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Ascension of Our Lord

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A personal prayer before worship: Heavenly Father, this morning—and all of history—is about you. Please help me worship you with an undistracted heart. You know how my mind wanders to my upcoming week, present worries, and thoughts of others and other things. Help me put those thoughts away and focus on You and Your glory. I ask that the Holy Spirit would cause my heart, soul, mind, and strength to exalt your Holy Name in my singing, listening to Your Word, and interacting with your people. I pray this in the precious name of Jesus, my risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

+ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE +

493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

LSB 493

- 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!
- △ 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!

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+ CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION +

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

LSB 184

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

Exhortation

LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Absolution

LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit

Psalm 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5

- P** God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

- C** The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand,
until I make your enemies your footstool.”
- P** The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,
“You are a priest forever after the order of
Melchizedek.”
- C** The Lord is at your right hand;
he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Gloria Patri

LSB 186

- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 186

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great
glory.
O Lord God, heav’ly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon
us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you 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, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 47

P Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

C For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.

P He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.

C He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

P God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

C Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

P For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!

C God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.

P The 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!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15–23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked 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 one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190

- C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

- P** The Holy Gospel according to **St. Luke**, the **twenty-fourth** chapter.
C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Then [Jesus] 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are 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 blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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.**

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'ly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,

The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

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Sermon

Offertory

LSB 192

- C** 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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.**

Salutation

LSB 201

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

- P** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and \dagger give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

- 1 Beautiful Savior,
 King of creation,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Truly I'd love Thee,
 Truly I'd serve Thee,
 Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows,
 Fair are the woodlands,
 Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
 Jesus is fairer,
 Jesus is purer,
 He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,
 Fair is the moonlight,
 Bright the sparkling stars on high;
 Jesus shines brighter,
 Jesus shines purer
 Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior,
 Lord of the nations,
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Glory and honor,
 Praise, adoration
 Now and forevermore be Thine!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor is *not* part of the prayer chain. Please contact Pastor directly so he can care for your spiritual needs.

Prayers - Please remember in your daily prayers our Members in

Nursing Homes and those at home: John & Lois Duffy, Linda Hobkirk, Gene & Janice Klopfenstein, Dortha Marsh, Maxine Lott, Bill Niedermeyer, Tim & Sandra Rueger, John Myers, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Jeannine Slavicek, Jack & Joanne Lane, Shane Hoffman, Ralph & Barbara Keiper, and Lynn Kyler.

Those serving our Country in the Armed Forces: Joshua Rittner, Jason & Ashley Weatherly.

Pastor is on YouTube!!! If you go to YouTube and search “*Pastor Phil Preaching the Gospel*” you will find services and devotions for you to view anytime. You can subscribe to the channel if you like to find it easier.

We will be welcoming Vicar-elect Timothy Benzinger and his family August 1, 2020! We are excited to meet Tim, April, Trent, Kayla, Jakob and Hadassah (Dess) when they come.

The Lord’s Supper is available for anyone who wants to partake after the worship service this morning. You may also call pastor to schedule private communion if you desire.

PLEASE NOTE: Your Elders and Pastor met to discuss the reopening of worship services inside the church’s Sanctuary. It was decided to attempt to begin having worship services again beginning on **June 7th, 2020**. Of course, things could change between now and then, but we will keep everyone up to date as the time approaches.

Also, please note that the following items were considered for reopening:

- Signage will be provided to require hand sanitizing before entering the church. Face masks will be suggested to be worn by those entering the church. Also, those symptomatic of COVID19 should stay home to avoid problems for your neighbor. The church building itself will have to undergo some sanitation procedures recommended by the state and the Indiana District-LCMS, all of whom we’ve been getting

guidance. This will include items in the Sanctuary you may come into contact with (pews, door handles, etc.) as well as Communion Ware. The entire service will of course be made available on the PowerPoint screen, to avoid the use of using the hymnals (which would need cleaning after each service.)

- Persons 65 years old and older will have a service for them only. This will mean probably 2 worship services or more on Sundays.
- Holy Communion will be practiced differently than we have done it in the past, and for as long as necessary until we can safely return to everyone coming to the Communion Rail to partake of the Lord's body and blood. We will have a table set up before the steps to the Chancel with the elements upon it. Pastor will Consecrate them, and then the congregation will be invited to approach (observing social distancing guidelines) and take the host and individual cup of wine to commune. This will effectively be a non-contact manner of distributing the Lord's Supper.
- Social Distancing guidelines will be in place in the Sanctuary by a marking system (probably a tape) in the pews.
- A devotional video by the Pastor will continue to be provided, though notification means should be limited to those who desire them (a sign-up system will be developed).
- The Thursday Evening Bible Study will continue to be conducted via Zoom video/audio conferencing. If you don't have means of getting the video feed, you can always call in on your phone and participate that way! It is encouraged that everyone is welcome to join us from your home on Thursday for wonderful discussion and learning more about Jesus!
- Sunday School will not resume until public schools are reopened by the Governor of Indiana. That date is yet unknown.
- There will be shortly a questionnaire going out to the Voters of Zion asking your opinions/suggestions/etc. regarding the reopening of the church. We realize the Voters have not met as we were supposed to in April, but it is the strong desire of your

Church Council and Elders that you have a voice in how things are being done.

- There will also be a call out to everyone for volunteers to assist with the cleaning/sanitizing of the church for your fellow members.
- We'll continue with worship outdoors as often as we can! Let us know if there's anything we can help you with!

Your elected officials and Pastor have been working diligently in the time we've been closed to maintain the church building and keep in touch with everyone. The priority will and continue to be the sharing of the love of Christ for all people, doing so by the proclamation of the sweet Gospel message of Christ's Resurrection from the tomb, atoning for the sins of all mankind; and by the administration of the holy Sacraments as commanded by our Lord. Know this, God loves you so much, He sent His Son to pay the price for your forgiveness! Bless and praise Him!

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