

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

(OBSERVED)

May 17, 2026

✠ ORDER OF WORSHIP ✠

DIVINE SERVICE

(From: *Lutheran Service Book—Setting One*)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Please stand to face the Processional Cross

Opening Sentences

from Psalm 47

- P** God has gone up with a shout,
C **The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**
- P** Sing praises to God, sing praises!
C **Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**
- P** The King ascends to heaven. Alleluia!
C **O come, let us worship him.**

Processional Hymn

493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New
4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up
5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And
△ 6 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,
to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,
be our fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia,
praise to You let earth ac - cord: Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
al - le - lu - ia! Then, throned with You for - ev - er,
al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of
see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -
we Shall praise Your name e - ter - nal -
run, With Fa - ther and with Spir - it

God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
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lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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Stand.

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

✠ Confession and Absolution ✠

From Psalm 25

- P** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
C **O my God, in you I trust;**
- P** Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.
C **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation.**
- P** Remember your mercy, O LORD,
C **and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.**
- P** Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
C **For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great.**
- P** Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
C **Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.**
- P** Guard my soul, and deliver me.
C **Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.**
- P** 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.
C **Amen.**
- P** We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
C **death no longer has dominion over him.**
- P** So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
C **And alive to God in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!**

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb ——— who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

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. ³To them he presented himself alive 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, ¹¹and 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."

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great

might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far 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 one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Hymn of Preparation

904 Blessed Jesus at Your Word



The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "I Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly."

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24TH chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, Cries of tri - umph
2 Death - de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, Prov - en e - qual
3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring Send Your Spir - it,
△ 4 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in His ears, To His heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,
to our need, Now for us be - fore the Fa - ther
prom - ised guide; Through our lives of fear and fail - ure
Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -
As our broth - er in - ter - cede; Flesh that for our
With Your pow'r and love a - bide; Wel - come us, as
Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia,



on His faith - ful, Leav - ing them in hap - py tears.
world was wound - ed, Liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!
You were wel - comed, To an end - less Eas - ter - tide.
al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

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Sermon

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Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

Sit

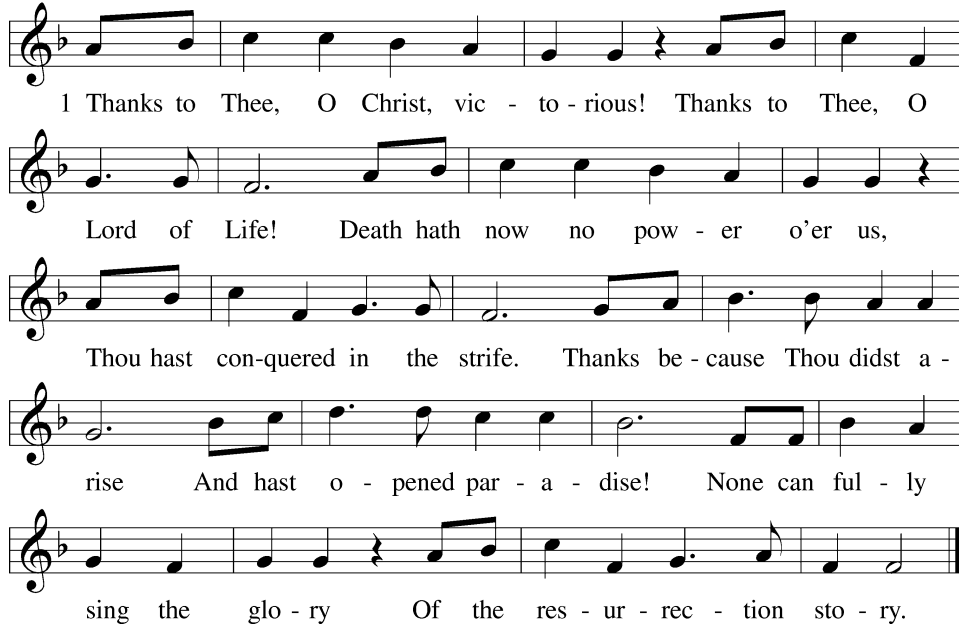
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Stand

Offertory

548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O
Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,
Thou hast con-quer-ed in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -
rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly
sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

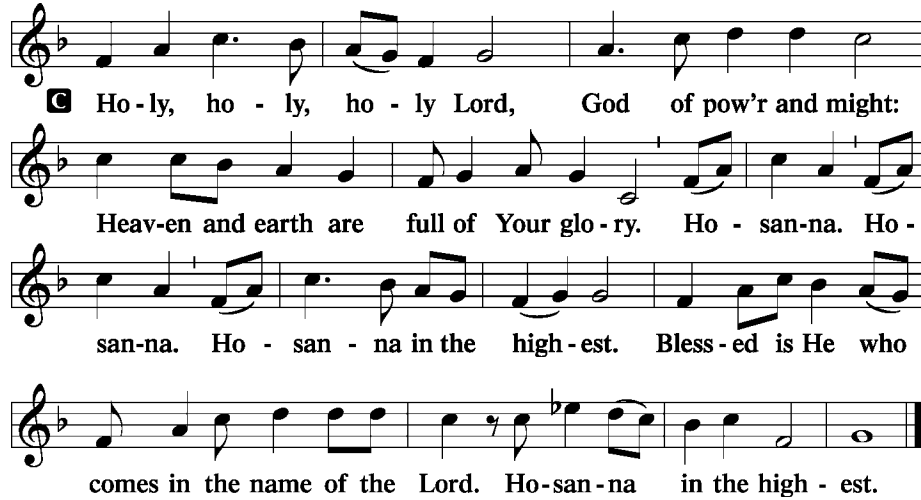


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored

to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

Agnus Dei

946 Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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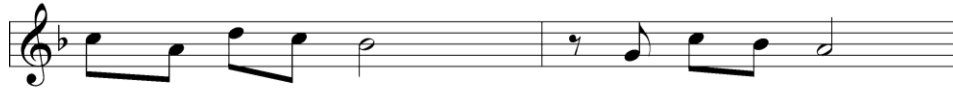
Sit

Distribution Music

629 What Is This Bread



1 What is this bread?	Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine?	The blood of
3 So who am I,	That I should
4 Yet is God here?	Oh, yes! By
5 Is this for me?	I am for -



ris - en from the dead:	This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine;	The cup of grace
live and He should die	Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear,	In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free!	I do be - lieve



This life we take,	Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace	Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God,	Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole—	Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive	His ver - y bod - y and His



lease.	O taste and see—	the Lord is peace.
sing!	O taste and see—	the Lord is King.
me?	O taste and see—	the Lord is free.
meal.	O taste and see—	the Lord is real.
blood.	O taste and see—	the Lord is good.

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621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence	And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y,	As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en	Spreads its van - guard
4 At His feet the six - winged ser - aph,	Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand;	Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood,	Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way	As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing
sleep - less eye,	Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



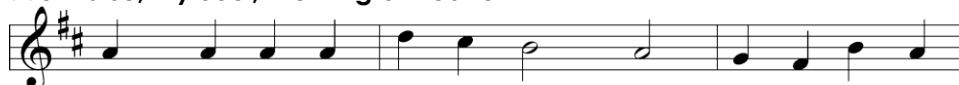
For with bless - ing in His hand	Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood,	He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day,	Comes the pow'rs of hell to
As with cease - less voice they cry:	"Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing	Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful	His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish	As the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia!	Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en;	To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor	To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us;	Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him;	You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring;	Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress;	Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows;	In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face;	Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing:	Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless:	Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes.	Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space.	Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, Our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing,
 The peo - ple of God from His dwell - ing take leave.
 The tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.
 The Sup - per is end - ed. O now be ex - tend - ed
 Our faith ev - er shar - ing, In love ev - er car - ing,
 The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.
 The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
 With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
 Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 U - nite us as one in this life that we share.
 His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing
 To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.
 Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Stand

Post-Communion Hymn

632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is

thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
 ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your Mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Benediction

P 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.

C A - men.

Silent Prayer

Announcements

(NOTE: With the beginning of the organ postlude the Congregation is free to exit the Sanctuary.)



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