

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

The Ascension of Our Lord (transferred)
Sunday, May 12, 2024
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.

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are 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.

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

Adagio molto

Alexandre Guilmant

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.

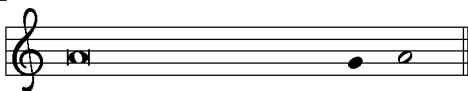
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***GREETING**

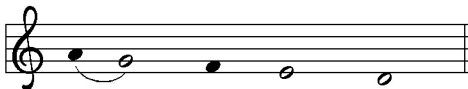
The presiding minister will greet the assembly and the assembly responds:
And also with you.

***KYRIE**

Setting Four



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



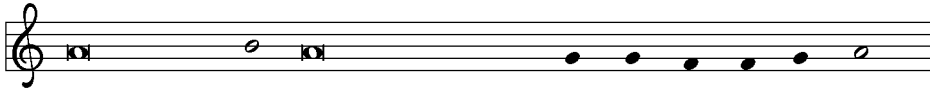
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

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

Setting Four



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and 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, for the Lamb who was slain



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

⁸**God 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

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for the acclamation 'Alleluia'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is written in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!' are written below the treble staff. The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the acclamation.

Go and make disciples of all nations, | says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the end | of the age.

***GOSPEL**

Luke 24:44-53

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

Glory 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, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S TIME

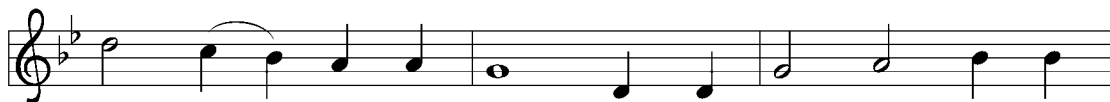
SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY 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!

***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 "God of Grace," is
Hear our prayer.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

An offering supports the mission of the church, and the care of those in need. Offerings can be given online at stlukeithaca.org



OFFERTORY

Dona Nobis Pacem - Grant Us Peace

J. S. Bach

The annual anthem for the conclusion of the choir season—with a bonus week next week for Pentecost.

*CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY 481 Come to the Table of Mercy



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

***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 Four



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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

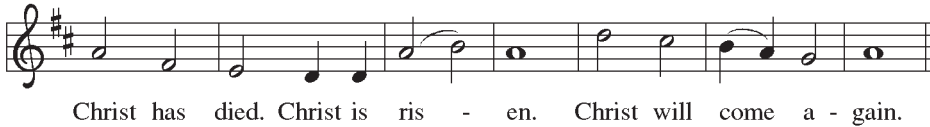


in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Including the following responses:

...Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:



...O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.



*THE 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

**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

At St. Luke, all are welcome to the table Christ without exception. Please make your way forward to the kneelers around the altar by exiting the center aisle and coming up the steps. To the right of the steps is a lift if you need assistance. As you gather around the altar you may stand or kneel, bread is received in your hands, let the presider know if you would like a gluten free wafer. Cups are available as you approach the altar. To return to your seats, please exit after receiving the wine or juice via the side steps and aisles, leaving the cup in the basket provided. If you wish to receive communion at your seat, please tell the ushers.

*LAMB OF GOD

Setting Four



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.

COMMUNION HYMN 393 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Please use the hymnal in the pews for this hymn.

*TABLE BLESSING

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



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



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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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.

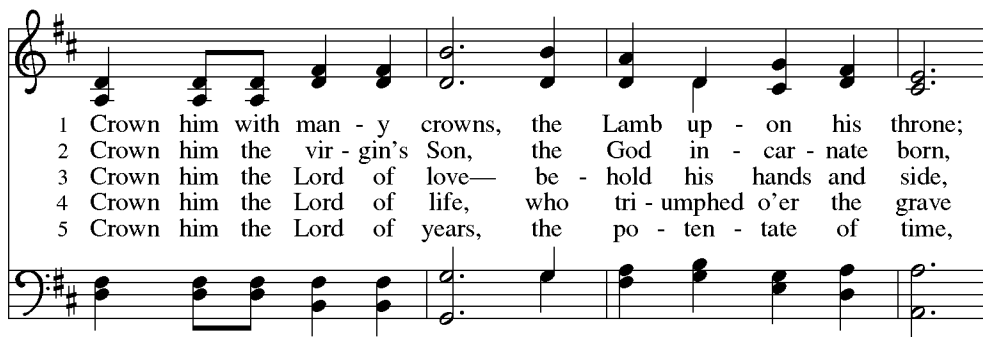
***BLESSING** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

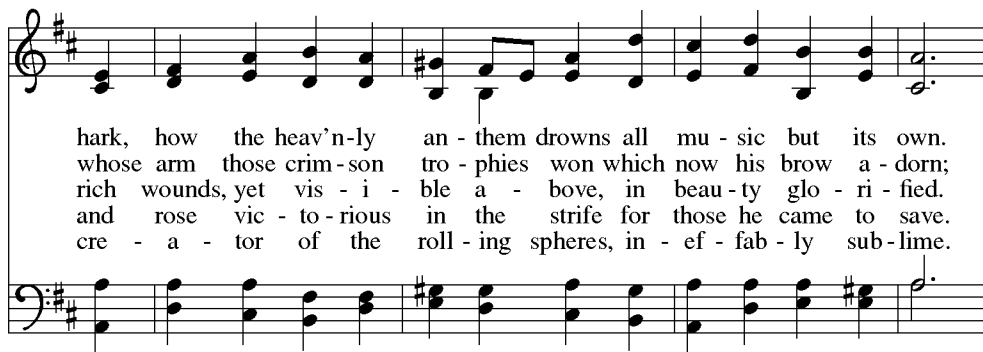
...bless you now and always. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns

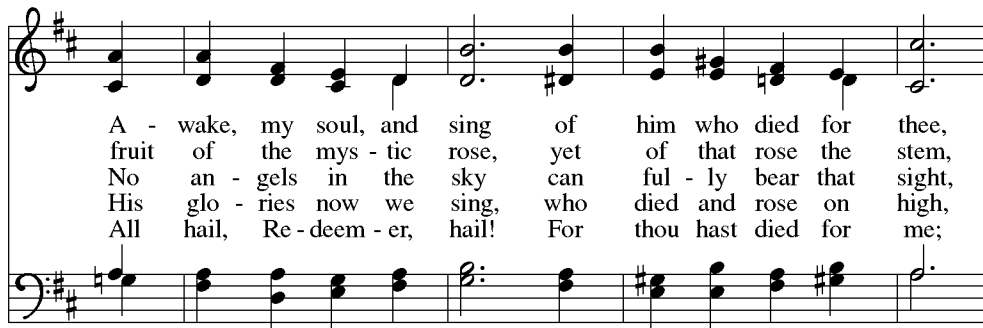
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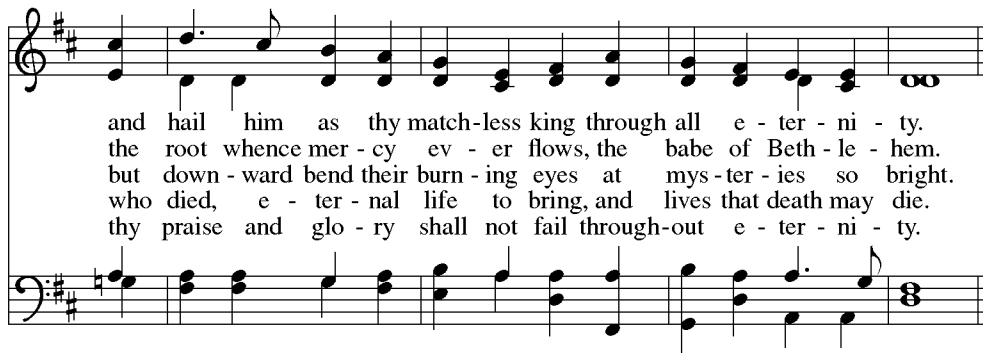
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of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

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

St. Luke Ministers:	All the people of this Community
Assisting Minister:	Jeff Snedeker
Reader:	David Wohlhueter
Ushers:	Luke Dewalt and Janelle Alvstad-Mattson
Coffee time:	LEAD team
Music Director:	Erik Kibelsbeck
Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Jason R. Churchill

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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CALENDAR

Mon., May 13	9-1 Open Doors
Tues., May 14	12:15 PM Bible Study 1-3 PM Open Doors
Fri., May 17	Last Day of Study Hours
Sun. May 19	10 AM Pentecost Personal Care Kits Assembly
Sun. May 26	10 AM The Holy Trinity
Sun. Jun 2	10 AM service and picnic at Stewart Park

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR: Ronald, Joyce, Casandra, and Kevin.

STUDY HOURS HOSTS --Please check the signups in the narthex for any remaining areas of need. Thanks to all who have signed up!

THE MAY RED WAGON FOOD ITEM: Canned beans.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PERSONAL CARE KITS Please help us assemble kits on Sunday, May 19th!

JUNE 2 WORSHIP followed by picnic at the STEWART PARK small pavilion. No service on Oak Avenue that morning. Note last summer's picnic was at Cass Park, so don't go back to the same place! A signup (online only due to staff vacation) to coordinate dish to pass is coming, watch the newsletter.

BEER AND LUTHER - ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

We have some adults that have yet to experience the joys of Lutheran Confirmation, and we also have some that might like to re-live (read this as "get a refresher course") in all things Luther. So, at noon on the second Sundays of June, July, and August, we will have Adult Confirmation class: Beer and Luther. Everyone is invited to participate. Beer garden location TBA.

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. --though this week transferring Ascension to Sunday makes this not as true as usual!

Monday

Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 7:1-11
1 Timothy 6:11-12
Tuesday
Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 11:1-17
1 Timothy 6:13-16

Wednesday

Psalm 93
Deuteronomy 11:18-21
Mark 16:19-20
Thursday/Ascension of Our Lord
Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Friday

Psalm 47
Exodus 24:15-18
Revelation 1:9-18
Saturday
Psalm 47
Deuteronomy 34:1-7
John 16:4-11

THE READINGS IN THE BIBLE

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.

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.

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