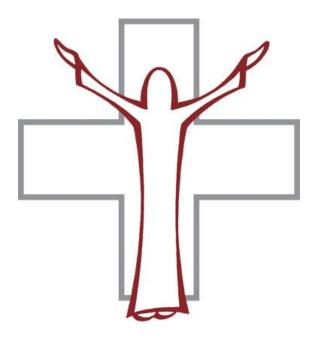
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod

The Ascension of Our Lord (observed)

June 1, 2025
Divine Service, Setting Two – LSB 167
8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm
*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube



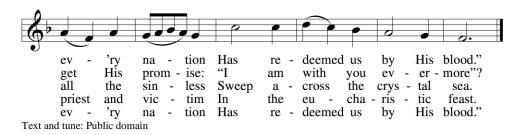
AS WE GATHER Christ Ascended Is With You Always

In His resurrection, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, "appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). Then He ascended to the right hand of the Father, not orphaning His Church, but filling all things in heaven and on earth, and giving gifts to His disciples. So today, He continues to preach "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47) through "the apostles whom he had chosen" (Acts 1:2), even "to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Jesus comes among us today by His Word and Spirit, whom He pours out upon "the church, which is his body" (Eph. 1:22–23). In His Church, He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself "in the heavenly places" (Eph. 1:20).

+++GATHERING+++

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – Christ High-Ascended, Now in Glory Seated (arr. Michael D. Costello)





INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

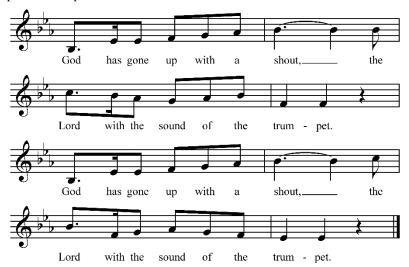
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved 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.
- 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 Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+++ WORD +++

INTROIT - Psalm 110:1, 4-5; antiphon: Psalm 47:5

The cantor/choir sings the antiphon, followed by the congregation.

The congregation repeats the antiphon after the verses.



The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool."

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizidek."

The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath. **ANTIPHON**

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. ANTIPHON



Lord, have mer - cy.

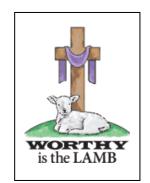


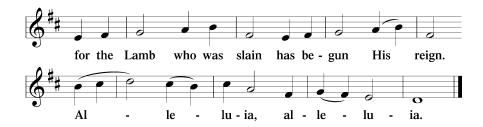
Today Jesus Christ our Lord went up to heaven; let our hearts go up with him...Just as he ascended without leaving us, so too we are already with him in heaven, although his promises have not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.
-Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

HYMN OF PRAISE – LSB 171 – This is the Feast – Revelation. 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Cantor/Choir: This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!







SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY- 2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

FIRST LESSON – Acts 1:1–11 – Angels promise that Jesus will return and that Jesus' followers are witnesses.

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.

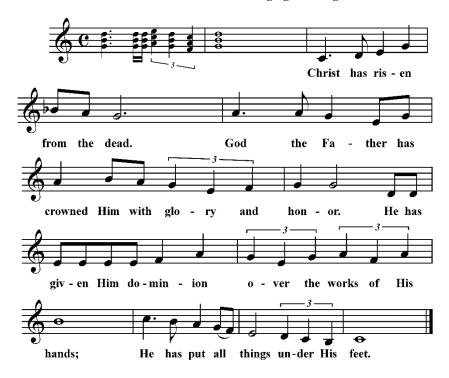
And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



GRADUAL – Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6 – The congregation sings all.



EPISTLE – **Ephesians 1:15–23** – Paul thanks God that we know the power of Christ over all things.

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.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE – *Romans* 6:9; *Matthew* 28:20*b*

The congregation sings the refrain before and after each verse

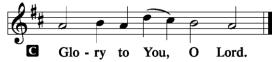


Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **REFRAIN**

Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL – **Luke 24:44**–53 – Jesus commands forgiveness to be proclaimed, and then ascends in front of the disciples.

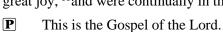
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

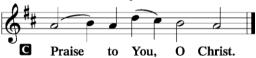


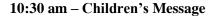
⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be

fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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."

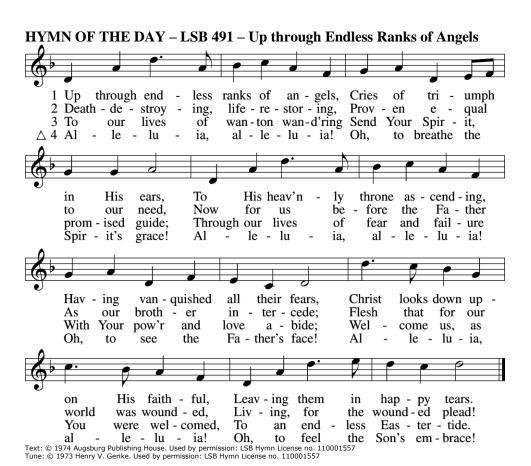
⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.











SERMON - Ascended but Present - Ephesians 1:15-23

8:00 am - NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

10:30 am & 5:00 pm - APOSTLES' CREED

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.

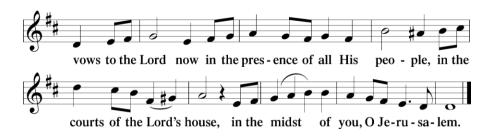
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- **A** ... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

OFFERING – The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns (arr. Stephen Weber)





10:30 am & 5 pm – Continue with the **Lord's Prayer** (page 13) and conclude with the **Benediction and Hymn to Depart** (pages 17-18).

+ + SACRAMENT + + + beginning at LSB 177



For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- **P** ... So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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;

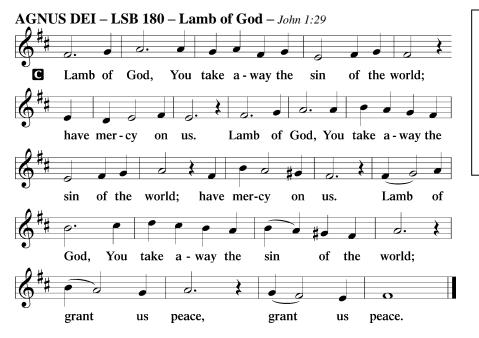
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C Amen.

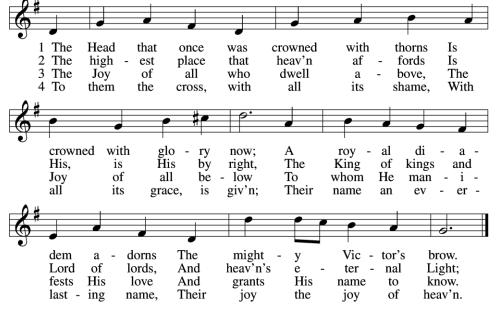




DISTRIBUTION

Anthem – *Beautiful Savior* (arr. Robert E. Lee)

HYMN – LSB 532 – The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns



Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free** wafers, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a trace amount of wine*, is available in the center of the tray.

Beautiful Savior

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son, Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

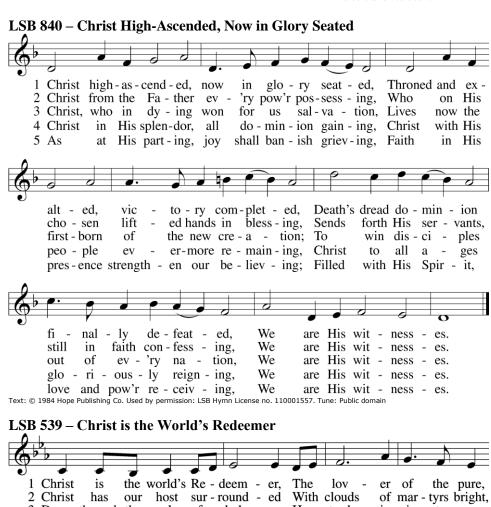
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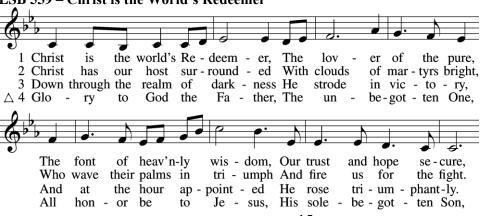
meadows,
Fairer still the
woodlands,
Robed in the
blooming garb of
spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the
woeful heart to sing.

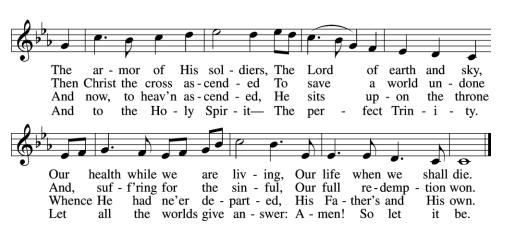
Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the
nations!
Son of God and Son
of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
Now and forever
more be Thine.

5 They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above, Their profit and their joy to know The myst'ry of His love. 6 The cross He bore is life and health,
Though shame and death to Him:
His people's hope, His people's wealth,
Their everlasting theme.

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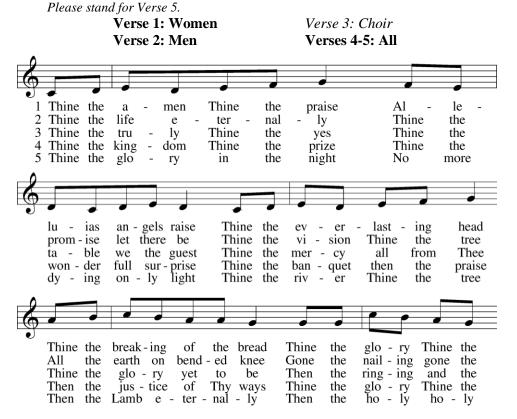


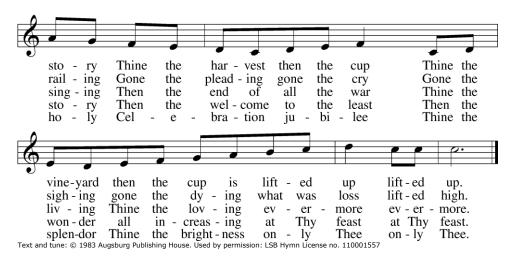




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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – LSB 680 – Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise





POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P ... one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.
- P Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



HYMN TO DEPART - LSB 493 - A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing



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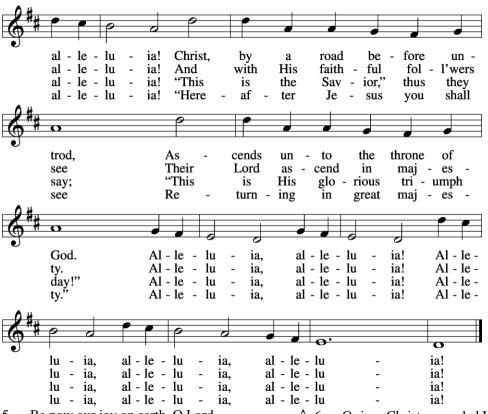
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing – harmonization by John Rutter

Gradual: "Christ Has Risen From the Dead" – Setting: Jonathan Mueller

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Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels – descant by Bruce Bengston

Post-Communion Hymn: "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" – Setting: Carl Schalk



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!

 \triangle 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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RECOGNITION and BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

POST-SERVICE MUSIC – *Toccata in Seven* (John Rutter)

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The flowers today are given to the glory of God

- (on the altar) by **Richard A'Hern**, in loving memory of his late wife, Janet A'Hern (Feb. 25, 1947 – May 29, 2016),
- (on the stand) in honor of Loren & Sue Marley. who were married here at Faith on June 1, 1975.

TODAY: SUNDAY, June 1

11:30am **Acolyte Training** (sanctuary)

MONDAY, June 2

5:30pm School Board 6:30pm Stewardship Team

TUESDAY, June 3

9:00am Playgroup 1:00pm Fellowship Ministry Team 6:15pm Men's Softball (Twin Lakes, F4)

THURSDAY, June 5 6:30pm Elders

NEXT SUNDAY, June 8





- Pentecost
- Commissioning of Spirit Camp staff (for adults and Servanteens; choose 8:00 or 10:30 am)
- Spirit Camp Orientation (for adults and Servanteens; 11:30 am)





Through Sunday, June 15 help us support our LCMS Missions with an in-gathering of books for the **Little Lambs Preschool** in Valley of Peace, Belize.

Board books, chapter books, and books of all kinds (not only for preschoolers) will be lovingly added to their growing library to help

the students and community learn English. Donations may be left underneath the coat rack in the narthex. Duplicates will be used at other mission sites around Belize, or given to families for use at home.

CELEBRATING LIFE

We're collecting items to benefit IU Health Bloomington Hospital Community Health's Family Vitality program, which supports pregnant individuals navigating substance use disorder. This program offers individual and group therapy, plus personalized care with an OB nurse practitioner.

Let's help these moms and babies feel supported and celebrated. Our goal: fill the pack and play in the narthex by Father's Day!

Questions?

Contact the Health and Human Care

Ministry Team: scschaef@iu.edu

Most-needed items:

(new or gently used in very good condition)

- Sleepers (0–3m preferred)
- · Pack/Play sheets
- · Crib sheets
- · Nursing boppy pillows
- · Cabinet locks, doorknob & outlet covers
- · Chunky children's board books
- · Nipple butter or gel
- · Gel nipple shields
- · Faja (post-surgery compression garment)
- · Body butter or lotion
- · Bath bombs for moms

Drop-off location: Pack and play in the narthex **Deadline**: Sunday June 15th



SUNDAY, June 15 Holy Trinity Sunday



WEDNESDAY, June 18

6:00-8:00pm **CPR/AED class** (sign up at FaithBtown.org or via Friday@Faith)

WEDNESDAYS, beginning June 18

Summer Midweek Bible study – choose your preferred time:

- 6:30 am at Cloverleaf South
- 10:00 am **at church**



SUNDAY, August 10 Christian Education Sunday

SATURDAY, August 16 9:30am – Noon **Congregational Summit**

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