

# THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

(The Sixth Sunday of Easter)

May 22, 2022

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Pastor: Where is the hope? We live in a world where people are hungering for hope amid climate disasters, viruses, and failures of institutions and trusted leaders. There is a void in the marketplace for hope, which many try to fill with the latest fad, a get-rich-quick scheme, or by trusting in human institutions run by fallen humanity. Ascension gives us real hope. It reminds us that God loves us so much He sent His one and only Son to redeem us through His crucifixion and resurrection. Following the resurrection, Jesus walked the earth for forty days before ascending to heaven while promising us that He is with us always—in His Word, His Sacraments, and among His people. That is our hope.

(Please stand)

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### HYMN

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” *LSB 493 vs 1 & 2*

**A hymn of glory let us sing**

**New hymns throughout**

**the world shall ring**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And with His faithful followers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and  
of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel as you are able for the confession and  
absolution)

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**Pastor:** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People: who made heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:** I said I will confess my transgressions unto the  
Lord,

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**Pastor:** Let us confess our sins before God and one  
another.

**People:** Most merciful God, we are by nature sinful and unclean. We are guilty of placing our hopes and dreams in the people, places, and things of this world, which are here today and tomorrow are thrown in the fire. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who lived, died, rose, and ascended to Your right hand, and lead us to bear witness to the real hope we have in You. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Pastor:** As a called and ordained servant of our ascended Lord Jesus and by His power and authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Go in peace and bear witness to the hope that is yours because of Jesus!

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God!**

(Please stand)

**✠ WORD ✠**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5*

**Pastor:** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**People:** **The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool.”**

**Pastor:** The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind,

**People:** **“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”**

Pastor: The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter  
kings on the day of His wrath.

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to  
the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout,

**People: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

**KYRIE** (spoken)

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.

**People: Lord, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Christ, have mercy on us.

**People: Christ, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us

**People: and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" LSB 493 v 3*

**To them the shining angels cry,**

**"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**This is the Savior!" thus they say;**

**"This is His glorious triumph day."**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: (spoken) And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Risen and ascended Lord, enlighten our hearts that we may know the hope to which You have called us. Center our faith in You. Strengthen us for what lies ahead as we embrace the promise of a better future; for You live and reign the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **FIRST READING** *Acts 1:1–11*

Lector: In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said,

**People: “you heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”**

Lector: So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them,

**People: “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But 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.”**

Lector: And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and 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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

**People: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**People: He has put all things under His feet.**

**EPISTLE** *Ephesians 1:15–23 ESV*

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked 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 one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

**THE TRIPLE HALLELUJAH** (sung)

**People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**VERSE** *Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b*

Pastor: Alleluia.

**People: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.**

Pastor: Alleluia.

**People: Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**

Pastor: Alleluia.

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

**People:** (sing) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 24:44–53 ESV*

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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And 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.” And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him



and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" *LSB 493 vs 4&5*

**"You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky."**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**"Here after Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty."**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Be now our joy on earth, O Lord  
And be our future great reward  
Alleluia alleluia**

**Then throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally  
Alleluia alleluia**

**Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

## **++ SERMON ++**

### **Where Is the Hope?**

**Text:** Ephesians 1:15–23 (The Second Reading)

**Theme:** Christ ascended to ensure us of our eternal place with him.

**Goal:** That everyone listening be encouraged by the knowledge that our Lord Jesus sits at God's right hand, and that our inheritance through him is glorious even if hidden.

#### **Outline:**

*Introduction*

- 1. We need hope.**
- 2. False hope is no hope at all.**
- 3. Real hope is found in Christ's ascension.**
- 4. We have hope.**

*Conclusion*

(Please stand)

#### **Hymn**

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" *LSB 493 vs 6*

**O risen Christ ascended Lord  
All praise to You let earth accord  
Alleluia alleluia  
You are while endless ages run  
With Father and with Spirit one  
Alleluia alleluia  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia**

## **CREED**

*Nicene Creed*

**People:**

**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 ☩ of the world to come.  
Amen.**

(Please be seated or kneel for the prayer)

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord Jesus, we live in a world filled with hopelessness and fear. Yet You give fruits of the spirit of love and self-control, not fear. Lead us as we proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins in Your name to all nations. Ascended Lord,  
**People: empower us to be witnesses of hope.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we lift up to You those who are grieving, [*especially* . . .]. We pray that they do not grieve as those who have no hope. Since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. Ascended Lord,

**People: empower us to be witnesses of hope.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we pray for those who are struggling with physical and mental health challenges,..... Give them strength to meet the days ahead—healing of body, mind, and spirit—and ever-present reminders that You are always with them. Ascended Lord,

**People: empower us to be witnesses of hope.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, some may trust in horses and chariots, but we trust in the Lord, our God. As we put our trust in You, we pray for our elected leaders and ask that You lead them with Your wisdom, that they govern diligently and faithfully. Ascended Lord,

**People: empower us to be witnesses of hope.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we look forward to that day when You will beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. As we wait for that day, we ask that You watch over and work through all first responders and members of the military to bring peace and healing to our community and world. Ascended Lord,

**People: empower us to be witnesses of hope.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your grace and mercy. In Your holy name, we pray.

**People: Amen.**

(Please stand)

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

**PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People:** (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to You, our ascended Lord. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You, so that having the eyes of our hearts enlightened we may know what is the hope to which You have called us. In Your ascension, You give us real hope and the promise that You are with us as You are in this Meal of Your body and blood given and shed for us for the forgiveness of our sins. With angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we

praise and magnify Your holy name, evermore  
praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS** *(sing) LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna,**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, ascended Lord, for You continue to be with us in Your Word and Sacraments, providing us with Your promised presence. As You fulfilled Your promise to rise again on the third day after Your death, we cling to the promise that You will return in the same way You went away.

We give You thanks for Your promised presence in this meal of bread and wine as You give us Your body and blood to grant us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Empower us by Your Spirit as we wait with hope for Your return. To You alone who are to be praised above every name we give all honor,

glory, and praise, for You rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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.”**

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

*1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

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

**People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:



**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:**      **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**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** (Sung) LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of  
                  the world have mercy upon us  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
                  the world, have mercy upon us  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of  
                  the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

(Please be seated)

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” LSB 575*

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant, and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before the throne!  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

## **THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (sung) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a light to lighten the  
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory who sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh to be our Savior, we thank You for the pardon and peace we receive in this sacred Meal, which points us toward our glorious inheritance with all the saints. Give us Your spirit of wisdom and keep us firm in the hope that Jesus will return in the same way that His disciples saw Him go; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

**HYMN**

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus” *LSB 919*

**Abide O dearest Jesus  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place**

**Abide O dear Redeemer  
Among us with Your Word  
And thus now and here-after  
True peace and joy afford**

**Abide with heav’nly brightness  
Among us precious Light  
Your truth direct and keep us  
From error’s gloomy night**

**Abide with richest blessings  
Among us bounteous Lord  
Let us in grace and wisdom  
Grow daily through Your Word**

**Abide with Your protection  
Among us Lord our strength  
Lest world and Satan fell us  
And overcome at length**

**Abide O faithful Savior  
Among us with Your love  
Grant steadfastness and help us  
To reach our home above**

### **THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor  
Marie Brown, Organist  
Bill Switter, Elder  
Jim Bumgarner, Reader  
Jim Bumgarner & Frank Pignanelli, Ushers

### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Quilting dates:**

Thursday, June 2, 2022 9am to 2pm

#### **Confirmation day June 5, 2022**

Church celebration dinner following service

**all members are invited!**

Meat and dessert will be provided

Bring a dish to pass

### **Wednesday Bible Class has Ended**

We will resume September 14<sup>th</sup>  
and study the book of Acts

## Senior Awareness Fair

Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

here at Mount Hope Lutheran church!

10am till 2pm

15 vendors with information, food, speakers, fellowship.

Free admission!

## Golf Outing – DATE CHANGE

October 1, 2022

Tell your friends and invite them!

Details to follow!!

If you wish to help in the planning and execution of Golf Outing, speak with the Pastor

### **Attendance**

Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am 39

### **Prayer List**

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

### **Anniversary**

#### **Birthdays**

Kimberly Kosmalski – May 25<sup>th</sup>

Jennifer Wilson – May 25<sup>th</sup>

Eric Cairns – May 26<sup>th</sup>

Frances Ladach – May 26<sup>th</sup>

Michael Domine – May 28<sup>th</sup>

### **For the Shut-Ins**

*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*

*George Morton, at home*

*Carmell Faulk, at home*

*Phyllis Witte, at home*

*Melvin Kimbrough, at home*

*Lynn Mayfield, at home*

### **For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**Tammy**, Sophia Panich's mother, COVID

**Janet Witte**, COVID

**Phyllis Witte**, COVID

**Cecelia "Sis" Hamilton**, severely injuring her neck in a fall last Saturday, in hospital

**Randy Gibbs**, son-in-law of Pat Bates, after the tragic shooting in the face, developed an infection in his blood

**Todd Allendorf**, brother of Sally Trout, suffering from brain tumor

**Sally Trout**, suffering from back pain

**Cheryl Toms**, we wish her many blessings and a safe move to Texas;

**Pastor Pollatz**, in his procedure tomorrow in preparation for his aortic valve replacement;

**Helen Wentz**, Paul Utsai's neighbor, suffering from a broken ankle

**Master Chief Starlet, Lanning Wadelte**, friend of Kim Armstrong, chronic illness

**Brandon Lissett**— Nancy Dajos Neighbor's nephew, fore healing after a relapse and is back in the hospital on a respirator.