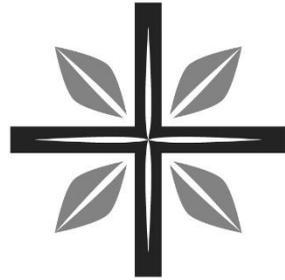


St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Large print service folders, assisted listening devices, children's service folders and children's worship notes are available from the ushers.
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- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- As the offering is received, members and guests are asked to sign the Friendship Register. Please pass the register to your neighbor and then return it to the center aisle. Visitors are also asked to fill out a guest card and give it to an usher.

Ascension

May 30, 2019

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Glory Be to God the Father

Christian Worship 239

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE FOR ASCENSION

M: Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. *Hebrews 3:1*

C: **Since we have such a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.**

M: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin.

C: **Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.** *Hebrews 5:14-16*

M: Such a high priest meets our need – one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.

C: **Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people.**

M: He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. *Hebrews 7:26, 27*

C: **We do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven.** *Hebrews 8:1a*



Hail the day that sees him rise To his
See, the heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Yet he
Still for us he in - ter - cedes; His pre -



throne a - bove the skies! Christ, the Lamb for
loves the earth he leaves; Though re - turn - ing
vail - ing death he pleads. He, the first of



sin - ners giv'n, Re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n.
to his throne, Still he calls man - kind his own.
all our race, Near him - self pre - pares a place.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

Advent Reading

Luke 3:1-6

Gospel for the Second Sunday in Advent

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the desert,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.
The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.
And all mankind will see God’s salvation.’ ”

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Response to the Word

Adult Choir

Isaiah the Prophet

by Joy F. Patterson and Daniel C. Nelson

Isaiah the prophet has written of old
How God’s new creation shall come.
Instead of the thorn tree, the fir tree shall grow;
The wolf shall lie down with the lamb.
The mountains and hills shall burst forth into song,
The peoples be led forth in peace,
For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of God
As the waters cover the sea.

Yet nations still prey on the meek of the world,
And conflict turns parent from child.
Your people despoil all the sweetness of earth;
The briar and the thorn tree grow wild.
God, bring to fruition your will for the earth,
That no one shall hurt or destroy,
That wisdom and justice shall reign in the land
And your people shall go forth in joy.

Christmas Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Gospel for Christmas Eve

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who

was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward me.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Response to the Word

Adult Choir

Fum, Fum, Fum

arranged by Howard Helvey

On this joyful Christmas Day sing fum, fum, fum.

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For a blessed Babe was born upon this day at the break of morn;

In a manger poor and lowly lay the Son of God most holy. Fum, fum, fum!

Give thanks to God this holy day; sing fum, fum, fum.

Give thanks to God this holy day; sing fum, fum, fum.

Now we all our voices raise and sing a song of grateful praise.

Celebrate in song and story all the wonders of his glory. Fum, fum, fum!

Birds that live within the forest, fum, fum, fum.

Birds that live within the forest, fum, fum, fum.

All you fledgling leave behind, and seek the infant Savior kind.

Build, as well as you are able, downy nest to be his cradle; fum, fum, fum!

Praise we now the Lord above; sing fum, fum, fum.
Praise we now the Lord above; sing fum, fum, fum.
For upon this day at morn the wond'rous Son of God was born.
In a manger poor and lowly lay the blessed Babe most holy. Fum, fum, fum!

Epiphany Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Gospel for Epiphany

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

" 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.' "

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Response to the Word

Adult Choir

Praise God With Song

edited by David Cherwein

Praise God with song, you earthly throng, all nations praise with singing.
God's grace ordains, with mercy reigns, glad loving-kindness bringing.
What God has vowed, it withers not, God's word remains unceasing.
So sing we aloud with joyful sound, with eternal anthem voicing. Alleluia, rejoicing.

Gospel for Transfiguration

About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, “Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters – one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Response to the Word*Adult Choir***Jesus on the Mountain Peak***setting by John Eggert*

Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;
Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia!

Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Eljiah speaking.
All the prophets and the law shout through them their joyful greeting: Alleluia!

Swift the cloud of glory came: God proclaiming in its thunder
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder, alleluia!

This is God’s beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before him,
First and last and only one. All creation shall adore him! Alleluia!

Gospel for the Fifth Sunday in Lent

He went on to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

“Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.’

“But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. ‘This is the heir,’ they said. ‘Let’s kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.’ So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

“What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others.”

When the people heard this, they said, “May this never be!”

Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone’?”

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.”

The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Response to the Word*Adult Choir***For God So Loved the World***edited by William Braun*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
That whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Easter Reading**Luke 24:1-12***Gospel for Easter*

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead?”

He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Response to the Word

Adult Choir

Easter Alleluias!

by John A. Behnke

Alleluia! He is arisen from the grave, alleluia!

Where have they taken my Jesus?
Where have they taken my Lord?
He is arisen from the grave. Alleluia!

Death is swallowed up in death.
See, the tomb is empty now. Alleluia!
He is arisen from the grave. Alleluia!

Ascension Reading

Luke 24:44-53

Gospel for Ascension

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Response to the Word

Adult Choir & Congregation

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arranged by Carlton R. Young

**C: Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heav'ny 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.**

Choir: 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.

Choir: Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
Fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

**C: Crown him the Lord of love. Behold his hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

Ascension Message

Offering

*The members of St. John's have joined together to do the Lord's work
in our community and around the world, and our offerings are
a joyful response of our faith. To submit your offering electronically,
scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/giving. If you are a visitor today,
you are welcome but not obligated to give an offering.*



Please stand

Prayer of the Church for Ascension

M: Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as the eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: **We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.**

M: O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious gospel message of God's love for all the world.

C: **Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.**

M: O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's rich blessings in our everyday lives.

C: **Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.**

M: O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your Church.

C: **You are our Lord, Master, and King.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

M: As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.

C: **Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

C: **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. Amen.**

Be seated

Hymn

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build *Christian Worship 173*

Please stand

M: Father of glory, your Son ascended to heaven and now sits in majesty at your right hand. Increase in us patient trust as we wait for the fullness of this glory and majesty to be revealed when he returns again in triumph on the Last Day. Until that day, clothe us with your Spirit that we may proclaim your Kingdom and lift up the name of your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: 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.

Be seated

Closing Hymn

On Galilee's High Mountain *Christian Worship 557*

Announcements

Postlude

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