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## **SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

**MAY 17, 2026 ✉ 9:30 AM**

**PREACHING TODAY:  
THE REV. KATY MORAN**



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**WELCOME TO ALL  
who join us today for worship!**

Most everything you need is printed in this bulletin. Hymns are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnal.

- **Rest room facilities** are located in the hallway south of the Atrium.
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- **Everyone's encouraged** to record your name on the attendance sheets found in the attendance folders at the end of each pew. Any special requests (prayers, visits, inclusion in mailings, etc.) may be written on these sheets.
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- **Extra offering envelopes** can be found in the back of the attendance folder.
- **Please silence** your cell phone or switch it to vibrate.

**\* The congregation please stand as you are able.**

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# ASCENSION OF LORD

**May 17, 2026**

## MUSIC FOR GATHERING

*Variations on "Coronation"*

Tune: Oliver Holden; Arr. Lani Smith

Joanne Vasey, organ

*Spring Ring!* - Tammy Waldrop

Parish Peal Handbell Choir

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Joyful, Joyful!* - Valerie Stephenson

Parish Peal Handbell Choir

### \* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C **Amen.**

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.*

P Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Jesus Christ,

you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy Spirit,

you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P Holy One,  
 we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.  
 We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C Amen.

**\* GATHERING HYMN**

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* - ELW #393

**\* GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

**\* KYRIE**

*Lord, Have Mercy*

ELW pp. 138-139

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 defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW pp. 140-141

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, 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.

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

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

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

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

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11**

Luke writes: <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> 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.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> 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.”

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> 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, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## \* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW p. 142

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53**

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup> 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.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> 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 <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> 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.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.

<sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

<sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

Charlene Rineer

**SERMON**

The Rev. Katy Moran

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus - ELW #392*

**\* THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

#### **\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**A** Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

**P** Gracious God, your Son Jesus ascended to fill all time and space and is present with all people. By your Holy Spirit, lead your church and its leaders in faith, hope, and love, and in sharing the presence of Christ. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**A** Majestic God, your Son Jesus entrusts his ministry to his followers to care for all you have created. Instill in us a commitment to sustainable ecological practices. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, your Son Jesus sits at your right hand and rules the cosmos. Inspire national and local politicians to lead with equity and fairness, raise up advocates and activists for those seeking justice, and cultivate peace throughout the world. Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

A Merciful God, your Son Jesus carries with him the scars of suffering as our wounded healer. Guide with your wisdom the work of surgeons, pharmacists, midwives, and all medical specialists, and bring your healing touch to all who are sick especially those we name aloud or in our hearts (*brief pause*). Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

P Caring God, your Son Jesus reveals the depths of your love and gathers all people to himself. Accompany us in our work and play to make your presence known in all that we do. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A Life-giving God, by his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus destroyed death forever. With thanksgiving we remember those who rest from the labors, assured of your promise of everlasting life. Merciful God,  
C **receive our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.  
C **Amen.**

### **\* SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

*(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)*

### **OFFERTORY INTERLUDE**

*Hope Eternal* - Edward Broughton  
Joanne Vasey, organ

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**\* DOXOLOGY**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds – ELW #367 (Stanza 4)*

**Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father, and our Lord,  
to Spirit blessed, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**\* OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A** Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,  
**C** **Amen.**

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

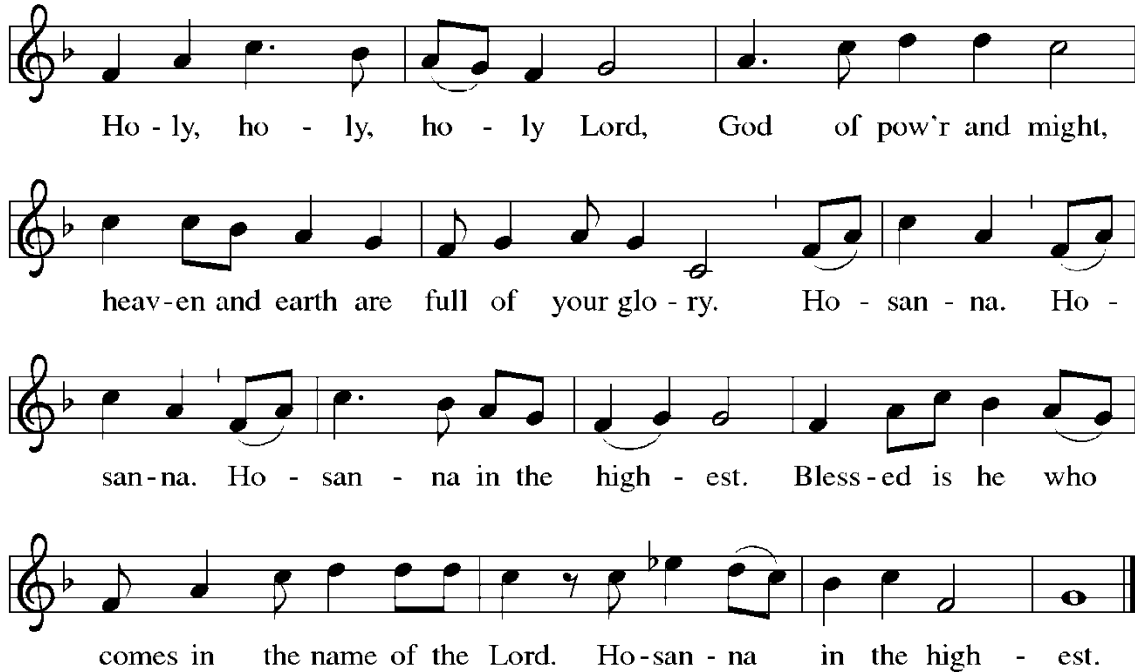
**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ; who, enthroned forever at your right hand, intercedes for us as our great high priest. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

P Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying:  
Your mercy endures forever.

C **Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures,  
granting them life and calling them to flourish,  
setting the sign of your bow in the clouds,  
the colors of your love and faithfulness.  
Your mercy endures forever.

C **Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old,  
blessing them with family outnumbering the stars  
and calling them to be a blessing to others,  
showing them steadfast love in every generation  
and calling them to be a light to the nations.  
Your mercy endures forever.

C **Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved,  
grafting us into your living vine,  
and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness.  
Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.

P With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus,  
in your Spirit, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

**C 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.**

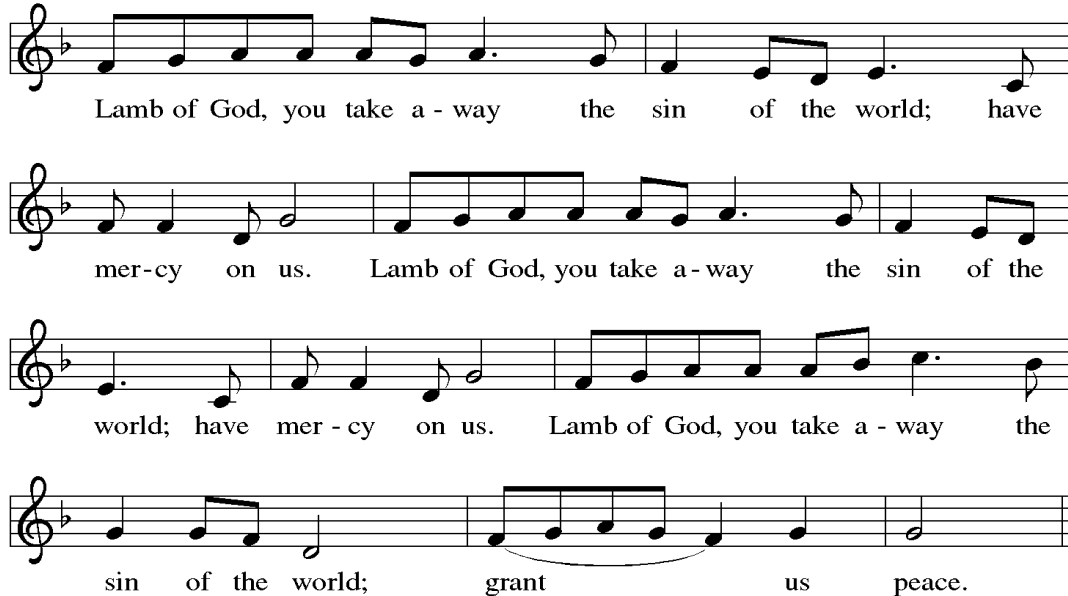
## \* INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## AGNUS DEI

ELW P. 146



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.

## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Bind Us Together* - Bob Gillman WOV # 748

Pop-Up Choir

*(All interested singers welcome! Simply come forward and grab a binder. Folks not comfortable singing an alto, tenor, or bass part may stay on the familiar melody).*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*O Christ, Our Hope* - ELW # 604

## \* POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

## \* POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C Amen.

**\* BENEDICTION**

**P** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**\* SENDING HYMN**

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission - ELW # 579*

**\* DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**\* POSTLUDE**

*Our Christ Ascends - Todd Kendall  
Joanne Vasey, organ*

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**THANKS** to Parish Peal Handbell Choir and Pop-Up Choir for providing today's anthems for worship.

**Mini-Music Sunday with Pop-Up Orchestra - Coming May 31**

Get your old band or orchestra instrument out of the closet and plan now to participate! All ages and experience levels welcome.

Music is now available for folks to practice on their own. Orchestra will be providing the prelude and playing along with the gathering and sending hymns. There will also be anthems by our ongoing choirs and ensembles. If interested in playing in the Pop-Up Orchestra, please contact Joanne & Brandy.

## May 17–May 24, 2026

<b>Sunday, May 17</b> Ascension of Our Lord Pastor Katy preaching	9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Sunday School 12:30pm UYG Year-end Celebration Lunch @ CELC 4:30pm –6:30pm Faith Lab - UIC
<b>Monday, May 18</b>	June newsletter info due 6:00pm –9:00pm Transitions Meeting-Parlor 6:30pm Parish Peal Handbell Choir 7:00pm –8:00pm Al-Anon-YR 7:15pm Parish Choir
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>	2:00pm –4:00pm Transitions - LCH
<b>Wednesday, May 20</b>	9:00am Holy Sew 'N' Sews-LCH 9:00am –3:00pm Preschool Programs - LCH
<b>Thursday, May 21</b>	9:00am –12:00pm Preschool Programs - LCH 9:30am Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206 4:30pm CELC helping with Dinner by the River - Presby Church 6:00pm Ladies Bible Study - Rm. 204-206
<b>Friday, May 22 &amp; Saturday, May 23</b>	
<b>Sunday, May 24</b> Day of Pentecost Pastor Katy preaching WC Tex Winter	9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Kunkel/Finance

**ATTENDANCE:** May 10, 2026: 9:30am: 100

**OFFERINGS:** May 3, 2026 & May 10, 2026: \$5,944.00

### EXPENDITURES & CONTRIBUTIONS ANALYSIS

	<u>Month of April 2026</u>		<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions Made	\$ 29,138	\$	101,074
Actual Expenses	<u>30,508</u>		<u>115,156</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ (1,370)	\$	<u>(14,082)</u>
Actual Expenses	\$ 30,508	\$	115,156
Budgeted Expenses	<u>30,221</u>		<u>114,131</u>
Expenses Over (Under) Budget	<u>\$ 287</u>	\$	<u>1,025</u>