

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Worshipping with the Lamb

May 16, 2021

AS WE GATHER



In the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ we see the resurrection of our Lord from the dead. We celebrate Christ among us in the present and we look forward to our own future as we trust in God's promise to raise us from death. As Jesus departed from this earth and was welcomed into heaven amid shouts of joy so we too look forward to following where He has gone and joining Him in His glorious kingdom. Today as we gather to worship our risen Lord, we too look forward to worshipping the Lamb upon His throne, when we are with Him in heaven.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Peace Lutheran Church – a special welcome to our guests! Please take some time during worship to fill out the attendance/prayer card. If you are a guest, we would love to receive contact information so we can respond to your visit with us today. Please place the card in the offering receptacle.

OPENING SONG

“Our God Saves”

Paul Baloche and Brenton Brown

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

OPENING SENTENCES: *[Selected verses of Psalm 110]*

Pastor: The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

People: The Lord will extend Your mighty scepter from Zion; You will rule in the midst of Your enemies.

Pastor: The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

People: The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind: "You are a priest forever in the order of Melchizedek."

Pastor: The Lord says to My Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

People: He will judge the nations, crushing the rulers of the whole earth.

Pastor: The Lord says to My Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins to our gracious God.

All: Lord of heaven and earth, we humbly confess our sinfulness and our sins to You. We beg for Your forgiveness and ask for Your mercy. Grant us the spirit of repentance and reconciliation with those from whom we are separated and who are separated from us, that with renewed hearts and lives we may continue our earthly journeys to Your heavenly throne.

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: God has promised forgiveness to those who repentantly turn to Him. As His called and ordained servant I forgive you your sins. The blessing of the Father + Son and Holy Spirit be with you always.

People: Amen. May it be so.

PRAISE SONG

“Jesus Messiah”

Tomlin, Carson, Cash, and Reeves

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You ascended to the right hand of the Father, and there You rule over the whole universe for our good. Keep our focus on You, so that we may find peace in You alone, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST LESSON Acts 1:1-11 *(St. Luke records what took place when Jesus went out with His disciples and then disappeared into the heavens before them.)*

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ 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. ⁴ 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; 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, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ 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."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Ephesians 1:16-23 *(Paul prays in thanksgiving for the congregation at Ephesus and for the Spirit to renew them in Christ.)*

¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ 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, ¹⁸ 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, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked 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 one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

VERSE 2 Timothy 1:10b

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ Jesus has abolished death! Alleluia!

People: Alleluia! He has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 24:44-53 *(Jesus calls upon His disciples to be His witnesses and prepares them for His ascension into heaven and the gift of the Holy Spirit.)*

⁴⁴ 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ 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." ⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord. **People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG

"Shout to the Lord"

Darlene Zschech

MESSAGE: "Ascension Misunderstandings" Luke 24:49-51

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died

and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come 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.

OFFERING

“Forgiveness”

Matthew West

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Ascended Lord Jesus Christ, we rejoice in bringing You our worship and praise. Now also we bring our prayers to Your throne of grace, asking that You graciously will hear us. Lord in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for our world, the earth on which You walked, and all who live here now. Give us all that we need for our lives that we may enjoy this place which is now our home. Also, we pray for the Church, which is our spiritual home. Bless the leaders and the people with a full measure of faithfulness as we journey together toward our heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for ourselves, that we would be true witnesses, sharing the good news of Your triumph over sin, death, and the devil and pointing people the way in which You have gone. On this day of rejoicing, we pray for those with special needs, whose earthly journeys are challenging or difficult. Especially we remember the sick, the shut-in, and all those known to each of us who are in need of prayer. *[Special Intercessions]* Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Finally, Lord Jesus, we thank You for the faithful witness of those no longer with us here on earth who rejoice in Your eternal presence, singing their unending hallelujahs. May we be inspired by their faithful witness and seek to serve You constantly all the days of our lives.

People: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

ALL: 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.

GOD’S BLESSING IS PLACED UPON US [BENEDICTION]

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG **“Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)”** *Brenton Brown and Brian Doerksen*

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Pastor: Go in peace—Connect, Celebrate, and Serve the Lord! Let all the people say:

People: “Amen!”

*Permission for all lyrics used during worship – CCLI # 2647991
Copies of song lyrics are available upon request from the church office.*

Face Coverings & Servant Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Lay Reader</u>	<u>Sound/SongShow</u>
16-May	No	Don Sweeney	Ellerman/Onken
23-May	Yes	Kayla Goecker	Onkens
30-May	Yes	Debbie Hackman	Wischmeiers

Notes & News

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! We are so glad to have you with us for worship this morning. You are welcome to join us anytime. If you have an interest in joining Peace Lutheran Church or have questions about our ministry, please contact Matt Branham (812-216-3465).

For any Peace member in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Lohn Johnson @ (859) 361-3181 or he can be found in his office most Sunday afternoons.

Adult bible study is downstairs at 9:20AM. It will also be broadcast via zoom at the same time.

Children's Sunday School has returned! Social distancing is required, please respect everyone's personal space.

There will be a congregational call meeting THIS SUNDAY NIGHT AT 7PM.

Masks – The church council asks that if you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask during worship service, please sit to the south, i.e., toward Tipton Street. If you desire to wear a mask at all times, please sit more to the north toward the praise team, but be advised, some of the praise team singers are unmasked. We ask you still wear a mask while walking to and from your seat.

Lutheran Special Education Ministries is looking for a part-time resource room teacher to fill a position at St John's Lutheran School in Seymour, Indiana. Applicants should have a valid Indiana teaching license and a certification/endorsement in special education. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.

USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES – Anyone wanting to add activities or use of church facilities should contact the church office at 812-523-3838 or Jeremy Wischmeier by texting or calling 812-498-9913. Thanks.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS – Announcements for the bulletin are due to the office by 8:00 A.M. on Thursday mornings. Thanks!