

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor Dave Weber

The Ascension of Our Lord

8:30 Worship

May 29, 2022

Welcome All Who Worship Here

Call to Worship

Welcome

Pastor Dave Weber

Opening Hymn

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

Hymnal 912, verses 1-3

Confession and Absolution

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Congregation: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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.

*Pastor: 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. Amen.*

Please be seated . . .

Introit

Psalm 47

Pastor: Clap your hands, all peoples!

Congregation: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Pastor: For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,

Congregation: a great king over all the earth.

Pastor: He subdued peoples under us,

Congregation: and nations under our feet.

Pastor: He chose our heritage for us,

Congregation: the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

Pastor: God has gone up with a shout,

Congregation: the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Pastor: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Congregation: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Pastor: For God is the King of all the earth;

Congregation: sing praises with a psalm!

Pastor: God reigns over the nations;

Congregation: God sits on his holy throne.

Pastor: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.

Congregation: For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

Congregation: and to the Holy Spirit;

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,

Congregation: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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Cantor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

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

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

Cantor: 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.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy

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

Congregation: Lord, have mercy.

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

Congregation: Amen.

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

Congregation: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

Pastor: The Lord be with you. Congregation: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Together we pray...

Congregation: 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. Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

Jesus ascends into heaven.

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

"Christ Be My Leader"

Hymnal 861, verses 1-3

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

God appointed Him as head over everything for the Church.

¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

We rise for the Reading of God's Holy Gospel...

Congregation: Alleluia! Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life,
Alleluia!

Pastor: The Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twenty fourth chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord!

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

"You are witnesses of these things."

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

We Proclaim Our Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated . . .

Sermon Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Hymnal 525, verses 1-4

Morning Message

Pastor Dave Weber

“The Miracle of an Opened Mind”

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory / Offertory Response

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Please be seated...

Prayers *Pastor: Lord in Your mercy. Congregation: Hear our prayer.*

Lord’s Prayer (Spoken together...please rise)

**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.**

Please be seated . . .

Service of the Sacrament

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

Congregation: And also with you;

Pastor: Lift up your hearts,

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord;

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

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Pastor: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father,
almighty, everlasting God: Therefore with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy
glorious name, evermore praising you and singing...*

Congregation: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us children of men and given Your only-begotten Son that whosoever believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

Congregation: Amen.

Words of Institution

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always

Congregation: and also with you.

We sing . . .

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant us peace, grant us peace.

At the closing of communion, we sing... Please stand...

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads his people forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

At the close of Communion:

Pastor: 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 in 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.

All: Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 924, verses 1-3

“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

Informal Moments

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serving as a lay reader.**