### The Ascension of Our Lord June 1, 2025 Looking Up

**As We Gather -** Some days we don't want to get up at all, and some days it seems that we have to do it all by ourselves. Although the disciples felt that way at first on the day of Jesus' ascension, today's Readings tell us to look up in hope and confidence, for our Lord is still with us through everything. Jesus' promise about power from the Holy Spirit is ours, for we have been given faith in our great God. Whether we see much evidence, Paul writes that the Father gave His Son complete authority. And we are the Body of Christ! Jesus' instruction to await power is now past tense; we have received authority to proclaim forgiveness of sins to all nations. Bodies and minds may be mended, but complete forgiveness to spirits provides comfort and strength for today and forever!

**Offering and Registry of Worship Cards:** Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

**Saturday Worship:** Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

**About Protecting the Healthy:** To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

### **GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.**

**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

#### Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

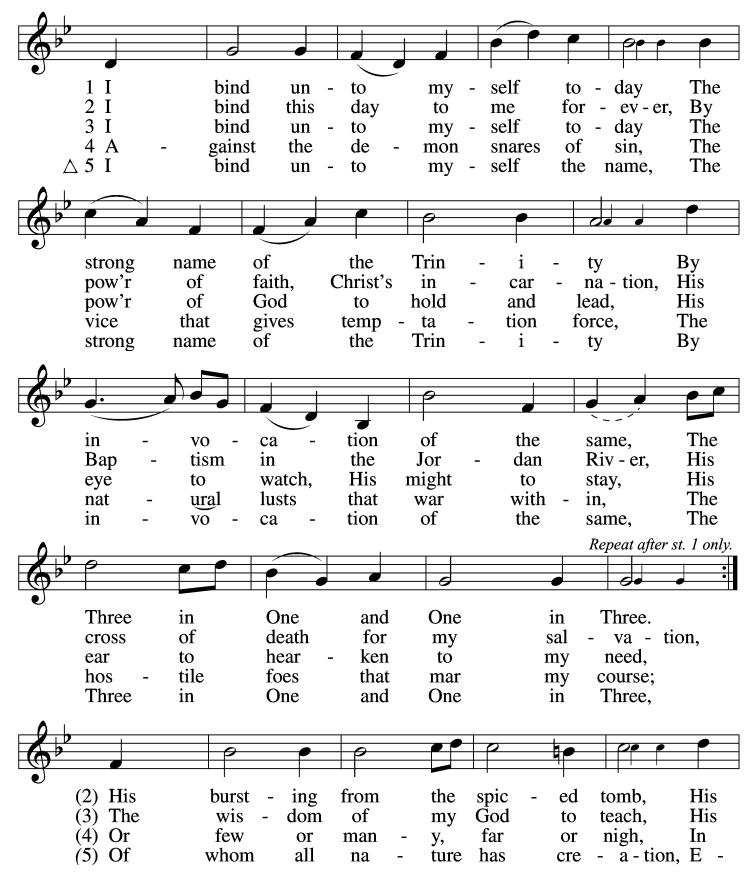
#### Preparation

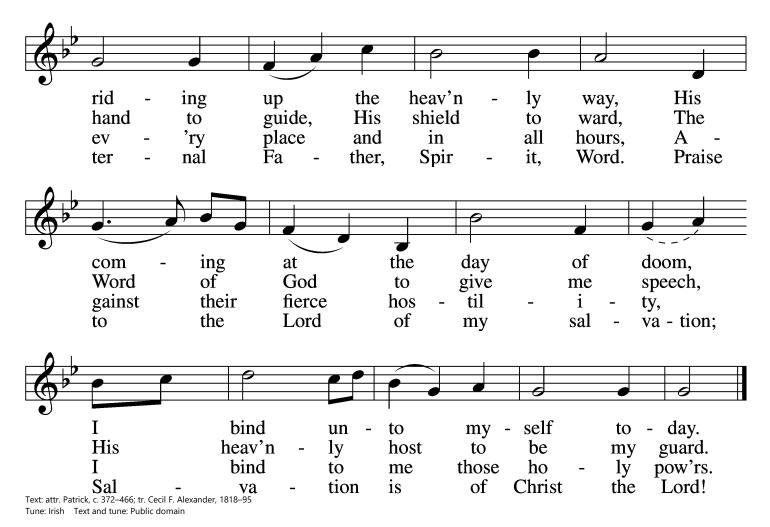
#### Hymn of Invocation:

I Bind unto Myself Today

LSB 604

 $\Delta$  Please stand after a brief interlude





# Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

#### **Opening Sentences**

Acts 1:6, 11; Luke 24:46–47; Ephesians 1:22–23

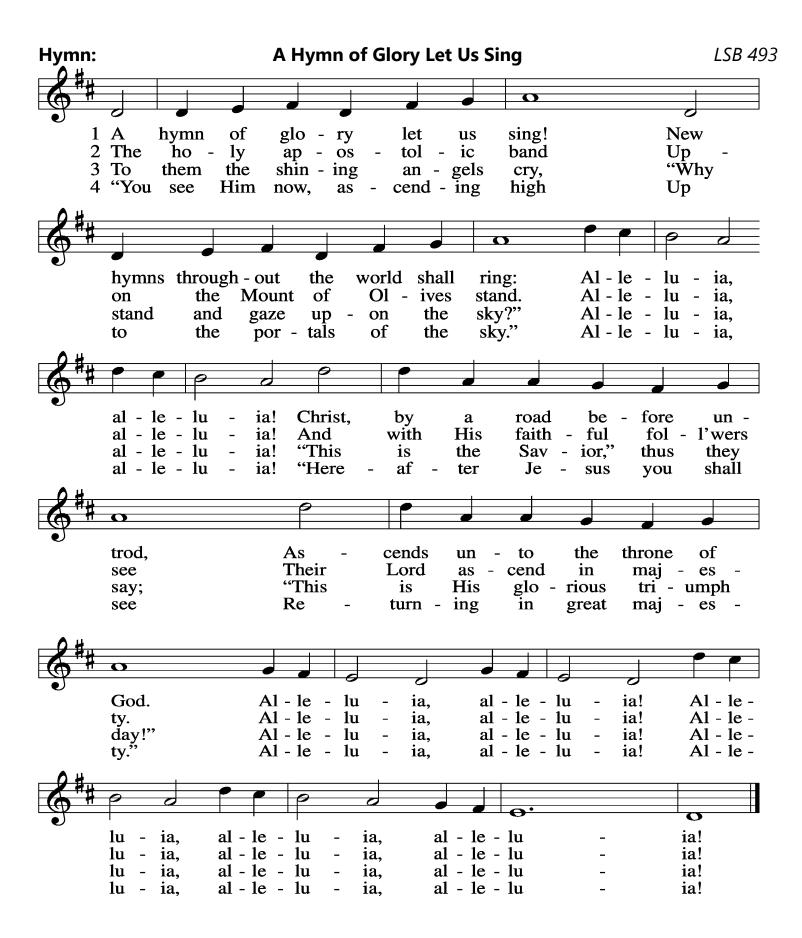
- P Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?
- **C** Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?
- **P** It is written, that the Christ should suffer
- **G** and on the third day rise from the dead,
- Image: and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations.
- **G** God gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body.

#### **Confession and Absolution**

- **P** Let us confess our sins to our gracious God.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- God did not leave us devoid of power and love. Christ ascended to His throne above but is with us still. The Holy Spirit did not give us faith for a short time but is with us throughout our time on earth. Your sins were forgiven by the death of Christ on the cross and by His glorious resurrection. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen. Thanks be to God.

#### WORD





Verses continued on the next page

- $\Delta$  Please stand after a brief interlude
- 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!

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## Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.

### **Prayer of the Day**

- Let us pray.
  Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens,
- **G** so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him,
- **P** who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

### **First Reading**

Acts 1:1–11

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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." <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>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."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm G God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
 For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.
 He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
 He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom He loves.

**G** 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 reigns over 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 belong to God; He is highly exalted!

## **G** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

## Epistle

## Ephesians 1:15–23

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

### **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Verse

P

Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

- **G** death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.
- **P** Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
- **G** Alleluia.

### Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

- The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

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

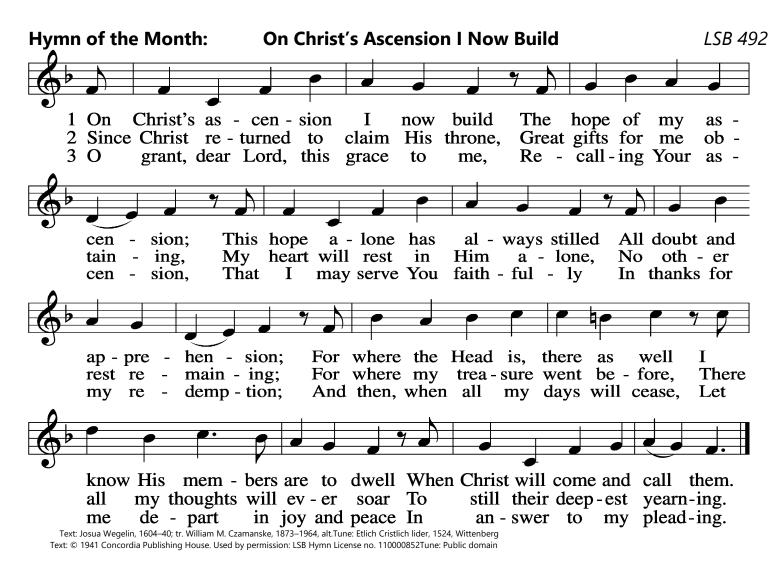
<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**O** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **Children's Sermon**





Sermon

"Emmanuel; The Sequal" Acts 1:1-11

#### **Nicene Creed**

**G** 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.

#### **Prayer of the Church**

Christ has ascended to the Father but is with us in power to continue the mission of the church, the Body of Christ. Let us pray for people everywhere.

For the whole church, witness to the risen and ascended Christ,

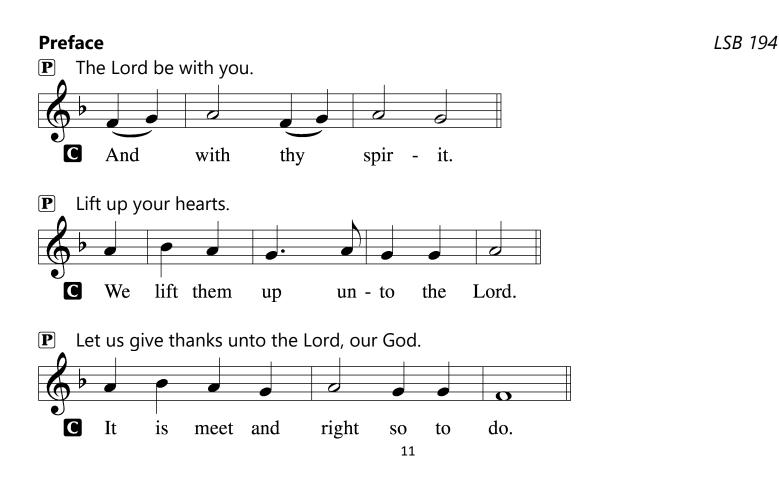
- **G** that we all proclaim His victory over sin and death;
- **P** for all who proclaim the Gospel,
- **G** that they announce the promise of a new heaven and a new earth;
- **P** and for all who have just come to faith,
- **G** that the Spirit enable them to understand the fullness of Christ's love. Lord have mercy.
- **P** For the nations of the world and all relief agencies,
- **G** that God guide them in seeking peace and cooperation;
- **P** for all who work in business and all who help the downtrodden and distressed,
- **G** that they provide all that is needed in food, clothing, and shelter;
- **P** and for continued scientific research,
- G that we may utilize the bounty of God's good creation. Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For favorable weather,
- **C** that we may praise God for recreation, leisure, and the growth of crops;

- for all who suffer, [*including*...], that God provide relief where it fits His plans for them,
- **G** and that we may be part of His answer to prayer;
- **P** for this congregation and all who work with us,
- **G** that we rededicate ourselves to the mission of our ascended Lord. Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands we entrust ourselves and all for whom we pray; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
- C Amen.

## Choir Anthem: *(Sunday Only)* "Shine Jesus, Shine" Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings *(Sunday Only)*

**Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only)**– Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle

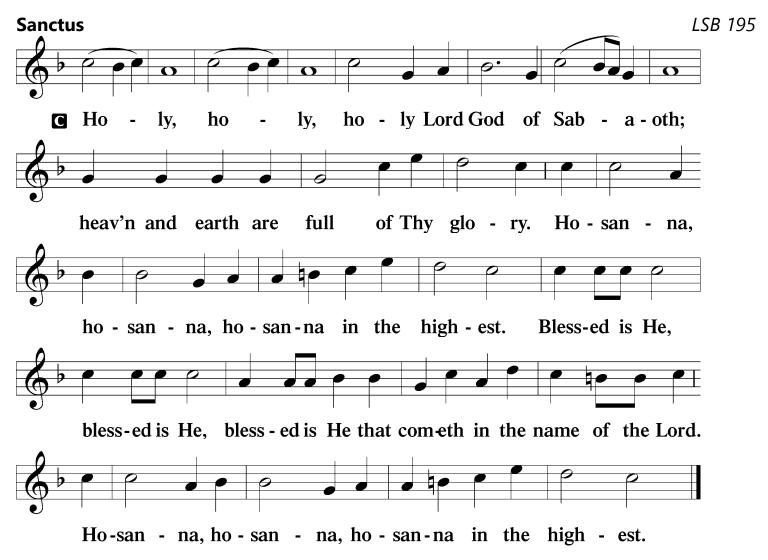
Stand



#### Service of the Sacrament

### **Proper Preface**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

- Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We believe that our Savior, whom the disciples saw ascend, is with us today. Grant us to eat and drink faithfully of the fruits of Jesus' cross and to receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.
- C Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

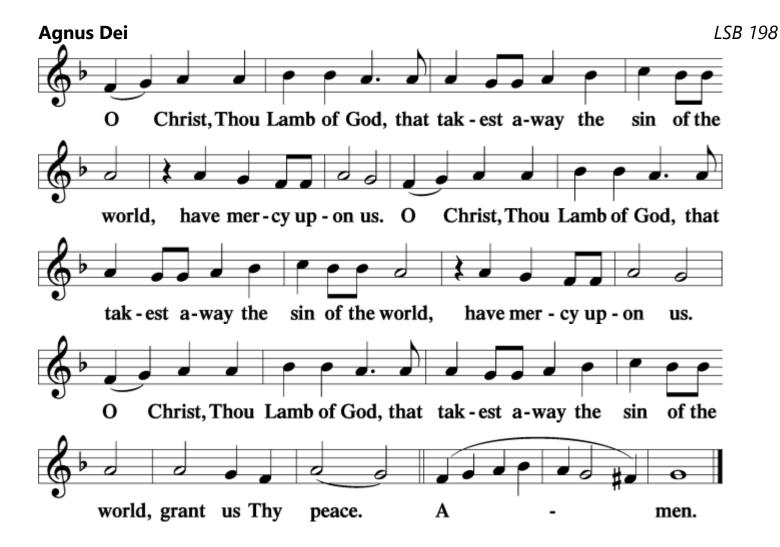
### Lord's Prayer

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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.

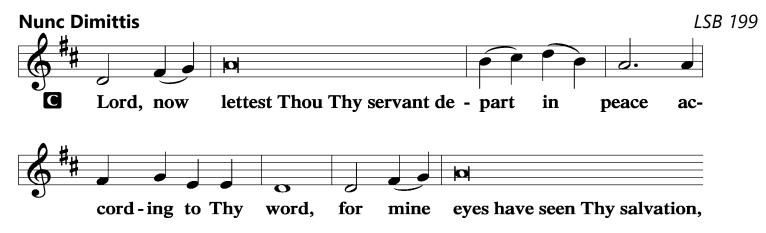
#### Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



#### Distribution

**Distribution Hymns** (Sunday Only) LSB 564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand sts. 1–5 LSB 821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus LSB 537 Beautiful Savior





#### **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

### (Saturday)

- **P** Let us pray.
- ☑ I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## (Sunday)

Let us pray.
 We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

- **G** and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;
- through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.
- P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

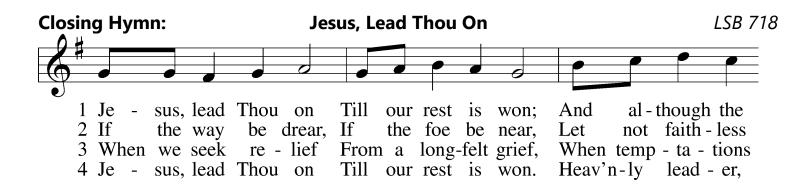


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**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.





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#### **Postlude:**

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### LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>TODAY</u>

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska

### Saturday

Guitarist	Scott Seiferth
Elder	
Lector	Gerie Slaten/Carlos Orellana
Audio	Robin Fox

## Sunday

Elder	Dave Wacker
Lector	John T. Doherty, Jr
Greeter	- 
Audio	
Video	Video/Streaming: Kris Welch
	GFX: Cheryl Erwin
Altar Guild	

### LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska
Elder	Steve Rosane
Lector	Charlotte Mantz
Greeter	
Audio	Judy Rudolph
Video	Video/Streaming: Josiah Hazzard
	GFX: Andrea Hazzard
Altar Guild	Dawn Peters and John T Doherty, Jr.

### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	23
Sunday Worship Attendance	
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	
Simply Giving/Vanco	\$0
Paypal Offerings	\$0
Website (ShareFaith)	\$0
Total of Offerings Received	\$0
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	\$0

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH - June 1 – Easter VII –** The sanctity of human life means more than implementing regulations or controlling behaviors. Jesus longs "that they may be one" (John 17:22) and "that the love with which you have loved me may be in them" (John 17:26). This represents invitation and instruction to receive every neighbor as gift and privilege, treat all bodies and needs as such, and speak courageously and compassionately about it.

**PASTOR** will be unavailable from Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, after church, until Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. In the event of a pastoral need, please contact one of the Elders.

**FLOWER SPONSOR** – Nancy Tyler in memory of Harry.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** – There is no Bulletin Sponsor this week.

**ELDER'S MEETING** – There will be an Elder's Meeting today, after service.

**MARY MARTHA QUILTERS** - Mary Martha Quilters meet each Wednesday at 10am. All Ladies from the congregation are invited to come. You don't have to be a quilter or know how to sew as we need people who can cut, arrange, and tie.

**HELP WANTED-** The Church is in need of workers in several positions around the Church. These include Ushers, Offering Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors, Sound Board, Video Assistance, Elders (requires one year membership, and many other opportunities to serve. Please consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran.

**ADOPT-A-BLOCK – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**– To reserve your spot on the team or if you have questions, please contact either Robin Fox or Pastor Chris.

**TRUSTEE WORKDAY** - The Trustee Workday is each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

**CHECK YOUR MAILBOX –** Please check your mailbox in the Narthex.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the Narthex for more information or email <u>stewardship@clclakeland.org</u>.

**NAMETAGS** – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER -** Acts 1:16 – "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus." Judas sold out our Lord for 30 pieces of silver. That is, he sold out his friend, master and teacher for the sake of greed. That is a sharp reminder for us to search our own hearts for greed and to pray that the Lord would help us to turn from it before it consumes us.

### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Tuesday	Adopt-A-Block @ 11 am
Wednesday	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
	Mary Martha Quilters @ 10 am
	Choir Practice @ 7 pm
Thursday	District Convention (Pastor away)
Friday	District Convention (Pastor away)
	Church Office closed
Saturday	
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship @ 10 am