

# Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and School



# ASCENSION

# Welcome to Worship

Pastor Tom Engelbrecht - May 16, 2021

## Opening Hymn

## "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

CW 171:1-4, 6 Text & Tune: Public Domain Setting ©1993 Kermit G. Moldenhauer



A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
"You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up  
O ris - en Christ, a - scend - ed Lord, All



songs through-out the world shall ring: Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le -  
- on the Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le -  
stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le -  
to the por - tals of the sky." Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le -  
praise to you let earth ac - cord. Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le -



- lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, A -  
- lu - ia! And with his fol - low - ers they see Their  
- lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they say "This  
- lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re -  
- lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges run, With



- scends un - to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
is his glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
- turn - ing in great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
Fa - ther and with Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



- lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
- lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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## Call to Worship

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Christ has ascended into heaven,

C: And he will come again.

P: Clap your hands, all you nations.

C: Shout to God with cries of joy.

P: How awesome is the Lord Most High—

**C: The great King over all the earth.**

P: God has ascended amid shouts of joy.

**C: The Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.**

P: Sing praises to God, sing praises.

**C: Sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

P: For God is the King of all the earth.

**C: Sing to him a psalm of praise.**

P: God reigns over the nations.

**C: God is seated on his holy Throne.**

P: “Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again!**

## Confession of Sins and Forgiveness

P: Dear friends in Christ, in God’s holy Word we have learned that we are sinners and deserve only his wrath and punishment. For this reason we acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I confess that I have sinned in my thoughts, with my deeds, and through my actions. Some sins I remember and feel sorrow over; others I cannot recall. I pray, for the sake of Jesus my Savior, cleanse me from all my sins and take away my guilt.**

P: God’s Word also assures us that Jesus led a pure and holy life for us and died on the cross to pay the full price for our sins. Through faith in him you have been clothed in perfect righteousness and holiness. All your sins have been forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

# Epistle Lesson – Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

## “Go Ye, Go Ye, Into the World”

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- bove the skies! Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n.  
- ter - nal gates, He has con - quered death and sin;  
earth he leaves; Though re - turn - ing to his throne,  
prints of love. Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow  
death he pleads. He, the first of all our race,  
end - less reign. There your face un - cloud - ed view,



Re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n.  
Take the King of glo - ry in!  
Still he calls man - kind his own.  
Bless - ings on his church be - low.  
Near him - self pre - pares a place.  
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.

## Sermon Text - Ephesians 1:16-23

<sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup>he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

# Now What?

## 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 our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

## Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.**

# The Lord's Supper

*Our church practices membership communion.*

*We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.*

*You will be guided to the table by an usher.*

*Your group may come forward together.*

*Please practice social distancing with other groups or individuals.*

*The bread and wine are laid out individually for you to remove from the table.*

## Word's of Institution

## Distribution

## Closing Prayer and Blessing

P: God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Because he lives, we too shall live. Neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Help us to share this message of salvation with all people everywhere.

**C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

# "Good News of God Above"

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Good news of God a - bove Is ours to tell a -  
The love of Christ pro - claim Who left his home on  
The Lord of Glo - ry lives! From cross and death and  
Hear now the Mas - ter's word To those who hear his



- broad, The Fa - ther's ev - er - last - ing love In  
high; To live our hu - man life he came, Our  
grave His own a - bun - dant life he gives To  
name: "So send I you til all have heard, Make



Christ the ris - en Lord. For neigh - bors near and far The  
hu - man death to die. The Fa - ther's on - ly Son Be -  
those he died to save. His right - eous - ness and peace De -  
known, de - clare, pro - claim!" Go forth in all the earth; Em -



seed of life is sown; Then spread the seed By  
- came the sin - ners' friend, Our lot to share, Our  
- clare from sea to sea; His prais - es sound The  
- brace the path he trod With Christ be - side As



word and deed To make the Sav - ior known.  
sin to bear. And death's do - min - ion end.  
world a - round For Christ has made us free.  
friend and guide To bring good news of God.

*A warm welcome to our visitors.  
May the Lord bless  
your worship with us today!*

- If you are visiting, please do us the honor of filling out a connection card, located on the podium near the entrance to the sanctuary. After filling it out, please hand it to an usher, place it in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary, or give it to the pastor.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Restrooms are located through the gathering area, down the hallway to your left.
- We will not pass the offering plate during the service. Feel free to give an offering online at our website: ([www.christredeemer.church](http://www.christredeemer.church)), scan the QR code to the right, or place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational Meeting:** Between services today, to inform and get feedback on School opportunities and parking lot issues.

**Calling All Softball Players!** The area WELS churches are gathering for a coed softball tournament on Saturday, July 10. We would love to get a team together from COR! Men and women are invited and encouraged to play—and if you have a friend that would be interested, bring them as well! Contact Pastor Engelbrecht to let him know that you are interested.

**Are you willing to host?** Two couples from the Midwest are coming out to help with our soccer camp this year. They will need a place to stay during the week of the camp (July 24-30). Would you be willing to host one or both of the couples? If you have questions or are willing and able to host, please let Pastor know as soon as possible.

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