

Order for the Worship of God

Welcome & Announcements

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

GATHERING

Welcome

(from HC #46, 47, 49)

L What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven”?

C That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

L But isn’t Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

C Christ is true human and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

L How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?

C First, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit’s power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.

Prayer

*Opening Hymn (Blue #144)

“Alleluia, Sing to Jesus”

Worship from the Psalms

(Psalm 72:1-7, 12-14, 18-19, ESV)

L Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

C May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

L Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

C May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

L May they fear you while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

C May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the

earth!

L In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

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C May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute.

L May the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

C For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.

L He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

C From oppression and violence he redeems their life, and precious is their blood in his sight.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed down before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin., that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

Please take a moment and offer your silent personal prayers to God...

Silent Prayers of Reflections

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayers for Illumination

Special Music

“Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

From GCI Aukland, tune Dix, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqH-Dhz3JD0>

The Heidelberg Catechism

(HC #52-53)

L Why the next words: “and is seated at the right hand of God”?

C Because Christ ascended to heaven to show there that he is head of his church, the one through whom the Father rules all things.

L How does this glory of Christ our head benefit us?

C First, through his Holy Spirit he pours out gifts from heaven upon us his members. Second, by his power he defends us and keeps us safe from all enemies.

Sermon Text Reading

Acts 1:6-11 (ESV), p. 1080

Ephesians 1:15-21 p. 1159

Message

Bruce Brown

Prayer of Affirmation

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* Hymn (Blue #462)

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

*Offering Prayer

Our offering is received in the offering plate on the back table in the sanctuary.

*Doxology

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The prayers of thanksgiving and intercession are responsive. When you hear the leader say:

Lord in your mercy,

Please respond,

Hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation.

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN

SENDING OUT

*Closing Hymn (Blue #150)

"Come Christians, Join to Sing"

*Blessing and Benediction

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!" performed by the Saint Michael's Singers. Video by Chet Valley
Hymns and Songs <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJDWFYIkBns>

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Welcome to our Worship!

We are glad to have you with us today. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Everyone is welcome for refreshments and fellowship after worship.

Our **offering** is received on the back table in the sanctuary.

You can give online using the **QR code** or donate from our **website**.

Please volunteer to be **liturgist** or **bring cookies**.

Signups are on the table in the south alcove.



The **Friendship Luncheon** at Hill’s Family Restaurant will be on Tuesday, July 21st at 11AM. Please sign-up downstairs on the round table.

Arise Freedom Encounter for the women of the church will be at 9AM on July 25th at the Napoleon American Legion. Lunch is included. Tickets are available for \$15 on their webpage:

<https://www.givebutter.com/2026-restoration-retreat-napoleon-vl1udl>

Bruce will be cooking at **Emanuel Lutheran Church** on Wednesday, July 29th. He will be needing help on July 28th with preparing the meal.

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

VANCREST: Dollie Smith

BEACHWOOD: Connie Cobb

ALPINE VILLAGE: Sandy Johnson

PRAYER LIST: Carol Detmer, Sandee Scheweter, Kathy Schilens (Jana Schroeder’s sister), Enoch Castro Vásquez (Olga Hall’s father), Jacob Clegg (Brenda Stough’s friend), Betty Sladek (Ed Sladek’s Wife)

