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The Ascension of Our Lord
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GATHERING

The Spirit Calls Us Together

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Thank you from Academia Latina

Call to Worship

Sunday School

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters through which you make people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen and give new life to the servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and breakdown barriers.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open hearts and set people on a new path.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that all of our days are shaped by these life-giving waters. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

ELW 634 vs. 1-4

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.

O seed of Israel's chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

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Hail him, you heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5-6; Public Domain

Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise

ELW pp. 140-141

(Refrain:) 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. *(Refrain)*

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

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. *(Refrain)*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. *(Refrain)*

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

Peter Lee, Trumpet

WORD _____ *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After 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. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered

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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; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But 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." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They 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."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 142

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

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴ "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." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And 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." ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Children's Word

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

ELW 392 vs. 1-2, 4

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.; Public Domain

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

As petitions conclude: "Merciful God," respond "receive our prayer."

Sharing of God's Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering & Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

ELW p. 144

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW p. 144

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer (*please feel free to pray your preferred version of the Lord's Prayer*)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion

Communion Hymn

"O Christ, Our Hope"

ELW 604

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire, creation's mighty Lord,
redeemer of the fallen world, by holy love outpoured,
by holy love outpoured:

How vast your mercy to accept the burden of our sin,
and bow your head in cruel death to make us clean within,
to make us clean within.

But now the bonds of death are burst, the ransom has been paid;
you reign above at God's right hand, in robes of light arrayed,
in robes of light arrayed.

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Oh, let your mighty love prevail to purge us of our pride,
that we may stand before your throne by mercy purified,
by mercy purified.

All praise to you, ascended Lord; all glory ever be
to Father, Son, and Spirit blest through all eternity,
through all eternity!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 8th cent.; tr. John Chandler, 1806-1876, adapt.; Public Domain

Communion Blessing & Post-Communion Prayer

SENDING _____ *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

Blessing

Sending Hymn *“Jesus Shall Reign”* ELW 434 vs. 1-3

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.; Public Domain

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

(Setup for Sunday Supper, takes place following worship in the Fellowship Hall.)

Flowers given by the Olsen Family, in loving memory of Steve Olsen

We Hold in Prayer this Week

Those Grieving: Family and friends of Steve Olsen; Family and friends of Curtis Birkliid; family and friends of Pat Rudd, friend of the Surridges.

God's Healing Presence: Kathy Trosvig; Pat Krassin; Sheryn Todd; Elizabeth Ritchie; Agnes Birkliid; Gayle & Dave's niece Amanda; Beth's friend Kamm & sister-in-law, Megan; Debbie's friends Larry and Alana; Surridges' friends Barby & Larry, Hedy, Alex and Collins; Ed & Evie Bishop; Peggy & Dave's friend Royce Keller; Joan's father; Dave's friend, Julie Bolser, and niece, Leile Defolo; John, Guillermo, Monica, Cecilia, and Sofia; Val, Jill Johnson's mom; Call Committee, Pastor Andy Yee, and candidates considering a call to Central Lutheran Church.

Prayers for our world, nation, and communities: For immigrants living in fear. For nations and peoples in the midst of warfare. For refugees seeking safety.

Announcements

Academia Latina would like to invite all the congregation, their friends and family, to an authentic taco lunch party on May 31st, from 11am-1pm, right after the service, in lieu of the fellowship coffee. We will have vegan and gluten free options, everything from scratch. There will be a piñata and games for the children. Please bring an appetite. We would like to thank the CLC congregation for all the solidarity and kindness extended to our community. Please RSVP.

Sunday Supper is looking for donations of chips (individual sizes) and soft granola bars.

Pentecost celebration on Sunday, 24 May on the Courthouse Steps at 10 a.m.

The downtown congregations of Central, First Baptist, the UCC and First Presbyterian will join together to celebrate +THE FEAST of PENTECOST. The combined service is a new experiment of our four congregations. No other services will be held at Central in its own building that day. A joint choir for this service is being formed with rehearsals today at 12 noon at the Presbyterian Church. Anyone who is interested in singing is welcome to attend. There are concrete steps on which one can be seated for this service, some folding chairs will be provided, and you are welcome to bring your own lawn chairs if you wish. In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held at First Presbyterian.

Congratulations to the following Central members who were elected to The Call Committee on May 10: Rosamaria Casablanca, Peter Lee, Jorge Hernandez, Barb Lichneckert, Carol Krause, and Nancy Olsen.

Mission of the Month Academia Latina is the largest Latino nonprofit in Snohomish County. We are an all-volunteer organization that serves over 500 local families. Academia Latina helps them to better their lives through education. We teach immigrants English, GED, math, and accounting for small businesses. "If they had explained math to me like Professor Rosamaria does, I would have never dropped out

of school.” We solve the problem of homelessness before it starts by providing timely rent assistance, emergency loans, and neighborly support. Our strategy includes genuine caring, sharing, repairing, discount hunting, and hand-me-downs, to multiply every dollar donated. Thanks for your solidarity.

This Week at Central

Montessori Academy M-F, 7:30-4:30

Sunday, May 17

- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 9:30 am Friends Worship
- 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
- 11:30 am Academia Latina
- 1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
- 2:30 pm Marshallese Worship
- 5:00 pm Sunday Supper
- 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Tuesday, May 19

- 6:00 pm Academia Latina
- 6:30 pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 20

- 8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
- 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Thursday, May 21

- 8:00 am Lutheran Counseling Network
- 6:00 pm Academia Latina
- 7:00 pm Marshallese Fellowship

Sunday, May 24

- 8:45 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:00 am Central Lutheran Worship
- 11:30 am Academia Latina
- 1:00 pm Looking for Jesus Prayer Group
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Worship Leaders	This Sunday, May 17	Next Sunday, May 24
Keyboard	Joan Dirska	
Usher	Dave Finstad	
Lectors	Jonathan Todd	
Assisting Minister	TBD	
Communion Bread	Pam Gleave	
Fellowship Host	Sadie Semore & Family	
YouTube Operator	Jonathan Todd	
Altar Guild	Debbie Ritchie	
Interpreter	Rosamaria Casablanca	

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