



**St. Luke Lutheran Church and
Lutheran Campus Ministry**
Holy Communion



The Ascension of Our Lord (transferred)
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 21, 2023
10:00 AM

YOU are welcome here! As a Reconciling in Christ Congregation, the people of St. Luke Lutheran Church are called by God to be a community...because we believe we are one in God's eyes, we welcome the mix of ages, races, gender identities, physical and mental capabilities, and sexual orientations with which God's children are blessed. Everyone is invited to share in God's grace. We rejoice in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus--not our wealth, nor our poverty, nor our nationality, nor our political convictions, nor whom we love, nor anything else in all creation.

Everything you need for worship today is contained in this bulletin.

*All are invited to stand as able / Items in **bold** are spoken or sung by the assembly.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

Introductions to next Sunday's Hymn of the Day and today's Gathering Hymn.

WORD OF WELCOME

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ...are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters...

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

*PEACE

The presiding minister will offer a word of peace and the assembly responds:

And also with you.

***GATHERING HYMN LBW 159** Up through Endless Ranks of Angels



1 Up through end - less ranks of an - gels, cries of tri - umph
 2 Death-de - stroy - ing, life - re - stor - ing, prov - en e - qual
 3 To our lives of wan - ton wan - d'ring send your prom - ised
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to breathe the



in his ears, to his heav'n - ly throne as - cend - ing,
 to our need, now for us be - fore the Fa - ther
 Spir - it guide; through our lives of fear and fail - ure
 Spir - it's grace! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



hav - ing van - quished all their fears, Christ looks down up -
 as our broth - er in - ter - cede; flesh that for our
 with your pow'r and love a - bide; wel - come us, as
 Oh, to see the Fa - ther's face! Al - le - lu - ia!



on his faith - ful, leav - ing them in hap - py tears.
 world was wound - ed, liv - ing, for the wound - ed plead!
 you were wel - comed, to an end - less Eas - ter - tide.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Oh, to feel the Son's em - brace!

*GREETING

The presiding minister will greet the assembly and the assembly responds:

And also with you.

*KYRIE

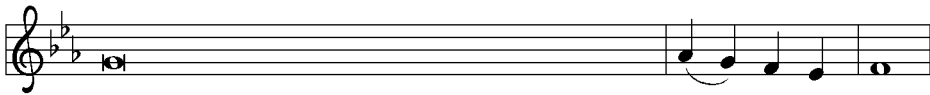
Setting One



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



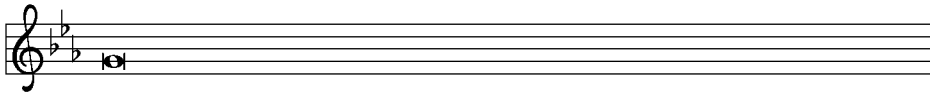
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



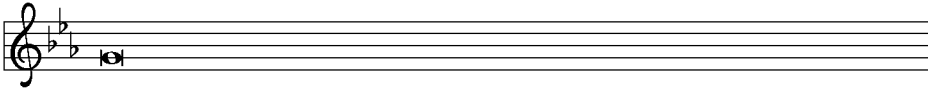
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** This is the Feast

Setting One

Refrain

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

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assisting minister offers the prayer of the day and the assembly responds:

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

PSALM 47 *The psalm is sung responsively.*

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

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

³who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;

**⁴who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.**

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

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

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

**⁸God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God is en- | throned on high.**

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted.

**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 for- | ever. Amen.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work 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 age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting One

The assembly sings the acclamation and repeats it after the assisting minister proclaims the verse of the day.

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

*GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

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

Glorify to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been 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 was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

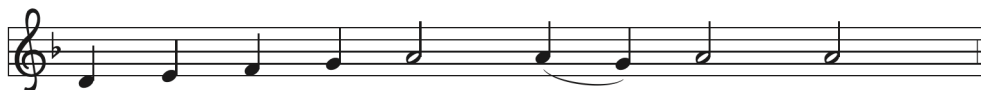
***HYMN OF THE DAY 954** You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd PICARDY



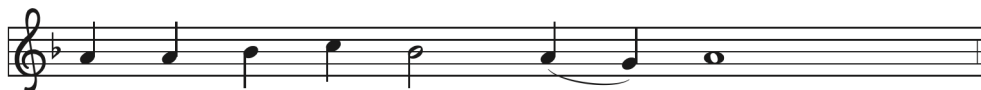
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



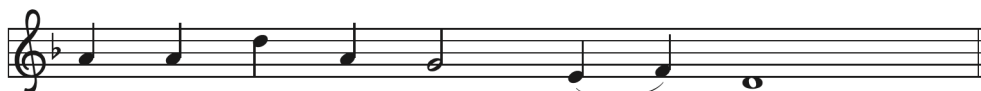
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

***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

*The response to the petitions, which all end “Hear Us, O God” is “Your mercy is great.”
After the pastor offers a concluding prayer, all respond: **Amen.***

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering is taken to support the mission of the church and the care of those in need. An usher will bring a basket or plate to you, or you may drop your offering in the plates on the table near the back row upon entering or leaving. Offerings can also be made using the QR code or visiting stlukeithaca.org and clicking “donate” in the top right corner.



SETTING THE TABLE

As we prepare the table for the celebration of Holy Communion, the offering is gathered as a musical offering is given.

Picardy

French Folk Tune

*ASSEMBLY OFFERTORY SONG 966 Loaves Were Broken JOYOUS LIGHT STANZA ONE

The assembly stands as the offering and the gifts of bread and wine are brought forward

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.
Jesus, Bread of life from heaven, was their food forevermore.
By your body broken for us, by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

The assisting minister will lead an offering prayer and the assembly responds: Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Setting One

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

***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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

***LAMB OF GOD**

Setting One



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -



way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robbed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

*TABLE BLESSING

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE 388 (Sung three times)

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first instance of the musical score for the Post Communion Canticle 388. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: "Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!". The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment with chords and moving lines. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4.

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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The assisting minister will lead the Prayer after Communion and the assembly responds: **Amen.***

SENDING

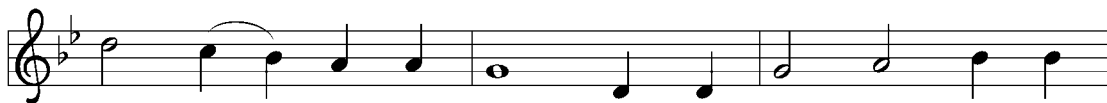
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING** *The assembly responds: **Amen.

***SENDING HYMN 475** Lord, Enthroned in Heav'nly Splendor BRYN CALFARIA



1 Lord, en - throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 2 Though the low - liest form now veil you as of
 3 Pas - chal Lamb, your of - f'ring, fin - ished once for
 4 Life - im - part - ing heav'n - ly man - na, strick - en



got - ten from the dead, you a - lone, our strong de -
 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there your an - gels
 all when you were slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 rock with stream - ing side, heav'n and earth with loud ho -



fend - er, lift - ing up your peo - ple's head. Al - le -
 hail you, branch and flow'r of Jes - se's stem. Al - le -
 min - ished shall for - ev - er - more re - main, Al - le -
 san - na wor - ship you, the Lamb who died, Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus, true and
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! We in wor - ship
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! cleans - ing souls from
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! ris'n, as - cend - ed,



liv - ing bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 join with them; we in wor - ship join with them.
 ev - 'ry stain; cleans - ing souls from ev - 'ry stain.
 glo - ri - fied; ris'n, as - cend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Psalm 20 (Homage to Marcello)

Gordon Young

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

St. Luke Ministers:	All the people of this Community
Assisting Minister:	Sophie Sparrow
Reader:	Anna Roberts
Webcast:	Andy Antal
Music Director:	Erik Kibelsbeck
Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Jason R. Churchill

The flowers are given in to the Glory of God by the Ekdahls.

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UPCOMING READINGS

The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

Monday

Psalm 99
Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24
1 Peter 4:1-6

Tuesday

Psalm 99
Numbers 16:41-50
1 Peter 4:7-11

Wednesday

Psalm 99
1 Kings 8:54-65
John 3:31-36

Thursday

Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:1-9a
Acts 2:1-11

Friday

Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 19:16-25
Romans 8:14-17

Saturday

Psalm 33:12-22
Exodus 20:1-21
Matthew 5:1-12

THE READINGS IN THE BIBLE

Acts 1:1-11

Luke began his second volume by telling with different details the narrative that concluded his first volume. In this version, Luke introduced the biblical imagery of forty days to indicate a time pregnant with religious power. Jesus sends the apostles out “to the ends of the earth,” and angelic figures appear. The narrative indicates the Holy Spirit’s continuing presence in the church.

On Ascension Day, the church sings an ancient enthronement song, **Psalm 47**. Going “up” probably originally referred to the Ark of the Covenant being carried in procession, and throughout the royal psalm, the king is imagined as “up,” “over,” and “highly exalted.” According to many ancient royal cosmologies, the king is high up on the pyramid, directly under the divinity, who is at the very top. (The common people support the pyramid on their backs and thus need to keep to their place, lest the entire pyramid topple down around them.) Christians use the image of God on high to praise Christ as the awesome one.

Ephesians 1:15-23

Ephesians, a late first-century general letter written under the name of Paul, perhaps to the church in Ephesus, relies on some non-Pauline terms and themes in its opening prayer, which refers to Christ seated at God’s right hand “in the heavenly places.” In contrast to Paul, who described the church as Christ’s body, Ephesians depicts Christ as the head of a body, which is the church.

Luke 24:44-53

The Gospel of Luke concludes with the commissioning of the disciples and the literal ascension of the risen Christ from the earth to God in heaven, both occurring at Easter. The book of 2 Kings had narrated the ascension of Elijah to heaven. Invoking a cosmology that was to educated persons already archaic in his time, Luke uses the term “heaven” to suggest a spatial realm above the flat earth inhabited by God and the angels.

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