



The Ascension of Our Lord

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

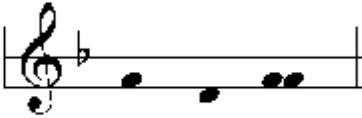
2 Timothy 4:22



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.



P Let us pray.

P O Almighty God, whose blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things: mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to His promise, He abides with His Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:5-15

⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” ¹⁰And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. ¹⁴Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

¹⁵Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And 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; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But 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.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and 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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P God reigns over the | nations;*

God sits on his | holy throne.

I will not leave you as | orphans;*

I am going away, and I will come to you, and your hearts | will rejoice.

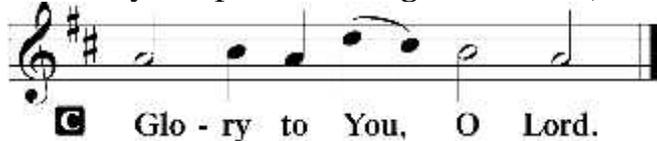
C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

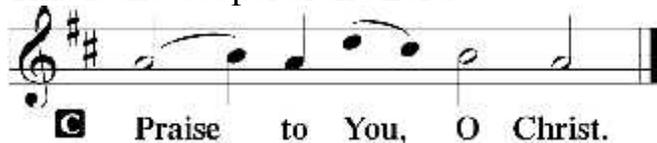
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



⁴⁴Then [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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed.....LSB 174

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.

Sit.

Hymn of the Day“*Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels*”LSB 491

Sermon

Stand

OffertoryLSB 176

Sit

Offering

(Members and visitors are invited to record their attendance by completing the attendance form at the back of the bulletin. Please tear it off and drop it in the basket on your way out.)

Stand

Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

*(When prayed responsively, the congregation responds as follows. **P** ...Let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy. - or- **P** ...Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.)*

In Hospice Care: Rose Marie Kilian.

Undergoing Cancer Treatment: Lanice Oeltjen Bertsch-Hunger; Jean Davis; Frank Farr; Marvin Jasek; Kathy Jennings; Werner Koopmann; Lucas Lowe; Janet Leubner; Jennifer Marburger; Christine O’Connor; Roy Oden; Jack Parry; Nancy Pietsch; Rev. Bill Qualman; Artie Schultz; Erland Schulze; Patsy Smith; Dee Tegtmeier; Barbara Tieken; Phillip Tucker; Dorinda Werner; Ralph Winkler.

Health and Other Concerns: Gladys Ahlschlager; Rebecca Aleman; Linda Almazan; Charlotte Arnold; Johnny Arnold; Joyce Boening; Elva Bohot; Calvin Buchhorn; Woody Butler; Lisa Coonrod; Joe Coufal; Bennie Daricek; Edna Ebner; Jennifer Freeman; Ryan Friemel; Mike Hannusch; Sylvia Hebert; Frances Hentschel; Toni Hill; Peggy Hunger; Carol Jurk; William Jurk; Neal Kaspar; Wayne Koopmann; Junell Ladewig; Gladys Mach; Elsie Michalk; Vastine Michalk; Glenda Midgett; Ruby Mikulin; Viviana Mullins; Mary Neilsen; Robert Pavlik; Doris Pietsch; Ray Pietsch; Sandy Rials; Jana Rocker; Bill Sagebiel; David Sager; Jan Schaefer; Joyce Schiwart; Travis Schiwart; Glenn Schneider; Kason Splawn; Christine Squallachi; William Trlica; Dolores Votaw; Junice Walters; Lloyd Wessels; Sherry Winkler; Dorothy Witt; Laverne Wittmann.

Livestream Conclusion

P The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Stand.

† † † **Service of the Sacrament** † † †

Preface..... *LSB 177*

Distribution Hymns

..... *“Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid”* *LSB 500*

..... *“Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices”* *LSB 811*

..... *“O Day Full of Grace”* *LSB 503*

..... *“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”* *LSB 496*

Stand

Dismissal

P The true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to life everlasting. Depart in peace and joy. Your sins † are all forgiven.

C **Amen.**

Thank the Lord *LSB 181*

The Removal of the Paschal Candle for the Season of the Church

P This burning light serves to show us the light Christ who dwelt bodily with us in one time and place from His incarnation until His ascension to the Right hand of God, where He dwells as mediator for us, an advocate with the Father.

Hear the Word of the Lord from 2 Kings, The Gospels of John & Mark, and Acts:

And Elisha said, “Please, let there be a double portion of your spirit upon me.” (2 Kings 2:9b)

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. ... When the spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that He will take what is mine and declare it to you. (John 16:7, 13-15)

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. (Acts 1:9)

ACOLYTE:.....Everett Cook
LECTOR:Lummus Hannes
HEAD USHERS:..... Ricky Dunk, Dennis Schnell
GREETERS:..... OPEN
SOUND:..... Ralph Streicher
ALTAR GUILD:..... Judy Zuhn
FINANCE:Randy Albers, Sylvia Hebert

CHANCEL FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Dale and Dorothy Witt in memory of her sisters, Edna Leschper and Mildred Buscha.

TODAY’S BROADCAST OF THE LUTHERAN HOUR over Radio Station KBUK (FM 104.9 on Sundays at 7:00 a.m.) is sponsored by the Men’s Club.

OUR WORSHIP LAST WEEK:

Attendances:

Sunday Worship: 81
 Sunday Online: 16
 Sun. Bible Class: 17
 No Wed. Bible Class

Weekly Offerings:

Home Purposes: \$ 3,220.00
 Missions: \$ 210.00
 Construction: \$ 60.00
 Addtl. Online Giving: \$ 1,300.00

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

Acolyte:..... OPEN
Lector: Brenda Fischer
Elders: Karen Fitch, James Lehmann
Head Ushers: Daniel Fischer, Dennis Winkler
Greeters: Charles & Sylvia Hebert
Sound:Linda Streicher
Altar Guild: Judy Zuhn
Finance:Randy Albers, Sylvia Hebert
Flowers: OPEN

BELL DEDICATION: There will be a Dedication Ceremony of a bronze replica of the 1854 St. Paul, Serbin, Bell that the Wends brought with them on the Ben Nevis. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society invites you to this dedication on May 23, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at the museum complex. All are invited to attend this joyous occasion at the museum of the first ringing of this German made Bronze Bell. Pastor Aaron Kalbas, Pastor of St. Paul Thorndale, a Wend and son of St. Paul Serbin Congregation, will perform the dedication. Refreshments including Ben Nevis Beer will be served afterwards. View displays of bell history and the journey to have the replica made and brought to the museum. The museum complex will be open. In order to better help us plan, please RSVP to museum@texaswendish.org or 979-366-2441. The Texas Wendish Heritage Society

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Serbin. Join us in the shade of the oaks and cedars for the 127th Serbin Picnic , Sunday, May 30, 2021, at the Serbin Picnic Grounds on FM 2239. Barbecue (Boneless Beef, Pork and Chicken) sold by the pound only from 9:00 a.m. until sold out. Ladies Aid Stand will be selling Potato Salad, Beans, Noodles and Pastries of all kinds. Youth League

Hamburger Stand will begin selling at 4:00 p.m. Children's booths & games, barrel train rides for the kids, sponsored by the PTLs beginning at 2:00 p.m. Entertainment will be provided from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. by the Czech Melody Masters. Wendish Museum will be open 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. We invite you to come out and be a part of the continuing celebration.

CAMP LONE STAR CAMPERSHIPS AVAILABLE: Mt. Calvary's Board of Missions is sponsoring camperships for this summer's day camp at Camp Lone Star. Application forms are available in the church office, and in the May newsletter. Parents pay \$50 per child, and the Board will pay the remainder. The deadline for submitting an application is June 1st.

MEDICARE AND MEDICAID INFO: The Care Inn resource team will be in the Multipurpose Room on Thursday, May 27th at 5:30 PM. Their purpose is to explain Medicare and Medicaid benefits and requirements. They will also be open to questions about resource management to prevent barriers to Medicaid eligibility in the future. We hope you will join us for this informative presentation!

WENDISH FISH FRY: The Texas Wendish Heritage Society will be hosting a drive through Fish Fry lunch on Sunday, June 6 at Serbin Picnic Grounds from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. The menu includes Fried Fish, Potato Salad, Brown Beans, Coleslaw and Hush Puppies. There will also be a country store with Desserts, Dry Noodles, etc. Tickets are \$12 and calling to reserve tickets is encouraged. To reserve tickets, call 979-366-2441 or email wendish@bluebon.net. All proceeds benefit the Texas Wendish Heritage Society Scholarship Fund.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: *Acts 1:11 – “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.”* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended, and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach our stewardship and how we care for the things of this world.

This Week At Mt. Calvary:

Sunday:	Worship Service with Communion	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class (Sanctuary)	10:30 a.m.
Monday:	Pastor's Day Off.....	
Tuesday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance.....	9:00 a.m.
	Board of Preschool (Multipurpose Room)	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance.....	9:00 a.m.
	'At Risk' Communion Service	10:00 a.m.
	Bible Class (Multipurpose Room)	10:15 a.m.
Thursday:	Bulletin Deadline	9:00 a.m.
	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance.....	9:00 a.m.
	Board of Finance (Multipurpose Room)	5:30 p.m.
Friday:	Pastor's Day Off.....	
	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance.....	9:00 a.m.
Saturday:	Mt. Calvary volunteers at Second Chance.....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
	Bible Class (Sanctuary)	10:15 a.m.



The following people were in attendance at the **May 16, 2021** worship service:

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Check here if you are a visitor. If you would like a call or want more information about Mt. Calvary, please call the church office, or provide a phone number or email here:

