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+ **The Ascension of our Lord** +
Holy Communion (LBW Setting 1)
May 18th, 2023

(* = stand as you are able; LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship-green book;
+ = hymn requests; WOV = With One Voice Hymnal-blue book)

GATHERING

Prelude

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Welcome

Parish News

*** Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

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First Prayer: *(7th Century Gelasian)*

Almighty God, we believe that on this day your only Son, our Redeemer, ascended into heaven. May we in spirit also ascend to that heavenly home / and there forever live, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11 A lesson from Acts:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning [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 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."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: 47

Clap your hands, / all you peoples;*
shout to God with loud / songs of joy.

**For the Lord, the Most / High, is awesome,*
a great king over / all the earth.**

He subdued peoples / under us,*
and nations un/der our feet.

**He chose our heri/tage for us,*
the pride of Jacob / whom he loves.**

God has gone up / with a shout,*
the Lord with the sound / of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to / God, sing praises,*
sing praises to our / King, sing praises.**

For God is the king of / all the earth;*
sing praises / with a psalm.

**God is king o/ver the nations;*
God sits on his / holy throne.**

The princes of the / peoples gather*
as the people of the God of / Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth be/long to God;*
he is high/ly exalted.**

**Glory to the Father, and / to the Son,* and to the / Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginn- / ing, is now,* and will be forev- / er. Amen.**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23 A lesson from Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. [17] I 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, [18] so 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, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] 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, [21] 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. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53 Glory to you, O Lord.

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." [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. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Response:

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon/Homily

Pastor Paul Messner

* **Hymn of the Day**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

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RESPONSE

* **Nicene Creed**

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* **Prayers of the Church**

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First Intercession:

Almighty Father, remember all the successors of the Apostles of Jesus whom you clothed with power to be witnesses of the resurrection of our Lord. As they testify of his promise to return, give them the gift of a right understanding of the whole gospel of your Majestic Right Hand. May the whole world come to believe that He lives again to rule all in all.

Lord Immanuel, you honored us by living with us, and ascended home to welcome us. Free us from attachments to this life that we may long to be with you / as we complete our mission in this world.

* **Sharing of the Peace of the Lord**

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Offering

(Plates at the door)

*** Offertory**

Let the Vineyards

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*** Offertory Prayer:**

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Heavenly Father, you were pleased to accept the offering of our brother, Jesus Christ, and to make him King of Kings. Following his example, we bring these offerings as pledges to serve you under his gracious rule / and as symbols of our hope / to be the people of your kingdom without end, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MEAL

*** Great Thanksgiving/Dialog**

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Preface & Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

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*** Eucharistic Prayer #3 & Lord's Prayer**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

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*** Post Communion Blessing & Canticle**

Thank the Lord

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*** Post-Communion Prayer:**

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Lord Jesus, we rejoice that you now sit at the right hand of our Father. According to your new covenant, pledged by your body and blood, rule us with the same love you have always had for us since the world began. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

*** Benediction**

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Dismissal

Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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All baptized Christians are welcome to God's Table of Grace. All the baptized may commune in the OCLP with no age restriction. Those who commune in their home parishes are welcome to commune; those not yet communing of any age and for any reason may come forward to receive a verbal blessing. Indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest. Baptized children may begin communing after parents have consulted with Pastor. The Lutheran Church believes, teaches and confesses that in, with and through the elements of bread and wine, Our Lord gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sin and the salvation of our lives. Anyone who has a legitimate impediment to receiving either element of the meal may receive in one kind only (bread or wine) and trust the Lord's grace that they are receiving full communion. Members, please fill out a "Voice From the Pew" folder to record your communion at least once a year. This is a constitutional requirement to determine our "Active" Voting membership roster. Thank You.

In the OCLP We Practice The "Reserved Sacrament". When laity "preside" at Holy Communion, they will use elements (bread and wine) previously consecrated by Pr. Paul at a prior worship service. Reserved elements are kept in an ambry for subsequent use in worship and distribution to the sick and shut-ins.

Otsego Country Lutheran Parish

Lutheran Church of the Atonement, Oneonta, NY

Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

John Mushtare: President

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Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hartwick Seminary, NY

Sunday Worship 9:15 am (Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays + festivals)

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St. John Lutheran Church, West Burlington, NY

Sunday Worship 11:15 am (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sundays + festivals)

Paul Hecker: President

Ethel Mills: Accompanist

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Services of Healing are usually held on the 5th Sunday of a month

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Any news/ announcements/ or other information that you wish to have included in the weekly service bulletin must be received by Pr. Paul no later than 9am on Thursday of that week. Items received after this time cannot be guaranteed to appear in that week's bulletin.

Items should be emailed to the OCLP office and appear exactly as you wish them to in the bulletin.