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Hymn: “Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor”.....LSB #534

Sermon ~ “Why do you stand looking into heaven?” ~ Acts 1:1-11
Rev. Bill Caughey ~ St. Paul Lutheran, Oakland, Iowa

Offering ~ “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”Paul W. Hofreiter
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Prayer of the Church

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Distribution Hymns:

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“See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph”.....LSB #494

“Lord, Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared”.....LSB #622 vs. 1-4, 8

“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”.....LSB #492

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Closing Hymn: “Up through Endless Ranks of Angels”.....LSB #491

Postlude: “Concerto in G-Major”.....Bach

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Divine Service

Setting One

Prelude: Partita on: “O Gott, du frommer Gott!”
(O God, Thou Faithful God).....Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymn: “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”.....LSB #493 (Kantorei st. 4)

Confession and Absolution.....LSB p. 151

Introit (Congregation sings bold.) Ps. 47:1-2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11

Men of | Galilee,*

why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia.

This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven,*

will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alle- | luia.

Clap your hands, all | peoples!*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,*

a great king over | all the earth.

God has gone up | with a shout,*

the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

God reigns over the | nations,*

God sits on his | holy throne.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Men of | Galilee,*

why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia.

This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven,*

will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alle- | luia.

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Hymn of Praise ~ “This Is the Feast”.....LSB p. 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day.....LSB p. 156

Pastor: Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

Sit



First Reading ~ Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive

after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And 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; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶So when they had come

together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But 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.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven

as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and 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.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: “Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious”.....(LSB #495) vv. 1,2,4 (*Kantorei*)

The Second Lesson ~ Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that 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, ¹⁸having 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far 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. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Procession

Alleluia Verse *arr. By Jeffrey Blersch*



Kantorei: Refrain

All: REFRAIN

Kantorei: *We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again. Death no longer has dominion over Him.*

All: REFRAIN

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

All: REFRAIN

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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Cong: Glory to You, O Lord.



Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴Then he 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Ascension of Our Lord
13 May A+D 2021

Welcome in Jesus' name to our guests this holy day. We pray God's richest blessings to you as we hear His Word and receive His gifts. If you're visiting for the first time, please sign our guestbook in the narthex.

Worship at St. Paul's is conducted according to the historic, liturgical worship patterns of the Christian Church throughout the ages. The rhythm of worship is from our God to us, and then from us back to Him. He gives His gifts, and together we receive and extol them.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of close communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. *We ask visitors who are not members of the LC-MS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices.*

Ascension: The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord.

"His Ascension into Heaven.

Jesus Is Ascended, but Not Absent

On the fortieth day after His resurrection, our Lord ascended to the right hand of the Father. But although Jesus is hidden from your eyes, He is not absent from you. For He now fills all things in heaven and on earth. He continues *"to do and to teach"* (Acts 1:1), preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins through those sent in His name (Mark 16:14-20; Luke 24:44-53), giving you His true body and blood in the Supper. Jesus is your great Elijah who pours out on you a double portion of His Spirit in the Word and the Sacraments (2 Kings 2:5-15). He is Lord over all things for the sake of the Church. He whom heaven cannot contain has raised your human nature to share fully in the glory of God. You who believe and are baptized into Christ's body are already sitting in the heavenly places; for you are in Him who is at the Father's right hand. When He comes again in the clouds on the Last Day, you also will appear with Him in glory.

Service notes: Kantorei members include: Bambi Heckerman, Lisa Timm, John Timm and Pastor Frank. Trumpeters are Pastor Frank and John Timm.

Opening Prayer: O Lord, our God, as we come before You to worship You in spirit and truth, we ask You to open our hearts to the ministry of Your Word. Lead us to truly repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Continuing Education ~ August 9 – 13, 2021
Dr. John Nordling

Treasured Themes in Philippians - Beginning August 9th

With the writing of a commentary comes the opportunity to enter “further up and deeper in” to treasured themes in Paul’s letter to Philippians—e.g., partnership in the gospel; Christological preaching amid the imprisonment; the Christ hymn (2:5-11); apostolic use of Roman military language; intertextual themes; regarding all things as loss for the sake of Christ (3:7); the nature of the Philippians’ gift and implications for their life together. The present course covers all these themes, and then some, and relates them to preaching, parish, and ministry.

Continuing education summer sessions are great opportunities for local pastors to gain camaraderie and take time to study God’s Word more deeply for the purposes of faithful shepherding our congregations. The Council Bluffs Circuit of the Iowa District West sponsors the class so that all pastors, and anyone else, can attend for free. Tonight’s offering is one way that we help defray the costs associated with this class goes to help sponsor this class.



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The Ascension of Our Lord

May 13, 2021



“While he blessed them, he parted from them
and was carried up into heaven.”

Luke 24:51