



*ASCENSION OF OUR LORD*

*May 14, 2026*

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

**THANK YOU** for joining us in God's house today! We cordially ask that our Guests with us today sign one of the guestbooks located at either the front or back entryways, or fill out a "Let's Get Acquainted" card located in the hymnal pew rack and place it in the collection plate.

**THANK OFFERING:** Members of Trinity give their offering as an expression of love and thankfulness to the Lord and to help support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

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***SERVICE OF THE WORD***

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## 747 Christ High-Ascended

CW 747



1 Christ high - as - cend - ed, now in glo - ry seat - ed, throned  
 2 Christ, from the Fa - ther ev - 'ry pow'r pos - sess - ing, who  
 3 Christ, who in dy - ing won for us sal - va - tion, lives  
 4 Christ in his splen - dor, all do - min - ion gain - ing, Christ  
 5 As at his part - ing, joy shall ban - ish griev - ing, faith



and ex - alt - ed, vic - to - ry com - plet - ed, death's dread do -  
 on his cho - sen lift - ed hands in bless - ing, sends forth his  
 now the first - born of the new cre - a - tion; to win dis -  
 with his peo - ple ev - er - more re - main - ing, Christ to all  
 in his pres - ence strength - en our be - liev - ing; filled with his



min - ion fi - nal - ly de - feat - ed, we are his wit - ness - es.  
 ser - vants, still in faith con - fess - ing, we are his wit - ness - es.  
 ci - ples out of ev - 'ry na - tion, we are his wit - ness - es.  
 a - ges, glo - ri - ous - ly reign - ing, we are his wit - ness - es.  
 Spir - it, love and pow'r re - ceiv - ing, we are his wit - ness - es.

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*PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE*

### INVOCATION

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

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

## CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**
- M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.
- C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

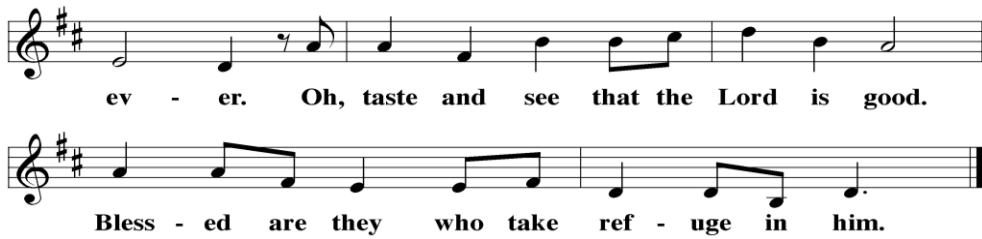
- M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are**

**they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -**

**ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -**

**ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -**



## Prayer of the Day

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.

**Amen.**

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

## First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

<sup>1</sup>I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which you 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 were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons 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>After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 511 Crown Him with Many Crowns

CW 511



- 1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
- 2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
- 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
- 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove;



hark how the heav'n-ly an-then drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 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.  
 crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,  
 Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.  
 crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

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## Second Reading

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>This is why, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I never stop giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep praying that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, will give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in knowing Christ fully. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know the hope to which he has called you, just how rich his glorious inheritance among the saints is, <sup>19</sup>and just how surpassingly great his power is for us who believe. <sup>20</sup>It is as great as the working of his mighty strength, which God worked 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, authority, power, and dominion, and above every name that is given, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>God also placed all things under his feet and made him head over everything for the church. <sup>23</sup>The church is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*PLEASE STAND, IF YOU ARE ABLE*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Matthew 28:20*

Alleluia. Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

## Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to 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.”

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

# 472 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

CW 472



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the  
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and  
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the



out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, as - cends un -  
 and with his fol - low - ers they see their Lord as -  
 "This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This is his  
 "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see re - turn - ing



to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 in great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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

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!

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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## SERMON

*Ephesians 1:16-23*

*Jesus Christ, C.E.O.*

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## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

# 476 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

CW 476



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build the hope of my as -  
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, great gifts for me ob -  
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, re - call - ing your as -



cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled all doubt and ap - pre -  
tain - ing, my heart will rest in him a - lone, no oth - er rest re -  
cen - sion, that I may serve you faith - ful - ly, in thanks for my re -



hen - sion, for where the head is, there as well I know his  
main - ing, for where my trea - sure went be - fore, there all my  
demp - tion; and then, when all my days will cease, let me de -



mem - bers are to dwell when Christ shall come and call them.  
thoughts will ev - er soar to still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
part in joy and peace in an - swer to my plead - ing.

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## CLOSING PRAYER

**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BENEDICTION

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



*PLEASE BE SEATED*

## 524 Rejoice, the Lord Is King

CW 524



1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2 The Lord, our Sav - ior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come



Re - joi - ce, give thanks and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home:



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

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