

“A WORTHY SAVIOR”



*Celebrating the Ascension of Jesus
and
Confirmation of His Children*

PRESERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LSB 525

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

P: And Christ is ascended!

C: Alleluia! Amen!

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Today, we celebrate who our God is and all He has done! We celebrate all He is still doing through our risen and ascended Savior, Jesus. We rejoice that God knows us and continues to make Himself known from generation to generation. And as we remember Jesus' triumphal return to His Father in heaven, we are comforted and blessed to know He has gone there to prepare a place for us and to intercede for us before the Father. Satan might accuse, but Jesus defends us. Therefore, let us humbly, yet confidently approach the throne of grace, confessing our sins to God our Father through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please take a moment for silent confession

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P: "If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1b-2) For the sake of Jesus Christ, God has had mercy upon us and forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. "God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet."

(Psalm 47:5)

P: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

C: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

(Psalm 47:6)

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF PRAISE

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

LSB 493 vs. 1, 5-6



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 145:1-13

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. ² Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. ³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. ⁴ One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. ⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. ⁶ They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. ⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ⁹ The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you! ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, ¹² to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. ¹³ Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.



E: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 5:1-14

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” ⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” ¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshipped.



E: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

SONG

“Is He Worthy”

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24:45-53

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,⁴⁶ and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And 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.” ⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.



P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OFFERING HYMN

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious”

LSB 495 vs. 1-2, 4

MESSAGE

“A WORTHY SAVIOR!”

Pastor John Davis



RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Isaac Mkello Fredrick

Matthew Remmert Johnson

Elizabeth Ann Gentles

Nathan Paul Maiorana

Pastor: Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts which God gave you in your Baptism?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Confirmands: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

Confirmands: Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Confirmands: Yes, 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.

Pastor: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God and confess the doctrine of the Lutheran Church, drawn from them, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

Confirmands: I do so intend with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you desire to be a member of the Lutheran Church and of this congregation?

Confirmands: I do.

Pastor: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the divine Word; to attend worship faithfully, to be faithful in the use of God's Word and sacraments, which are his means of grace, and in faith, word, and action to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

Confirmands: I do so intend by the grace of God.

Pastor: Do you intend to protect the unity of this congregation by acting in love toward other members, by refusing to gossip, and by following the leadership and do you intend to share the responsibility for the people of this congregation by praying for their growth and by regular giving of your prayers, time, treasures and talent?

Confirmands: I do so intend with the help of God.

Pastor: Give then your hand as a pledge of your promise, and kneel to receive the blessing.

(the confirmands will individually kneel
to receive a blessing and special Bible verse chosen for them)

(Please stand)

PRAYERS

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.

(Matthew 6:9–13)



CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

RESPONSE

"Lord, This Day We've Come to Worship"

LSB 911 vs. 1-2, 4

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION

"The Lamb"

"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart"

"Glorious Day" (Living He Loved Me)

"Anastasis"

LSB 547
Praisemakers

(Please stand)

COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord look upon you with favor ✠ and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)*

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

“Anastasis”

