

# Ascension of Our Lord May 29, 2022

9:30 a.m. Worship  
Christ Lutheran Church  
Cottonwood, Minnesota



**Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are grateful to God you are here.**  
We pray that you will feel the Spirit and welcome of this faith community,  
and we look forward to seeing you again!

*It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.*

(adapted from Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2021)

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made,

**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

Opening Words of Faith

Based on Psalm 47

P: Clap your hands, all you people;

**All: shout to God with songs of joy.**

P: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome.

**All: He is a great king over all the earth.**

P: For God has gone up with a shout,

**All: the Lord ascends to the sounds of trumpets.**

P: Now he sits on his heaven'ly throne.

**All: Now he rules over all the nations.**

P: So clap your hands, all you people;

**All: shout to God and lift his holy name on high.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: The God of all creation has called the people of the earth to repent of their sin and be cleansed through the ✠ power of Jesus.

**All: Have mercy on us, O God.**

P: It is right, as we come together in worship, that we should let go of all those things that hold us in order that we might be honest before God and free to worship and praise the Lord. Therefore, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another:

*Silence for a time of self-reflection*

P: We repent for our sins.

**All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

P: In our Gospel lesson, we will hear *“thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations.”* Together with the disciples, may we today stand in awe and listen to the Son of God as he forgives our sins ✠, redeems our brokenness and opens us for a new future.

**All: Amen. Thanks be to God!**

*(You will find the hymns in the red hymnal under the chair in front of you.)*

**Gathering Hymn**    ***“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”***    **ELW# 834**

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God,

**All: your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading    Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing

up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L: Word of God, Word of Life

**All: Thanks be to God**

Second Reading      Ephesians 1:20-23

<sup>20</sup>God put this power to work 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 rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

**All: Thanks be to God**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

***“We Praise You, O God”***

**ELW# 870**

Gospel Reading      Luke 24:44-53

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>Then 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Message

Pastor Janel Kuester

**Hymn of the Day**

**“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”**

**ELW# 393**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**The Profession of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

**All: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sharing of God’s Peace

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

**All: And also with you.**

*Please share a verbal peace with one another.*

*Please be seated.*

## THANKSGIVING

*We respond in gratitude for God's never-failing love and mercy.*

Community Announcements and Opportunities to Serve



Offering and Music

*Thank you for your generosity.*

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray: O Lord, be known to us, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

**All: Amen.**

Prayers of God's People

*The congregation responds to the prayer petitions with, "hear our prayer."*

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**

*Please be seated.*

## SENDING

*God sends us in mission to the world.*

Memorial Day Observance Prayer

Sending Blessing

P: May the God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

***“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”***

**ELW# 888**

Sending Words

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

### **This Week’s Calendar**

**Today, Sunday, May 29 : Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Fellowship Time before and after Worship

9:30 am      Worship

10:45 am      Worship on Cable TV Channel 180

**Monday, May 30:**

4:30 pm

Worship on Cable TV Channel 180

Office closed in Observance of Memorial Day

**Tuesday, May 31:**

7:15pm      Christian Education Meeting

**Thursday, June 2:**

11:00-1:00pm Salad Luncheon St.Mary’s Catholic Church

**Next Sunday, June 5: Day of Pentecost**

Fellowship Time before and after Worship

9:30 am      Worship

10:30am      Council Meeting

10:45 am      Worship on Cable TV Channel 180

**— Thank You For Serving This Sunday, May 29, 2022—**

**Ushers:** Jonathan Olson, Greg Golberg, Conner Moseng, Corey Moseng, Michelle Moseng, Cal Teske, Linda Van Uden Wilson, David Wilson

**Musician:** Krishana Dempcy      **Acolyte:** OPEN.

**Lector and Assisting Minister:** Linda Magnuson

**PA:** Larry Isaackson and Craig Aamodt

**Video Camera:** Tracy Sterner and Bev Isaackson

**Altar Care:** Anne Isaackson and Bev Isaackson

**Counting:** Jonathan Olson and Corey Moseng

## **Prayer Requests**

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

### **Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:**

Jill Boehne	Darleen Cole	Julie Jaeger	Grant Johnson
Teri Kemmer	Kathy Martin	Anna Meyer	Lloyd Powell

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, cancer, hunger, homelessness, unemployment, and any challenges in their lives.

Pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia.

### **Independent Living/Assisted Living/Care Center Residents/Homebound:**

Irene Evers, Betty Lovsness, Howard and Jody Mohr, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Sonny and Ione Olson, Laurie Pickthorn, Steve Pederson, Margaret Rewerts, Jim Runholt

### **Families of our Congregation:**

Neil, Sandy, and Eli Dovre  
Noah Dovre  
Allie Enga

**Grieving Family:** The family of Helen Petersen

### **Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions.**

*Robin’s Nest Children’s Home, Jamaica, Kikatiti Secondary School, Tanzania,  
and World Mission Prayer League (WMPL)*

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