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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting I

The Ascension of Our Lord (Observed), May 17, 2026

In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Look, the Sight is Glorious" LBW No. 156**Look, the Sight Is Glorious**

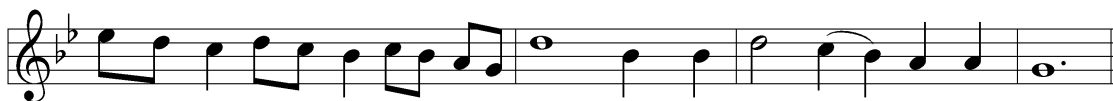
1 Look, oh, look, the sight is glo - rious, see the man of sor - rows now;
 2 Crown the Sav - ior! An - gels crown him! Rich the tro - phies Je - sus brings;
 3 Sin - ners in de - ri - sion crowned him, mock - ing thus the Sav - ior's claim;
 4 Hark! Those bursts of ac - cla - ma - tion! Hark! Those loud tri - um - phant chords!



from the fight re - turned vic - to - rious, ev - 'ry knee to him shall bow.
 on the seat of pow'r en - throne him while the vault of heav - en rings.
 saints and an - gels crowd a - round him, own his ti - tle, praise his name.
 Je - sus takes the high - est sta - tion; oh, what joy the sight af - fords!



Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
 Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
 Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!
 Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him! Crown him!



Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow. Crowns be - come the vic - tor's brow.
 Crown the Sav - ior, King of kings. Crown the Sav - ior, King of kings.
 Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame! Spread a - broad the vic - tor's fame!
 King of kings and Lord of lords! King of kings and Lord of lords!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855, alt.
 Music: BRYN CALFARIA, William Owen, 1814–1893

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After 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. ⁴While 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; 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47

¹ Clap your hands, | all you peoples;*
shout to God with a | cry of joy.

² **For the LORD Most High is | to be feared;*
he is the great king over | all the earth.**

³ He subdues the | peoples under us,*
and the nations un- | der our feet.

⁴ **He chooses our inheri- | tance for us,*
the pride of Jacob | whom he loves.**

⁵ God has gone up | with a shout,*
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.

⁶ **Sing praises to | God, sing praises;*
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**

⁷ For God is King of | all the earth;*
sing praises with | all your skill.

⁸ **God reigns o- | ver the nations;*
God sits upon his | holy throne.**

⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gath- | ered together*
with the people of the | God of Abraham.

¹⁰ **The rulers of the earth be- | long to God,*
and he is high- | ly exalted.**

Gloria Patri (chanted after the psalm)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

¹⁷I 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, ¹⁸so 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God 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, 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 age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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."⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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."

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Dear Christians, One and All" LBW No. 299 vs. 1-2, 7-10

Dear Christians, One and All



1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul -
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay, death brood - ed
 3 My own good works all came to naught, no grace or
 4 But God had seen my wretch - ed state be - fore the



ta - tion spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed
 dark - ly o'er me, sin was my tor - ment
 mer - it gain - ing; free will a - gainst God's
 world's foun - da - tion, and, mind - ful of his



heart and voice and ho - ly rap - ture sing - ing,
 night and day; in sin my moth - er bore me.
 judg - ment fought, dead to all good re - main - ing.
 mer - cies great, he planned for my sal - va - tion.



pro - claim the won - ders God has done, how his right
 But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; my life be -
 My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair left on - ly
 He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; he did not



arm the vic - t'ry won, what price our ran - som cost him!
 came a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 death to be my share; the pangs of hell I suf - fered.
 choose the eas - y part, but gave his dear - est trea - sure.

- 5 God said to his beloved Son:
 "Tis time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of my crown,
 and bring to all salvation;
 from sin and sorrow set them free;
 slay bitter death for them that they
 may live with you forever."
- 6 The Son obeyed his Father's will,
 was born of virgin mother;
 and, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
 he came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised he bore,
 a servant's form, like mine, he wore,
 to lead the devil captive.
- 7 To me he said: "Stay close to me,
 I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I myself will be;
 for you I strive and wrestle;
 for I am yours, and you are mine,
 and where I am you may remain;
 the foe shall not divide us.
- 8 "Though he will shed my precious blood,
 of life me thus bereaving,
 all this I suffer for your good;
 be steadfast and believing.
 Life will from death the vict'ry win;
 my innocence shall bear your sin;
 and you are blest forever.
- 9 "Now to my Father I depart,
 from earth to heav'n ascending,
 and, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
 the Holy Spirit sending;
 in trouble he will comfort you
 and teach you always to be true
 and into truth shall guide you.
- 10 "What I on earth have done and taught
 guide all your life and teaching;
 so shall the kingdom's work be wrought
 and honored in your preaching.
 But watch lest foes with base alloy
 the heav'nly treasure should destroy;
 this final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.
 Music: NUN FREUT EUCH, *Etlch christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524

SERMON

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THE PRAYERS

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, your beloved Son ascended high above all things so that he might fill all things with himself. Let the radiance of our ascended Savior fill your Church, his own body, that we might proclaim the Good News to all the world. And fill the hearts and sanctify the ministries of this congregation called Trinity, that many may be led to faith in your Son. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have appointed your Son as King of creation and Lord of the nations. Teach our leaders to love justice and righteousness, and to seek those things that make for peace. Keep under your care all who serve others in our communities, and draw all people into the glorious and gentle rule of Christ the Savior. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You put your great power to work for all who believe by raising your Son. We lift up our hearts on behalf of all whose lives are clouded by any sort of sickness or sorrow, need or danger, especially those we have named or remember before you now. Let the light of Jesus' countenance heal and cheer them and those who care for them, and grant us all your blessing. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Beautiful Savior, those who have died trusting in your promises now see you face to face. Continue to bless us with your great love, and to provide us with those good gifts that will sustain us and others in this life. And, at the last, bring us into glory where you have led the way, that with all the saints we may worship you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord...

RECOGNITION OF MINISTRY: DEACONS AND CHOIR MEMBERS

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Taste and See"* Thomas Keesecker

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY****EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER****LORD'S PRAYER****LAMB OF GOD**

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW Nos. 206, 214**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord"**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

D: Let us pray...

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LBW No. 158
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus


1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

DISMISSAL

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



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serve our Greater New Haven neighbors with the love of Christ.*

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