

LAKE OF THE ISLES LUTHERAN CHURCH

✠ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ✠

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

MAY 21, 2023

9:30 AM CDT

Ascension Day is traditionally marked on the 40th Day of Easter which is always a Thursday. In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses through the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too, long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.



Ascension of Christ, Hendrik Krock, early 18th c

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*Inspired by Christ, living and growing in faith,  
we are a loving and open community of worship, witness,  
and service in God's world.*  
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Prelude

Welcome & Paschal Blessing

Please stand as you are able.

Baptismal Song of Thanks & Praise

✠ Gathering ✠

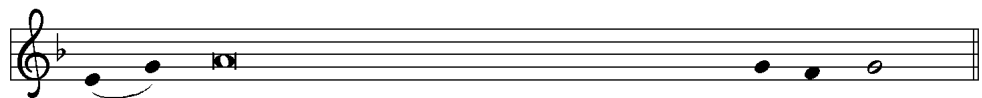
Following the call of God's Spirit, the community of faith gathers, welcoming one another and praying for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.

We invite you to use the prelude time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.

Last Spring

Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

- P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.



Al - le - lu - ia.

- P: *On the first day of the week at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their face to the ground, the men said to them: "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise."*

Gathering Hymn



Oh, Sing Jubilee to the Lord

LBW #256



1 Oh, sing ju - bi - lee to the Lord, ev - 'ry land;
 2 He made us his own, and has giv - en us breath;
 3 Oh, come to his feast with thanks - giv - ing and praise;
 4 His mer - cy is ours; he is Lord o - ver all;



glo - ry be to God! Oh, serve him with glad - ness, as
 glo - ry be to God! The sheep of his pas - ture, we
 glo - ry be to God! Give glo - ry to him, and your
 glo - ry be to God! May all gen - er - a - tions find



in his halls we stand;
 need not fear our death, sing prais - es to God out of Zi - on!
 bright - est ban - ners raise;
 pow - er in his call;

Text: Ulrik V. Koren, 1826–1910; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*, 1978
 Music: GUDS MENIGHED, SYNG, Erik C. Hoff, 1832–1894

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Apostolic Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, **your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ Word ✠

*The Word of God comes alive for the gathered community.
As God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.*



Children's Message
Please be seated.

Dismissal Song



Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW #857

Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your
 prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life,
 I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth
 to show the way, from the earth to the cross,
 my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave.
 from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.



Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesian prays that we would be given the wisdom to comprehend this.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 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, 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. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

R: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Paschal Verse &
Alleluia
*Please stand
as you are able.*



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Ⓑ Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Gospel
Luke 24:44-53

*On the day of his
ascension, Jesus leaves
his disciples with a
commission, a blessing,
and a promise of the
Holy Spirit.*

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Anthem

God’s Son Has Made Me Free

Hans Adolf Brorson/Edvard Grieg

*God’s Son has made me free from Satan’s tyranny
From fear of death, and bonds of sin,
from all that plagues my soul within.
The holy One divine, became a friend of mine.
From heaven high, from starry sky.
He came to give, to die. O boundless love,
He came, He died, He rose the glorified!
He came to give, to die, that I might live with Him eternally.
God’s Son has made me free!*

Sermon
Please be seated



Following the sermon, we will take a moment of silence to reflect on today’s gospel message.

Hymn of the Day

Please stand as
you are able.



In Heaven Above

ELW #630



1 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, where God our Fa - ther dwells:
2 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, what glo - ry deep and bright!
3 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, no tears of pain are shed,
4 In heav'n a - bove, in heav'n a - bove, God has a joy pre - pared,



how bound-less there the bless-ed-ness! No tongue its great-ness tells.
The splen-dor of the noon-day sun grows pale be - fore its light.
for noth - ing there can fade or die; life's full - ness round is spread,
which mor - tal ear has nev - er heard, nor mor - tal vi - sion shared,



There face to face, and full and free, the ev - er -
The might - y sun that goes not down, be - fore whose
and like an o - cean, joy o'er - flows, and with im -
which nev - er en - tered mor - tal thought, in mor - tal



liv - ing God we see, our God, the Lord of hosts!
face clouds nev - er frown, is God, the Lord of hosts!
mor - tal mer - cy glows our God, the Lord of hosts!
dreams was nev - er sought, O God, the Lord of hosts!

Text: Laurentius L. Laurinus, 1573–1655; tr. William Maccall, 1812–1888
Music: I HIMMELEN, I HIMMELEN, Norwegian folk tune

Prayers of the Church

P: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with the planet and one another. Weave your church... Lord, in your mercy.

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, God of abundant grace, we commend all of whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Greeting of Peace

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

C: And also with you.

After the greeting, please share a word of peace with your neighbors.

✠ Offering ✠

Lake of the Isles Lutheran Church is supported through the generous gifts of time, talent and treasure of our friends and members. In order to fulfill our mission and ministry, we need to receive approximately \$6,000 in offerings each week. We thank you for your support and partnership in the proclamation of the good news.

Solo

*Lys vårmorgen, 3rd Movement
Vårlåter (Spring Tunes) for Solo Flute, op. 44*

Øistein Sommerfeldt (1919-1994)

Offertory
Please stand as
you are able.



*This Joyful Eastertide
ELW #149*

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Offertory Prayer

A: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.
C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to
Communion
Please be seated.

✠ Meal ✠

We lift our hearts with praise and thanksgiving as the table is set, and we receive the bread and wine—the humble meal through which we are fed by the presence of Jesus the Christ and united as the body of Christ in the world.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

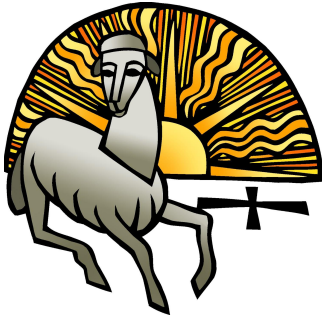
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn...




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.


P: Come to me all who are tired and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. The table has been prepared. All are welcome.

Lamb of God







 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 Music

Lord Our God

Petter Dass/William Beckstrand

*Lord, our God, with praise we come before thee,
 Let all nations humbly now implore thee
 And all endeavor To serve thee ever
 And ceasing never May we forever Adore thee.*

*God is God though earth were all forsaken,
 God is God though all by death were taken,
 And though all races Had left no traces
 In starry spaces, God's love embraces Creation.*

*Vales and hills shall move from their foundations,
 Heav'n and earth shall crash in consternation,
 When mounts transcending Will have their ending,
 Then Christ descending Shall bring unending Salvation.*

Distribution

Holy Communion will begin in the front of the church, nearest where the pastor and assisting minister will distribute the bread and wine. Please take either a glass of red wine or white grape juice from the full tray and place your emptied glass into the extra tray which is in front of the first pew.

Your offerings will also be received as the usher directs you toward the front of the church for communion.

Post-Communion

Blessing

*Please stand as
 you are able.*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion

Prayer

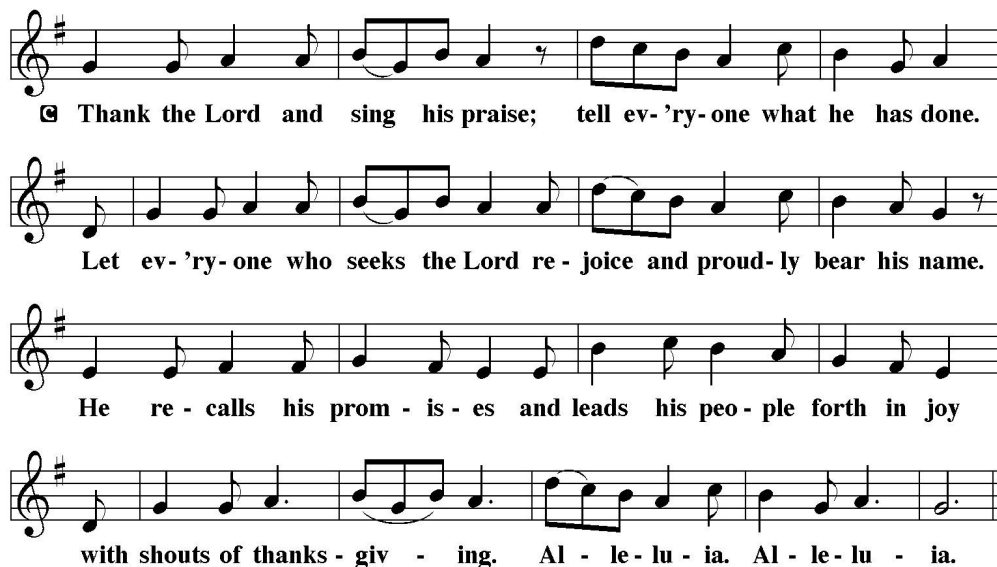
A: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

✠ Sending ✠

*We receive the blessing of God and leave in peace,
Sent out to live the way of Jesus for the sake of the world God loves.*

Post-Communion Canticle



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.

He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C: Amen.

Announcements



Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

*Leik i vårbakken, 5th Movement
Vårlåter (Spring Tunes) for Solo Flute, op. 44
Øistein Sommerfeldt (1919-1994)*

You are free to leave during the Postlude or remain to enjoy the offering of music & praise.

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WELCOME

*We thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us this week, and we invite you back again—
for prayer and worship. We will continue to have Sunday services online.
We hope the message of God's grace will guide and strengthen you
as you grow in love and faith in your daily life.*

YOUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

PastorRev. Dr. Arden D. Haug
Guest OrganistJames Reilly
FluteDr. Rachel Haug
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ReaderBill Fredell
UsherAnita Duder
Coffee HostsJanna Haug & Pauline Haug

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SCAN TO GIVE



CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 21	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion.....</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube & Sunday School..... Sunday School Rooms
	10:30 AM	<i>Special Coffee Hour Celebration.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	12:00 PM	<i>MMTF Piano Recital.....</i>	Sanctuary
	5:00 PM	<i>Fisher Recital.....</i>	Sanctuary
MONDAY, MAY 22	7:00 PM	<i>AA.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	11:00 AM	<i>Norwegian Glee Club Rehearsal.....</i>	Library
TUESDAY, MAY 23	7:00 PM	<i>Men's AA.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	<i>AA/Recovery & Spirituality.....</i>	Christy Room/Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY, MAY 24	10:00 AM	<i>Bible Study.....</i>	Library/Zoom
	12:00 PM	<i>Staff Meeting.....</i>	Christy Room/Zoom
	6:00 PM	<i>Fringe Theatre Group Auditions.....</i>	Sanctuary
THURSDAY, MAY 25	12:00 PM	<i>Al Anon.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	<i>LHCO Rehearsal.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
FRIDAY, MAY 26	5:30 PM	<i>LOTI Women's Book Club.....</i>	Home of Deb Gilroy
SUNDAY, MAY 28	9:30 AM	<i>Worship with Holy Communion.....</i>	Sanctuary & YouTube
	10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Hour.....</i>	Fellowship Hall
	12:00 PM	<i>Janse Recital.....</i>	Sanctuary

SCAN TO GIVE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer List

Please keep the following friends & members of our community of faith in your prayers of thanksgiving or for comfort, peace, and healing:



Kathy Dahl, daughter of Phyllis Dahl; **Matthew Moen**; **Anna Lena Skold**; **Trygve Svard**; **Cindy Kiester**, niece of Carolyn and David Hagford; **David Zarling**, friend of Kathy and Mark Hering; **Sam Pederson**, nephew of Jennifer Cook; **Beth Addington & Elizabeth Muench**, friends of the congregation; **Natalie Mozey**, daughter of Alan and Mary Poulsen; **Allison Peterson**, friend of Susanne Haas; **Bunny & David Anderson**, sister and brother-in-law of John Bergford; **David Cook**, brother of Jenny Cook; **Kathy Sawyer**, niece of Philip Friedlund, **Joey Juras & Fitz Loula**, friends of the Gruys family; **Dona Duff**, mother of Mark Duff; **Alison Reagon**, friend of Mark Duff & Michelle McCreery; **Lyle Kuehn**, brother-in-law of Carol Kuehn; **Sylvia Johnson**, mother of Twyla Hobbs.

Meditation

LOTI is available during office hours for a time of quiet meditation. You can use the sanctuary to spend time in prayer, light a candle, listen to recorded sacred music, and/or use a guided meditation tool. Please call the church office to reserve a time.

Loved Ones In The Military

Please keep all the members & families of the military in your prayers of thanksgiving and protection.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ryne Nelson 5/21 John Bergford 5/22
Debby Pizarro 5/26 Angela Peterson 5/26

Staffed Nursery in the Christy Room

Our Nursery is staffed today for our littlest ones in the Congregation to use. Ushers can help you with directions to the Christy Room or simply follow the signs provided in the back of the Sanctuary.

Visiting Sunday School Age Children

Children ages 3 through 6th Grade are welcome to visit Sunday School. We do ask that a parent or guardian accompany your child to Sunday School to get them checked in and settled before returning to worship.

Kid Worship Materials

Kid worship materials are available in the Narthex (back of Sanctuary). Crayon packets and a variety of coloring pages and activity sheets are available for your children to enjoy during worship.

LOTI Women's Book Club

Friday, May 26th

5:00 PM

Home of Deb Gilroy

This month's selection is

Midnight Library by Matt Haig. Join us!

Bring a snack to share if you like.

debragilroy@gmail.com loti.org/lifestyle/groups

Special Celebration Coffee Hour

Today, Sunday, May 21st

10:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

Join us to celebrate Linda Nelson, long-time LOTI office manager who will be retiring at the end of June. We will be feting Linda with Norwegian foods.

Luther Park 2023 Summer Camp

Check out the summer camp opportunities at Luther Park in Danbury, WI. There's something for everyone (youth, families, grandparents/grandchildren)! Go to lutherpark.com for registration and details.



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Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM to Noon

