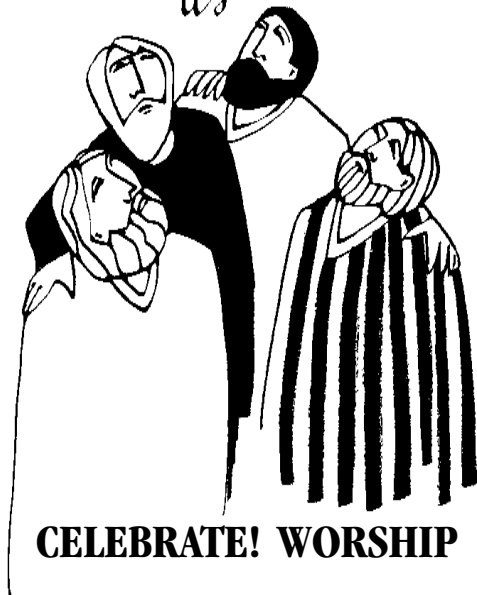


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CELEBRATE! WORSHIP

9:30 a.m., Sunday, May 23, 2004
THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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GATHERING SONG - "All Who Are Thirsty,"

Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson

Vs: **All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain;
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
in the waves of his mercy
as deep cries out to deep. We sing:**

Chorus: **Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come.
(Repeat verse and chorus) (Solo)**

Last Chorus: **We sing: Come, Lord Jesus, come. (repeat)
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. (repeat)
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.
All who are thirsty.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P** Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy!
- C** **For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
he is Lord over all the earth.**
- P** God has gone up with a shout,
- C** **With the sound of trumpets.**
- P** Sing praises to God, sing praises:
- C** **Sing praises to our king, sing praises.**
- P** For Jesus is Lord over all the earth;
God is highly exalted.
- C** **Let all the peoples praise him. Alleluia!**

Stand

SONG OF PRAISE - "It Is You," Peter Furler

Vs: **As we lift up our hands, will you meet us here?
As we call on your name, will you meet us here?
We have come to this place to worship you,
God of mercy and grace.
It is you we adore. It is you praises are for.
Only you the heavens declare.
It is you. It is you.**

Chorus: **And holy, holy is our God almighty. And holy, holy is his name alone,
And holy, holy is our God almighty. And holy, holy is his name alone.
It is you we adore. It is you, only you.**

Verse: **As we lift up our hands, will you meet us here?
As we call on your name, will you meet us here?
We have come to this place to worship you, God of mercy and grace.
It is you we adore. It is you praises are for. Only you the heavens declare.
It is you. It is you.**

Chorus: **And holy, holy is our God almighty. And holy, holy is his name alone,
And holy, holy is our God almighty. And holy, holy is his name alone.**

Bridge: **As we lift up our hands, as we call on your name,
will you meet us in this place by your mercy and grace?
As we lift up our hands, as we call on your name,
will you meet us in this place by your mercy and grace?
It is you we adore. It is you. It is you.**

Chorus: **And holy, holy is our God almighty. And holy, holy is his name alone,
And holy, holy is our God almighty. And holy, holy is his name alone.
It is you we adore. It is you praises are for. Only you the heavens declare.
It is you. It is you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God,

C **Your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we
also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; through your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever. Amen.**

Be seated

THE READING - Acts 1:1-11 (*page 884 in the pew Bible*)

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL SONG - "Here I Am to Worship," Tim Hughes

Vs. 1: **Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you, hope of a life spent with you.**

Chorus: **So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God.
And you're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.**

Vs. 2: **King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created, all for love's sake became poor.** (Chorus)

Stand

GOSPEL - Luke 24: 44-53 (*page 861 in the pew Bible*)

☐ Then 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Be seated

SERMON - "Left Behind...?" Pastor Les Svendsen

SONG OF THE DAY - "Worthy Is The Lamb," Darlene Zschech

Children are invited to come to the front during the last chorus.

Vs: **Thank you for the cross, Lord. Thank you for the price you paid.
Bearing all my sin and shame, in love you came and gave amazing grace.
Thank you for this love, Lord. Thank you for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in your cleansing flow; now all I know, your forgiveness and embrace.**

Chorus: **Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne. Crown you now with many crowns;
You reign victorious, high and lifted up,
Jesus, Son of God, the darling of heaven crucified.
Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.**

Vs: (Instrumental Solo)

**Thank you for this love, Lord. Thank you for the nail-pierced hands.
Washed me in your cleansing flow; now all I know, your forgiveness and embrace.** (Chorus)

KID TALK

SHARING THE PEACE

Kids The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Greet each other with Christ's words, "Peace be with you." Children will return to their seats.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM for *Lauren Tanya Moysis*, daughter of Tatyana and Tim Moysis.

Sponsors are Olga and Slava Yaroslavteev and Shannon Gerjets.

Following the renunciation of evil by parents and sponsors, and following the question, "*Do you believe in God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?*" the congregation will respond:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

After the invitation, "*Join me in welcoming this newest member of God's family,*" the congregation will respond:

☒ **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

BAPTISM SONG - "Pass It On," Kurt Kaiser, *Tim Moysis - soloist*

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND TEMPLE TALK

OFFERING - *Celebrate Band*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes, "Lord, in your mercy." The congregation responds with "Hear our Prayer."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

WOMEN OF FAITH VIDEO

Stand

SENDING SONG - "Remembering The Promise," Larry Olson

Chorus: **We are remembering the promise of God's love. Oh...**

We are remembering the Savior's dying love. Oh...

We are remembering the promise of God's love and we know that we will never be alone.

- 1) **Through the years and through the wonder, we will never be alone.
Through the tears and through the laughter, God is here with us. (Chorus)**
- 2) **Through the fear and through the silence, we will never be alone.
Through the life and through the dying, God is here with us. (Chorus)**
- 3) **Through the word and through the water, we will never be alone.
Through the cross and the risen Savior, God is here with us. (Chorus)**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Les Svendsen

Presider: Pastor Tim Lemme

Reader: Carolyn Pesicka

Celebrate Band Members: Dave Hofstad, Doug Bowden, Steve Kuper, Mark Law, Jodie Nielsen, Janell Mills, and Kris Wollman

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