

TRINITY EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GLENDORA
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 12, 2024

As We Gather

This Sunday is a bridge between the Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost. Upon the Lord's Ascension, the disciples were not left alone. They had the Word of the Lord and the promise of the Spirit to make known to them all that Jesus said and did. With the testimony of God's Word and the witnesses to the Lord's resurrection and ascension, the Church learned to trust in what the Lord had accomplished for their salvation and to be bold in witness to the truth of this Gospel. The Lord is still working in us through the testimony of His Word so that we may be His witnesses emboldened by the Spirit.

PREPARATION

493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

- 1 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!
 - 2 The holy apostolic band, Upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia, alleluia! And with His faithful foll'wers see
Their Lord ascend in majesty. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 - 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!
 - 4 "You see Him now, ascending high, Up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia, alleluia! "Hereafter Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty." Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 - 5 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!
- D 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!

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

- P Let us come before God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden and confess our sins in the name of Him who died and rose again to give us forgiveness and life.

Silence for meditation and reflection

- C **I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayer have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me and so my love for others has failed. There are many whom I have hurt and many whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I have sinned against God and against you, my brothers and sisters. There is no health in me. But for the promise of Christ, I would have no hope. Because of Christ's promise, I am made bold to ask for mercy. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, O Lord, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

WORD

Psalm for The Ascension of Our Lord *Psalm 47*

- ¹Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
- ²For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.
- ³He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.
- ⁴He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- ⁵God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- ⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!
- ⁷For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!
- ⁸God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
- ⁹The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!

Kyrie

- C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Anthem: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Children's Message

492 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

- 1 On Christ's ascension I now build, The hope of my ascension;
This hope alone has always stilled, All doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there as well, I know His members are to dwell
When Christ will come and call them.
- 2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me obtaining,
My heart will rest in Him alone, No other rest remaining;
For where my treasure went before, There all my thoughts will ever soar
To still their deepest yearning.
- 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Recalling Your ascension,
That I may serve You faithfully, In thanks for my redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease, Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.

Sermon

Creed *Nicene Creed*

- C **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.**

Offering

855 For All the Faithful Women *sts. 1, 3-4*

- 1 For all the faithful women, Who served in days of old,
To You shall thanks be given; To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness, In tasks Your wisdom gave.
To You their lives bore witness, Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.
- 3 O God, for saints and servants, Those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages, Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving, And fervent prayer we raise
That, faithful in Your service, Our lives may sing Your praise.
- D 4 All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Holy Spirit, Who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went before us, With saints who witness still,
We sing glad Alleluias, And strive to do Your will.

Prayer of the Church

- P In Your great mercy, O Lord, You have accomplished all things for our salvation and bore upon Your Son the cost of our redemption. Deliver us from doubt and fear that we may know with courage the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen and be made bold to confess this truth before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Guide Your church, O Lord, that we be united in faith and proclaim with one voice Him whose death, resurrection, and ascension have delivered us from sin and its death. Make us of one mind and one heart that we serve our neighbor with joy to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Creator of all things, You have created mothers to serve important roles in Your creation. Be with all mothers, that they may faithfully do the work you have set before them in raising children. Help them, and all the households of your church, actively attend worship and meditate on Your Word. Guide them to lead lives of prayer and good works so that more may receive the good gifts of Christ for life. Comfort those who continue to grieve the death of their mother, and bring them at last to a blessed reunion in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Deliver us from war and violence, and bless us with good and honest leaders who will hear the voice of Your Word and act on our behalf that we may live holy, upright, and godly lives in this place. Bless those who protect us here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P In the midst of temptation, make us strong, and in the midst of trials help us endure with patience and conviction the days of trouble. Bless especially those who suffer illness or infirmity, grief, or pain, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**

P Keep Your church and the work of the Kingdom ever before us that we may daily pray to the Father even as our Lord continues to intercede on our behalf. Uplift us in hope that what we pray for we may be willing to work toward, until that day when all our enemies and trials shall end and we shall be united with the saints who went before us, once and forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need we pray You to grant us for the sake of and in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Benediction

P 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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

810 O God of God, O Light of Light

- 1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings:
To you in heaven's glory bright, The song of praise forever rings.
To Him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain but raised again,
Be all the glory He has won, All thanks and praise! Amen, amen.
- 2 For deep in prophets' sacred page, And grand in poets' wingèd word,
Slowly in type, from age to age, The nations saw their coming Lord;
Till through the deep Judean night, Rang out the song, "Goodwill to men!"
Sung once by firstborn sons of light, It echoes now, "Goodwill!" Amen.
- 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in hate and scorn—
These all are past, and now above, He reigns, our King once crowned with thorn.
Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang that host beyond our ken.
Lift up your heads, your King awaits. We lift them up. Amen, amen.
- 4 Then raise to Christ a mighty song, And shout His name, His mercies tell!
Sing, heav'nly host, your praise prolong, And all on earth, your anthem swell!
All hail, O Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend!
Worthy the Lamb, enthroned to reign, All glory, pow'r! Amen, amen.

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