

Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota, MN

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Ascension of Our Lord

Season Color: White



THIRTY YEARS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

THE BOOK OF ACTS FOR TODAY

FAITH LUTHERAN SUMMER PREACHING SERIES



Gathering Music “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Chorus: Come, now is the time to worship; Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship; Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

One day every tongue will confess you are God, one day every knee will bow. Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose You now.

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“Open Up the Heavens”

We've waited for this day, We're gathered in Your Name, Calling out to You. Your glory like a fire awakening desire, will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here; You're the reason we're singing. Open up the heavens we want to see You, Open up the floodgates a mighty river. Flowing from Your heart, Filling every part of our praise.

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face, We're looking to the sky Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now. Lord unveil our eyes.

Show us show us Your glory. Show us show us Your power Show us show us Your glory Lord.

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Greeting/Announcements

Song “One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”

Higher than the mountains that I face, Stronger than the power of the grave Constant in the trial and the change, One thing remains, One thing remains.

Your love, Your love, Your love will never change.

Chorus: Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on me. (REPEAT)

On and on and on and on it goes, It overwhelms and satisfies my soul. And I never ever have to be afraid, one thing remains, one thing remains.

In death in life I'm confident and cover'd by the power of Your great love. My debt is paid there's nothing that can separate my heart from Your great love. (REPEAT)

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Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **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.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a fellow member of the priesthood of all believers and by the authority of Jesus Christ 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.

C: **Amen.**

Song “Grace Like Rain”

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see so clearly.**

Chorus: Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me. Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away (They're washed away).

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear he hour I first believed.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we'd first begun.**

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, Jesus ascended to the throne at your right hand and intercedes for us in power. Help us to trust in his never-ending presence with us that we may bear witness to your grace until the day when you bring us into your glory, where we may celebrate with all the saints around your throne; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While 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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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.’

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 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, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God 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, 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 age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Faith Seeds Laura Stowman

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

Alleluia, alleluia, to you alone. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You alone have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, to you alone.

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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.”

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

Sermon “Thank God He’s Gone!” Pastor Scott Grorud

Song “God of Wonders”

Chorus: God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy.

Lord of all creation, of water earth and sky,
the heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate your light.
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call your name by night.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heave and earth. (repeat)

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Service of Holy Baptism: **Rachel Ann McGlocklin**

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.**

Welcome for Newly Baptized

Pastor: God has made this new sister a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus. We receive her with love and rejoice with her at her entrance into our fellowship.

Congregation: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

Offering "Mighty to Save"

**Everyone needs compassion, Love that's never failing, Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.**

***Chorus:* Savior, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and
conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.**

**So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, fill my life again.
I give my life to follow everything I believe in, now I surrender.**

**Shine your light and let the whole world see, we're singing for the glory of
the risen King. Jesus shine your light and let the whole world see, we're
singing for the glory of the risen King.**

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Prayers of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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

Closing Song "Every Move I Make"

**Every move I make, I make in You. You make me move Jesus.
Every breath I take I breathe in you.**

***Chorus:* Waves of mercy, waves of grace, everywhere I look, I see your face.
Your love has captured me, Oh my God tis love, how can it be?**

**Every step I take, I take in you. You are my way Jesus.
Every breath I take, I breathe in You. *Chorus***

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“What Does This Mean?”

Questions about Today’s Worship Theme: Luke 24:44-53

- † Why does Jesus’ Ascension often not receive much attention?
- † How might the meaning of the Ascension be misunderstood?
- † Why is it good news that Jesus has gone away into heaven?
- † How does the promise of the Ascension affect our lives and our faith?