

ASCENSION SUNDAY



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LUTHERAN CHURCH
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” Red Book 860, Verses 1, 2, 3

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, †one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

LA: To you, O God,

All hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection.

Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and elevate us to justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness shown in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

P: As tender as a loving parent is to a child, so deep is God’s compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God’s love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ, and freeing you from guilt and shame. Blessed be God whose mercy and love prepares you to love your neighbor as yourself. **Blessed be God forever.**

REPRISE: “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me ” Red Book 860, Verses 3, 2, 1

PRAYER

LA: God, our healer and our refuge, **we pray for all who suffer from gun violence.** Comfort all mourners and speed healing to the wounded. With your might, **empower us to change this broken world.** Make us advocates for a stable society, **alive with hope in you.** We ask this through the one who suffered violence and now stands with us in our sorrow, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, **Amen.**

The scripture readings below come from a new lectionary developed by Wilda C. Gafney, a Hebrew biblical scholar and Episcopal priest, a former Army chaplain, and congregational pastor in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church (New York, NY: Church Publishing, 2021) exposes us to stories, persons, and verses often neglected in Christian worship and study. At times the gender of God will be named in the feminine (where the original language doesn't specify one way or the other) but will be male ("Father") especially when Jesus is speaking.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:3-5, 8-11a

Brittany Wilson

The First Reading is selected verses from the first chapter of the Book of Acts:

³Jesus presented himself to [the apostles], *living*, after his sufferings, through many convincing proofs, by appearing to them forty days and speaking about the reign of God. ⁴And staying with them, Jesus commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, rather to wait there for the promise of the Faithful God, “what you heard from me. ⁵For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from this one. ⁸[Y]ou will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

⁹And saying this, as they were watching Jesus was taken up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While they were gazing up toward heaven as Jesus was going, suddenly two in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Galileans, why are you standing looking up into heaven?”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 24:

25 Psalm 24: We Long to See Your Face

Refrain I



O God, this is the peo-ple that longs to see your face. O



God, this is the peo-ple that longs to see your face.

Refrain II



O-pen wide your gates; Let the King of Glo - ry in!



O-pen wide your gates; Let the King of Glo - ry in!

Verses

1. All the earth is yours, O God, the world and those who dwell on it.
You have founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
2. Who can ascend your mountain, God? Or who may stand in this holy place?
Those whose hands are sinless, hearts are clean, and desire not the vanity of earth.
3. They shall receive your blessing, God, their Savior shall reward them.
Such is the face that seeks for you, that seeks your face, O God of Jacob.

SECOND READING: Revelation: 3:20-22

Victoria Dowling

The Second Reading is taken from the book of Revelation, the third chapter:

[John of Patmos writes to the church at Laodicea in the voice of Jesus Christ]:

²⁰“Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and dine with you, and you with me. ²¹To the one who conquers I will give a place with me on my throne, just as I myself conquered and sat down with my Abba on God’s throne. ²²Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

INTRO (♩. = 76-80)

Capo 3: (G) Bb (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7 (C/D) Eb/F (G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb

(Keybd)

REFRAIN

(G) Bb (C/D) Eb/F (C/D) Eb/F All (G) Bb (Bm7) Dm7 (C) Eb (Cm) Ebm

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -

(G) Bb (Bm7) Dm7 (C) Eb (Cm) Ebm 1 (G/D) Bb/F (Em7) Gm7

lu - ia! Give the glo - ry and the

(A7) C7 (D) F (A7) C7 (D) F (D7) F7 (C/D) Eb/F

hon - or to the Lord! Al - le -

2 (G/D) Bb/F (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7 (C/D) Eb/F (G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb (G) Bb (G7) Bb7 to Verse(s)

glo - ry and the hon - or to the Lord!

Final (G/D) Bb/F (Em7) Gm7 (A7) C7 (C/D) Eb/F (G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb (G) Bb Fine

glo - ry and the hon - or to the Lord!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:46-53

Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland

The Gospel from the Book of Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶Then Jesus said to them, “So it is written, the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Now look! I am sending you the promise of my Abba. You all stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰Then Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, Jesus retreated from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they bowed down and worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were in the temple every day blessing God.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE WITH CHILDREN: “Summertime Noisy Offering”

During these summertime months, we aim to fill the change jar to the very top. The money gathered will help with our Fearless and Faithful Campaign to renovate the church so that it may be more accessible and hospitable for the congregation and the community it serves.

SERMON: “Elevate Us, Gracious God”

Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland

SERMON SONG: "O Sprit All Embracing"

Prayer squares collected.



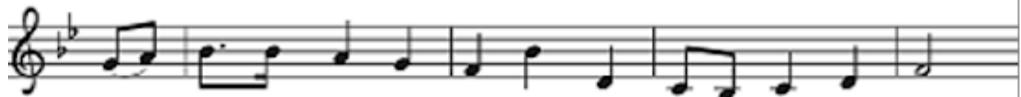
1 O Spir - it all-em-brac-ing and coun-sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz-ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac-ing a shore - less sea of skies;
you show your - self a - maz-ing in un - ex - pect - ed place,
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died;



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plo - re you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

THE MAASAI CREED (1960)

All

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created [man] and wanted [man] to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He was buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from that grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

SONG: "If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers"

Verses 1-3



If we just talk _____ of thoughts and prayers _____
If we just dream _____ of what could be _____
If we just sing _____ of do - ing good _____
God, may our prayers _____ and dreams and songs _____



— And don't live out _____ a faith that dares, _____
— And do not build _____ com - mun - i - ty, _____
— And don't walk through _____ our neigh - bor - hood _____
— Lead to a faith _____ that takes on _____ wrongs -



— And don't take on _____ the ways of _____ death, _____
— And do not seek _____ to change our _____ ways, _____
— To learn its hope, _____ to ease its _____ pain, _____
— That works for peace _____ and just - ice, _____ too, _____



— Our thoughts and prayers _____ are fleet - ing breath. _____
— Our dreams of change _____ are false dis - plays. _____
— Our talk of good _____ is simp - ly _____ vain. _____
— Then will our prayers _____ bring joy to _____ you. _____

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG: "If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers"

Verse 4

THE PEACE IS SHARED

OFFERING

OFFERING SONG: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” Red Book 779

PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

LA: Gracious God, **all that we have, and all that we are, come from You. Accept these gifts as an expression of our faith and trust, to be used for the care of all in need. Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

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.**

Holy God, the universe declares your praise . . .

Words of Institution

. . . Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ had died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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

COMMUNION SONG: “I Received the Living God”

Red Book 477

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LA: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; because we follow Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BLESSING:

based on Romans 15

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of amazing grace † bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG: “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

**I’m so Glad Jesus lifted me
I’m so Glad Jesus lifted me
I’m so Glad Jesus lifted me
Singing Glory Hallelujah,
Jesus Lifted me.**

**On our way to the kingdom, Jesus lifts us up
On our way to the kingdom, Jesus lifts us up
On our way to the kingdom, Jesus lifts us up,
Singing Glory Hallelujah,
Jesus lifts us up.**

**Go, out into the world, In his holy name
Go, out into the world, in his holy name
Go, out into the world in his holy name
Singing Glory Hallelujah,
In His Holy Name**

DISMISSAL: Go in Peace. Elevated by the Holy Spirit! Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

PREACHER: Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: David Walker

READERS: Brittany Wilson, Victoria Dowling

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Cheryl, David, and Thomas Walker

ALTAR SET UP: Bill and Judy Standiford

USHERS: Dorothy Zeidler and Bill Tomczak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE

- **June 2nd at 6:30pm:** Redeemer hosts the Greater Milwaukee Synod RIC Pride Ministry worship!
- **June 3rd at 2:00pm:** Join Redeemer council and staff at the Pabst Mansion for our first summer gathering, we hope to see you there!
- **June 18th 8:00am-12:00pm:** Redeemer's Property Committee will be leading a church clean up. Work will include outdoor lawn/garden clean up, indoor deep cleaning, and repair of pews/furniture, etc. An informal lunch/BBQ will follow. If you are interested in helping with the church clean up, please contact Todd at toddkoch918@gmail.com or 918-728-0660.

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Redeemer's Food Pantry is in need of volunteers for the rest of May. Shifts are from 10:30am-12:00pm or 12:00pm to 1:15pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Joan Jacobs at jacobsje49@gmail.com.

THE FOOD PANTRY IS SEEKING DONATIONS!

- **Personal Hygiene Products:** The Food Pantry is in need of personal hygiene products (deodorant, soap, tooth brushes/paste, etc.). Donations can be dropped in the box in the Narthex or in the office.
- **Shopping Carts:** We are also seeking monetary donations to purchase shopping carts; each shopping cart costs \$50. If you'd like to donate a check or cash, please make sure to note that it is for "shopping carts."

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

- The Redeemer interest group is being led by Abby Schumwinger, abbyschumwinger@gmail.com or 414-217-4904.
- Inquiries re: co-sponsoring Afghan families can also be made directly to Lutheran Social Services at church.relations@lsswis.org.

MEAL TRAIN FOR MEREDITH SIPE-SUMNER

- In November 2021 Meredith was diagnosed stage 3 breast cancer. While she recovers, she has asked our church, family and friends to help with meals. If you would like to sign up to send a meal, please go to the following link: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/6de54d>. Questions? Please email megan.wesenberg222@gmail.com.

NAMI GROUPS

- **The Journey Support Group** for women who live with PTSD or C-PTSD will meet from 1:00pm-2:30 on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month beginning April 12th at Redeemer in the library.
 - Registration: Call 414-326-3454 or email theresa@namisoutheastwi.org
- **Family-to-Family** is a free, 8-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. It is a designated evidenced-based program. The group will meet at Redeemer Wednesdays starting April 13th-June 1st from 6:00-8:30pm.
 - Registration: email sschoenmarklin@namisoutheastwi.org or call 414-581-3746