

Ascension of Our Lord May 17, 2026

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The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church. The Rev. Jeffrey Iacobazzi leads our service today and shares his message as we observe the Ascension of Our Lord. Dardhe Lake is worship assistant this week and Rosemary Rader is our music director.

There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link.](#)



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P Presiding Minister A Worship Assistant All Congregation

GATHERING

Bell rings to announce the start of the service.



Prelude

We light the candles.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Pastor James M. Capers

"Coronation" "Diadem" "Miles Lane"

Music: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844, James Ellor, 1819-1899 and William Shrubsole, 1760-1806 PUBLIC DOMAIN

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The Welcome

Dardhe Lake

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

All **Amen.**

P Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You lead us beside still waters.
We thank you for the waters of creation:
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us including Little Eagle
Creek where our founders first gathered to worship.
Blessed are you.

All **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

All **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

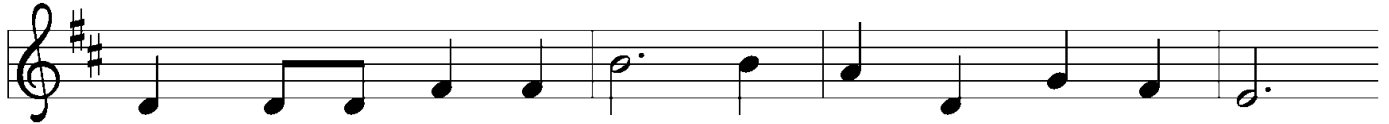
All **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855


1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

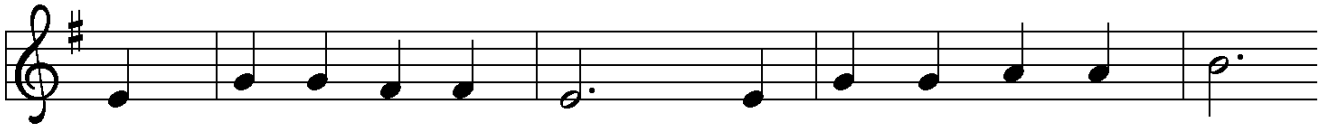
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Greeting

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

All And also with you.

Kyrie



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

ELW Setting Ten

Music: W. Daman, *The Psalmes of David*, 1579, alt.

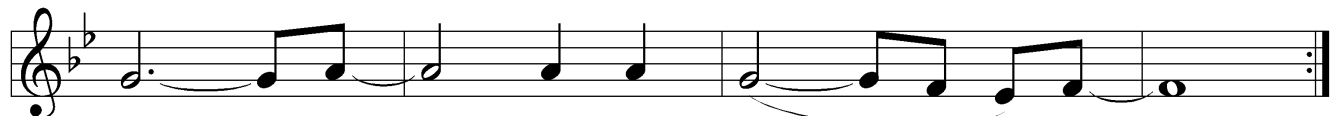
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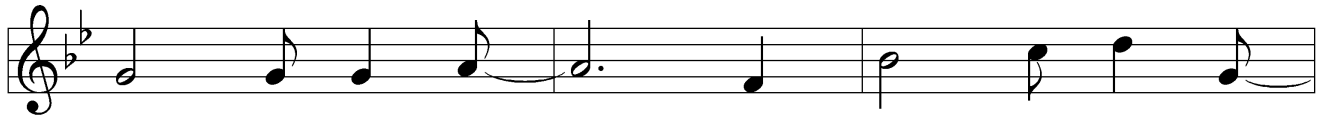
Hymn of Praise



☐ This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



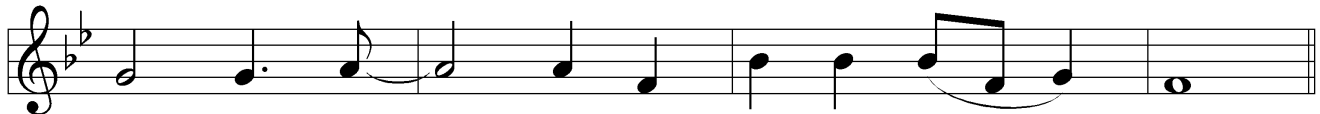
I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



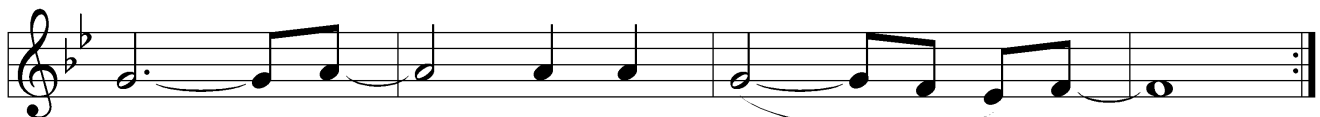
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



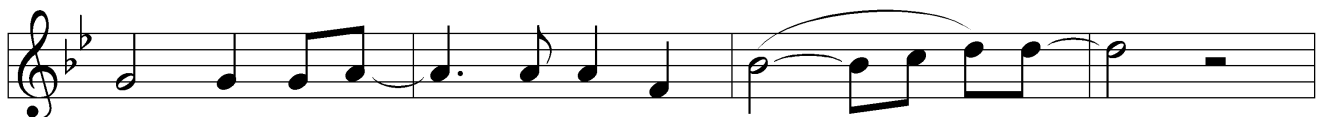
II This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



III Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



☐ For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia. This is the feast of



vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**



WORD

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

A The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 47

A ¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a joyful sound.

All ² **For the Lord Most High is to be feared:
a great king over all the earth,**

A ³ who subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet;

All ⁴ **who chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

A ⁵ God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.

All ⁶ **Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

A ⁷ For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with a song.

All ⁸ **God reigns over the nations;
God is enthroned on high.**

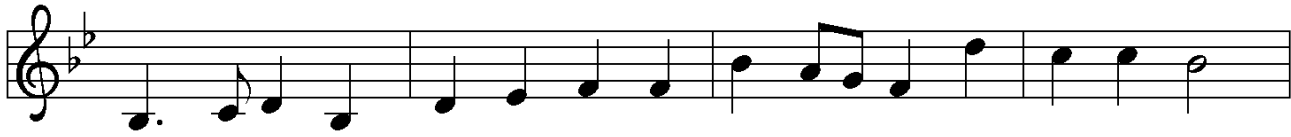
A ⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered as
the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:15-53

A The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

ELW Setting Ten

Music: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel Luke 24:44-53

P The gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon Pastor Jeff Iacobazzi

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus***ELW 392.**

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887
PUBLIC DOMAIN

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

P Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Responses after each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy,
All **hear our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

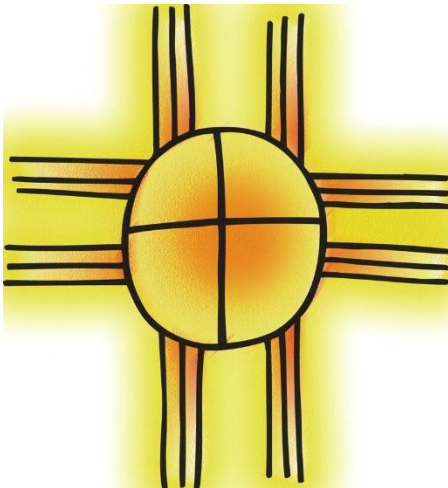
All **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

All **And also with you.**

MEAL



Offering

Offertory

ELW 186



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
 spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
 your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

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A Let us pray.

Merciful God,
 accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
 You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
 when we will hunger and thirst no more.
 Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
 that goodness and mercy may follow us
 and bless the world you love.
 In the name of Jesus,

All Amen.

Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

P The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

. . . with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

ELW Setting Ten

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P This is the day that in joy and delight
we join with all the angels of heaven and all the creatures on earth
to sing our praise and thanksgiving to you,
all holy and mighty and glorious God.

For Christ is risen:

All Christ is risen indeed.

P This is the day that you gave light to the earth.
This is the day that you saved the Israelites through the sea
and with your pillar of fire led them to freedom.
Now every night is as bright as day,
and that light is Christ:

Thanks be to God.

This is the day that you broke the chains of death.

This is the day that, marrying heaven to earth,
you washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and brought us your
peace.

The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign,

for Christ is risen:

All Christ is risen indeed.

P On the night before he died, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P On this day send us the power of your Holy Spirit.
Revive us with the body and blood of our risen Savior.
Illumine our lives with your presence,
and shine your Morning Star over the whole human race,
for that light is Christ:
Thanks be to God.

All holy and mighty and glorious God,
radiant Father, victorious Son, and shining Spirit,
we bless your salvation, we sing of your mercy,
and we praise your victory through all time and space,
for Christ is risen:

All Christ is risen indeed.

P Amen and amen:

All Amen and amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Communion Invitation

P Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

All are welcome.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

ELW Setting Ten

Music: attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842

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The Communion

Come to the rail, as directed by the usher, and stand or kneel. Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).

Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All Amen.

Post Communion Canticle

ELW 205



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joyce and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

REPEAT

Liturgy of Joy

Music: James M. Capers (1948-2025)

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Prayer after Communion

A Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus,

All Amen.

Announcements

SENDING

Benediction

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

All Amen.

Closing Hymn

Rejoice, for Christ Is King

ELW 430


1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: William E. Fischer, 1849–1936 PUBLIC DOMAIN

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

May 17, 2026

Rev. Jeffrey Iacobazzi, Presiding Minister

Rosemary Rader, Music Director

Dardhe Lake, Worship Assistant

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