

# ✠ The Ascension of Our Lord ✠

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**Sheboygan Area Congregations of  
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod  
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## **HYMN 525 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.
  
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies won  
Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever flows,  
The babe of Bethlehem.
  
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.

- 4      Crown Him the Lord of life,  
           Who triumphed o'er the grave  
 And rose victorious in the strife  
           For those He came to save.  
 His glories now we sing,  
           Who died and rose on high,  
 Who died eternal life to bring  
           And lives that death may die.
- 5      Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
           Enthroned in worlds above,  
 Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
           The wondrous name of Love.  
 Crown Him with many crowns  
           As thrones before Him fall;  
 Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
           For He is king of all.

#### INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

#### CONFESSION OF SINS

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us, then, confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sin-

ful 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.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

**C** Amen.

#### INTROIT

**P** God has ascended amid shouts of joy,  
**C** the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

**P** The Lord says to my Lord:  
**C** "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

**P** The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind:  
**C** "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

**P** The Lord is at your right hand;  
**C** he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.  
God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

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**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE page 154 "Glory to God in the highest"**

**P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C** Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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

**C** **Amen.**

**FIRST READING Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 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. 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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know

times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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."

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. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 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.**

#### **GRADUAL**

**P** Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

**C** **He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;  
He has put all things under His feet.**

#### **EPISTLE READING Ephesians 1:15-23**

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 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, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 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. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, 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.**

#### **THE HOLY GOSPEL St. Luke 24:44-53**

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

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

### **HYMN 493 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"**

- 1      A hymn of glory let us sing!  
         New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
             Alleluia, alleluia!  
         Christ, by a road before untrod,  
         Ascends unto the throne of God.  
             Alleluia, alleluia!  
             Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
  
- 2      The holy apostolic band



Upon the Mount of Olives stand.

Alleluia, alleluia!

And with His faithful foll'wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 To them the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"

Alleluia, alleluia!

"This is the Savior," thus they say;

"This is His glorious triumph day!"

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 "You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky."

Alleluia, alleluia!

"Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty."

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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### **THE APOSTLES' CREED *page 159***

**☐ 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.**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**☐ 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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you ✠ peace.

**C** Amen.

### **HYMN 655 “Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

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