud; Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, Honor and power and strength...

Praise and glory, wisdom and thanks, Honor and power and strength...

Let It Rise

Let the glory of the Lord rise among us, Let the glory of the Lord rise among us; Let the praises of the King rise among us, let it rise.

Let the songs of the Lord rise among us, Let the songs of the Lord rise among us; Let the joy of the King rise among us, let it rise.

O, let it rise. O, let it rise.

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All the devil's works

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Celebrant: All our hopes

All: We set on the risen Christ.

Celebrant: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter

the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and

remain with you always.

You may be seated for announcements.

GIFT TO PEOPLE'S RESOURCE CENTER

RECESSIONAL

Celtic Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,

Wherever he may send you.

May he guide you through the wilderness,

Protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you,

May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go forth in the name of the risen Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Giving Information

For the next few weeks, giving information for the month of May will be unavailable as we transition from Breeze to Planning Center. If you have questions about your May giving, please contact Randy Cathcart at randy. cathcart@gmail.com.

Summer Worship Starting June 1st

From June 1st through August 17th we will be following our summer format for worship. Children finishing kindergarten and up are invited to join their families for worship. The Nursery will be available for children ages 6 months to 4 years old. Coloring pages will be provided in the foyer.

Prayer & Picnic in the Park

Join us Sunday, June 2nd, for breakfast in the great outdoors, along with morning prayer. Herrick Lake Forest Preserve, East Shelter, 8:30am. Please note: Location change from Blackwell to Herrick Lake east shelter.

SERMON SERIES

Turning Points: Ascension, Pentecost, Trinity

May 11 - Kevin Miller, John 15:9-17, The Ascension, "Please Be Seated"

May 18 - Kevin Miller, Pentecost

May 25 - Sarah Lindsay, Trinity

A Bible Book in 1 Sermon

June 1 - Kevin Miller, Habakkuk, "So Much Evil! Where Are You, God?" June 8 - Kevin Miller, 2 Peter, "How Do I Live a Godly Life When So Many Don't?"

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery & Children's Worship: We provide Nursery for children 6 months through 4 years and two Children's Worship classes. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade may attend Young Children in Worship, and 3rd to 5th Grade may attend Following Jesus.

Youth Group: Summer schedule coming soon!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Have a question about your donation? Or about something in the budget? Email our bookkeeper, Joy Green: joy@friendsofthesavior.org

This Year's Giving Goal: \$343,250 *As of April 27th*Budgeted Giving Goal = \$90,618
Actual Giving = 89,453.43
Over/(Under) = (\$1,164.57)

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