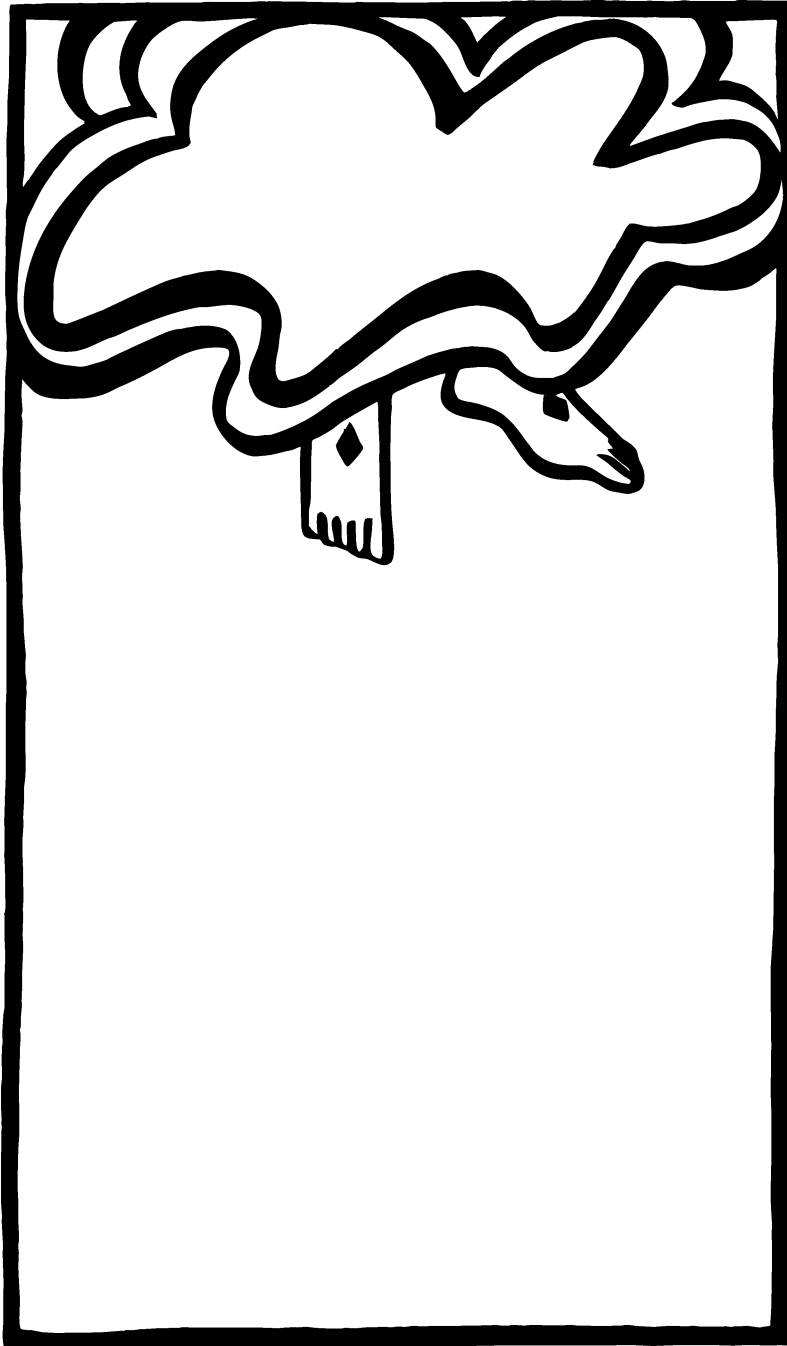


HOLY EUCHARIST
Ascension of Our Lord
May 12th, 2024



University Lutheran Church and Student Center
Norman, OK
ulsc.org
405.321.1584

Holy Eucharist – 8:30AM

*The liturgy and songs for this service are
projected on the screen at the front of the worship area.*

Gathering

Gathering Music

*Refiner's Fire
I Will Rise
God of Wonders*

Welcome & Confession

Song of Praise

Start a Fire

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

For the printed text of the first reading see page 7

Psalm 47

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

For the printed text of the second reading see page 9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks 1

Gospel

St. Luke the Evangelist 24:44-53

For the printed text of the Gospel see page 10

Sermon

The Revd. Joseph E. Summerville III, STS

Song of the Day

Crown Him with Many Crowns

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering Song

How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art

Offering Prayer

Liturgy of the Meal

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians trusting in the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive Communion. We receive the Blood of Christ by intinction. If you are uncomfortable receiving the wine, be assured that you are receiving the fullness of the Eucharist under bread alone. If you do not wish to receive, please indicate that you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

Holy Communion

*O Lamb of God, ELW 197
Mighty to Save*

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Announcements

Sending Song

You are My Vision

Dismissal

Thank You for Serving

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Reader

Gordon Beard

Communion Set Up

Sandra Longcrier

Altar Guild Candles

Tamara Swenson

Computer Technician

Anni Lantagne

Acolytes

Jackson and Zachariah Alley

Holy Eucharist— 11:00AM
Traditional with Setting 4 of Evangelical Lutheran Worship

PRELUDE

*Prelude on Hyfrydol
Paul Manz*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION

We stand

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us come before God seeking forgiveness and life.

Silence for reflection and prayer.

God of grace and glory,
**you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.
Forgive us our sin, O God, and make us alive in Christ.
Make us new as you make all things new.
Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

The Presider declares the Absolution.

Amen.

We stand

GATHERING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia! ELW 369

GREETING

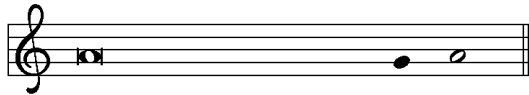
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



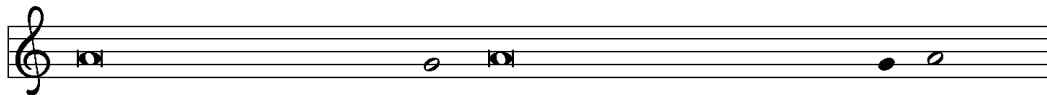
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



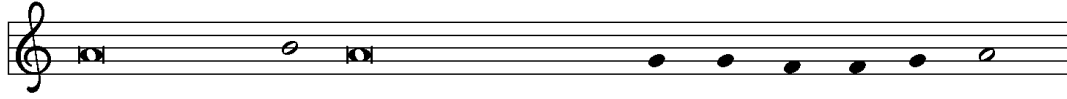
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain
 has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world, and that the disciples will be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After 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. ⁴While 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; 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They 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.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 47



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Clap your hands, all you / peoples;
shout to God with a joyful / sound.
For the Lord Most High is to be / feared:
a great king over all the / earth,

who subdues the peoples / under us,
and the nations under our / feet;
who chooses our inheritance / for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God / loves.

God has gone up with a / shout,
the Lord with the sound of the / ram's horn.
Sing praises to God, sing / praises;
sing praises to our king, sing / praises.

For God is king of all the / earth;
sing praises with a / song.

God reigns over the / nations;

God is enthroned on / high.

(2nd half) The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of / Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly / exalted.

SECOND READING

A reading from Ephesians 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand

Gospel Acclamation



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



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

HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the Evangelist 24:44-53.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

⁴⁴[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.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit

SERMON

The Revd. Joseph E. Summerville III, STS

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! ELW 393

THE NICENE CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly
human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will
have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified.
Who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church and all ministers of the gospel, that the Spirit will empower them to be your witnesses throughout the earth. Keep all teachers and missionaries under your care and guide them as they proclaim your word to the world. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth, our own Bishop, Becca, and all bishops, presbyters, and deacons. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of creation and for all your creatures: for zoos, nature preserves, and conservation organizations, for endangered species, and for those who work to protect all that you have made. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and those who govern: for all countries, regions, and people in crisis or at war. Bring your peace on earth, in our homes, and in our hearts. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For all in any need: for exiles, refugees, and those fleeing war and poverty, for those who suffer from individual and institutionalized racism. For those who grieve, and for those near death. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this congregation and for its concerns: for visitors, for those who are absent, for those in prison, for the homebound, and for those who travel. Enliven our faith and invigorate our mission. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

People of God, for whom else, and for what else shall we pray?
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for all the faithful departed who now rest in you. Following the example of Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church and hymnwriter, and all those who have died in the faith, strengthen us to share your good news in the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

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

We sit

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. We thank you for your continued support of Christ's Church. The ushers will pass an offering plate, or you may give electronically, via mail, or via Simply Giving.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
Robert J. Powell*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

We stand

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor/All

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

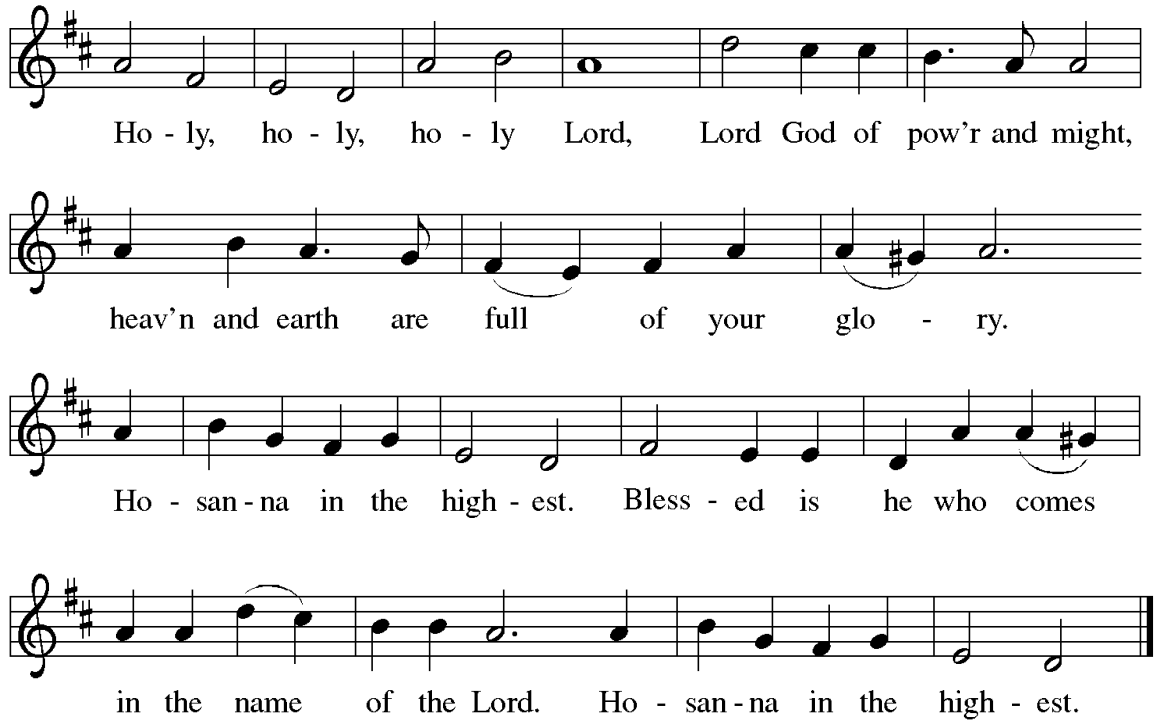
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues with the Preface.

It is indeed right...
...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and most merciful God.
You give life and bring new life in your risen Son, Christ Jesus our Lord.

We praise you as the God of promise, delivering your chosen people Israel from their captivity in slavery and giving them new life in the land promised to faithful Abraham and Sarah; and though they experienced the death of exile, you remained faithful to your promise, sending the prophets and giving your children renewed life in their own land.

We praise you for Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, the first-born from the dead; who, through the exile of his suffering on the cross, served us as victim and priest, and through him you have delivered us from our exile and captivity to sin and death, giving us the joys of life everlasting, fulfilling all covenants and promises.

Send your Holy Spirit to breathe new life into us and to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the true Body and Blood of our living host, Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, before you we proclaim the mystery of our Faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We now offer to you, most holy God, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, remembering this Easter day all you have done through the Passion and Resurrection of your Son.

In this Holy Communion you unite us in the sacrifice of our eternal High Priest. Through the promise he made to his disciples, we await his coming to fulfill all of life and to make new the whole creation.

We pray that you would open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Through Christ, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 / FRACTION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast, alleluia!

We sit

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

O Christ Our Hope ELW 604

We stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

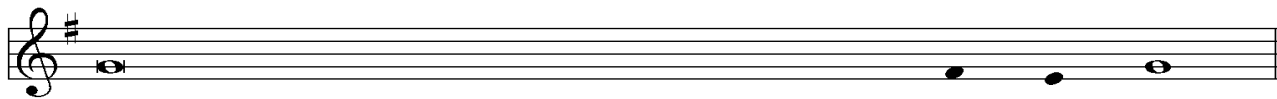
The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his Precious Blood strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Let us pray.

God our shepherd,
**you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION



☐ 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.



SENDING HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Finale on Hyfrydol
Henry Coleman*

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Altar Guild Candles	Tamara Swenson
Communion Set up/Clean up	Elisa Long & Simone Smith

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: Flowers for the altar are given by Alfred and Debbie Downey in celebration of Dillon's birthday. The congregation extends its appreciation to the Downeys for this generous gesture.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages. There is something for everyone. Pre – K meets in classroom 2.

Elementary meets in classroom 3.

Confirmation (middle school) meets in classroom 4.

High school meets in classroom 6.

College and adults meet in the student lounge/conference room.

10.00 – 10.45 a.m. each Sunday.

The high school group will begin discussing *Baptized we Live* by Daniel Erlander. This book does a great job of presenting Lutheran theology in a clear manner.

Sunday School and Christian Education for Pre-k through 12th grade will be on hiatus, May 26.

Summer Sunday School meets June 2-July 21 in classroom 4 for those in Pre-K through 5th grade.

ULCSC YOUTH STOCK SALE: You can take stock in our youth! Purchase stock to support our youth attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering this July. Make a monetary contribution and receive our appreciation and thanks.

ENDOWMENT TRUST FUNDS: Funds remain available for distribution from the Endowment Trust. Visit the Trust's section (under About) on the church's website ulcsc.com to determine if your request fits disbursement guidelines. Complete the application form and return to either the church office or a Trustee.

Serving as Trustees are; Keith Weyenberg, Bruce Snyder, Donna Shaw, Ron Jayne, and Jon Bredeson.

CONGRATULATIONS! We congratulate ULCSC's own, Cathy Bowden. Cathy was awarded the James O. Harp Environmental Recognition Award at the Earth Day Festival. This award is presented by the city of Norman's Environmental Control Advisory Board for all of her hard work to keep Styrofoam out of our landfills. It is a well deserved recognition!

THE DENSIFIER DUDES densify every week in the church parking lot. Days vary depending on weather and volunteer availability. You're invited to come out for ANY densifying and get "on the job" experience from the Dudes so you can choose whenever you'd like to help. Additional perspective: By the end of April 2023, we had created **140** densified logs. Through THIS April, we created **427** logs!! *We can't do FOUR TIMES the work with the same number of volunteers we had last year!* Please speak with any Green Team member (Lance Lobban, Diane Hardersen, Gary Gress, Jan Rauh, Michael Wenger, Jeff Coe, Doug and Cathy Bowden) to express your interest in supporting ULCSC's foam recycling program!

MAY 19 PENTECOST FLOWERS: Please consider honoring our church for Pentecost with Red Pentecost flowers this year. A sign-up sheet is in the binder on the Welcome Center. Flowers are \$15 each. Please make your check payable to ULCSC with the notation "Pentecost flowers" on the memo line or donate online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z67P/campaign/C-12SS2> Thank you!

PLEASE NOTE: The Crafting Group will Not meet in May. Please join use when meetings resume in June. Thank you!

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE: Jon Giuliano is working on organizing a new church softball league this summer. If you are interested in playing church league softball, or forming a team here at University Lutheran, please contact Jon Giuliano at 405-561-1091 or by email at jon@legendsoftballok.com, or visit the website legendsoftballok.com for further information.

FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED STYRO-STATION ORIENTATION: Some volunteers have begun to drop by the Styro-Station to lend a hand by sorting foam or other activities that need to be done. (Please remember to sign the Volunteer time sheet each time you visit!) If you are hesitating to "drop in" for fear of not knowing where your effort is needed most, Cathy and Doug are at the church frequently and would be happy to help you get started! They often volunteer on Monday after lunch. Cathy is there on Wednesdays about 1:30 to help supervise the ABLE clients who come in to work. If neither of these times are convenient, we'll make it a point to be there when you are the first few times you volunteer if you'll let us know YOUR preferred time! **Styro-Station Orientations will resume in May.** Thanks to ALL who are helping foam recycling become a sustainable project at ULCSC!

VOICES FOR THE VOICELESS: Please contact normancoalition4refugees@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for the Norman Coalition for Refugee Support – even a little. In Education, in-home tutoring in

English continues. If you would like to join this group, Jeff Coe or Marilyn Brinker can point you in the right direction. Volunteers are needed at summer school for Afghan middle school and high school students, held at First Presbyterian Church in June and July. Hours are from 8:30 to noon, Monday through Thursday. Two volunteers are needed per day. To help with consistency, volunteers are asked to choose one day a week to claim as their own. Volunteer responsibilities will include monitoring student learning, reading to and with students, managing copies/lesson prep and any other task the teacher requests. Here are dates available for volunteering:

Mondays: June 10, 24, July 8, 15, 22, 29.

Tuesdays: June 11, 25, July 9, 15, 23, 30

Wednesdays: June 12, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31

Thursdays: June 13, 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1

You will need to have a background check. Marilyn will see if NCRS can help with that. A plan is in place if you have an unexpected scheduling conflict or if you have a planned vacation.

Email Marilyn Brinker at pjaunt@sbcglobal.net if interested or wanting to sign up for the days and times available.

Also, NCRS will always need donations to support refugees in our community. You can make donations via the ULCSC offering plate (envelopes are in the narthex), ULCSC website, or at www.nc4rs.org. Thank you!

THE ALTAR GUILD is in need of new members, specifically for the late service. This would involve setting up and taking down/cleanup for communion. If you are interested, please contact Sandra Longcrier or Pastor Joe.

OUR POULTRY PARTNERS, MIKE AND CYNTHIA, PICKED UP EXACTLY 600 EGG CARTONS FROM US IN APRIL! They share them with their network or poultry producers who pick them up at their ranch. Remember, you can clean your takeout containers in the dishwasher, if necessary, to remove grease or sticky pancake syrup. Foam must be clean AND DRY to go in the densifier! WET FOAM MOLDS IF PUT IN CLOSED BAGS. WE THROW AWAY MOLDY FOAM. If you have more than one carton, "nest" them to take up less space in your bag and they will remain uncrushed. Thanks!

ALTAR FLOWER DONORS NEEDED: Thank you to all who continue to support our altar flower ministry. **The new flower chart is posted on the tack board in the fellowship hall. Please claim a Sunday** to honor a loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or simply to glorify God. In addition to sharing a personal observance with the congregation, you are beautifying our church. PLUS, each Monday a member of our Caring Ministry delivers small bouquets of the altar flowers to shut-ins and members in need of a pick-me-up. Please consider claiming a Sunday soon so that we can continue adorning the altar and brightening the day for our members and friends. The cost of each altar array is \$45.00. Payments may be made online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z67P/home>. Or a check can be made payable to

ULCSC with the notation “altar flowers” on the memo line. Thank you for honoring our church, our services and our members in such a beautiful way!

WE NEED YOU! We are in need of people to provide breakfast each Sunday. Gather your friends and family and sign up in the binder in the Welcome Center for a Sunday or two. The sky is the limit for what you want to serve. You can cook, you can bring in food, whatever you wish to do. There are suggested amounts of “regular” breakfast foods in the binder. Paper goods are in the kitchen. You can be reimbursed for expenses. Please sign up so that we can continue this important ministry in the life of our congregation. Families, ministry teams, committees, and groups of friends can all sign up!

*Effective Stewardship Monthly Quote:
Helping Churches to train better stewards.*

God wants us to ask for material possessions and other things we need. “. . . ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you” (Luke 11:9).

OU FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Please drop off food donations directly to the pantry at 333 Cate Center Dr. or email the Pantry at oupantry@ou.edu to make an arrangement to drop off your donation. The OU Food Pantry is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Current needs are canned meats (chicken, tuna, beef stew, chili), dried and canned beans, peanut butter and jelly, rice, canned vegetables and fruits, soups with meat/beans, dried pastas, spaghetti sauce, and toiletries. Their FB page has an Amazon wish list, which makes for easy shopping/donation.

FOOD AND SHELTER DONATIONS: The ULCSC outreach committee thanks all of you who have so generously supported Norman's Food and Shelter for Friends. Each day the shelter services over 150 Norman folks in need of a meal or housing, so keep filling our baskets with large canned food items and cereal. Individual jars of peanut butter and jelly are also needed now that they have a community pantry. Thanks to many, we have provided large quantities of ground beef and other perishable food. If you would like to consider a monetary donation, this would also be quite helpful in providing such needed items as eggs, milk, cheese, meat, etc. We will do the leg work for you. More information may be found on their website: www.foodandshelterinc.org.

Online donations are welcome and may be found on the Giving page of the church website: ulcsc.org. Again, thanks for your support of this ministry! Gary Gress

HEALING PRAYERS: The Prayer Team is providing everyone an opportunity to offer intentional prayers for an individual on our prayer list, or someone you know who is in need.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE DEALING WITH CANCER: This past month, a number of our members have fallen ill to some type of cancer. All illnesses are challenging, but the fear that the word 'cancer' introduces spreads throughout the family. A prayer that may be used is: “Dear Lord, we ask with all or our heart, please touch these special lives. Bless them with

courage and hope; may all find solace in your loving embrace. Heal them in body, mind, and spirit. Let their hope shine a hallowed light that burns forever to honor their spirited fight.”

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jack Alley	Samantha & Gordon Carlson	Tova Olkinetzky
Lisa Black & family	Ike Isaacs	The Roberts Family
Michelle Black	David & Darlene Iverson	Mark Somers
Carol Bohley	Debbie Johnson	Luke & Maria Stockstill
Kathy Buller	Kim Johnson	Tamara Swenson
Krista Cannicott	Larry Klumpp	Mary Toft
Angela & Dan Carr	Don Longcrier	Richard White
Sydney Lowery	Jake Manzanares	Jane & Duane Winegardner

Kim Johnson and her family as they mourn the passing of her mother, Veryl Holmes
 Samantha Carlson and her family as they mourn the passing of her father, David Lynn Spear.
 Bob Metz and his family as they mourn the passing of his uncle, Gary Glassco.
 The Purcell family as they mourn the passing of Mary Ann Purcell.
 Jerry Black and his family as they mourn the passing of his father, Melvin James Black.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Cecilia Jo Alvarez	Aunt of Sandra and Don Longcrier
Mary A. Alvarez	Aunt of Sandra and Don Longcrier
Jon Bakewell	Son-in-law of Joe and Janie Thompson
Melissa Bell	Sister-in-law of Terry Bell
Charles and Lisa Belletto	Friends of Pr. Joe and Dcn. Donna Summerville
Jacob Black	Friend of Evan and Amanda Way
Dave Boeck	Friend of ULCS
Holis Breeding	Friend of Christian Day
Christine Burkhart	Friend of Peggy Stoltenberg
Scott Carr	Friend of Bev Lafferrandre
Skip and Iona Chapin	Friends of Richard White
Julie McDonald Comer	Friend of Linda Lockett
Carole Couch	Friend of Cathy Bowden
Marvin and Verna Couchman	Friends of Richard White
Clifford DeLarm	Father of Angela Carr
Tim DeLarm	Brother of Angela Carr
Bren Doreck	Friend of Pr. Joseph and Donna Summerville
Marcus Dickinson	Student of Maria Stockstill
Don and Mandy Downey	Brother and sister-in-law of Alfred Downey
Kathie Gale	Cousin of Donna Shaw
Tim Gibbons	Brother of Tamara Swenson
Elizabeth Green	Daughter of Roger and Deb Bain
Lisa Hackmeister	Friend of Debbie Johnson
Darin Hagey	Friend of Debbie Downey
Hilda Hunter	Sister of Alfred Downey
Glenn and Andrea Kimmerle	Mother and Step-father of Angela Carr
Pr. Tim Leaf	Father of Paxton Leaf
Daryl Malas and family	Brother of Kathy Buller
Anthony Martin	Son of Angela Carr
Finley Miller	Cousin of Amanda Day
Millie Mount	Friend of Maria Stockstill
Kathryn Mullen	Friend of the Winegardners
Lloyd Muterspaugh	Father of Maria Stockstill
Avery Nicole	Granddaughter of Barbara Starling
Daren Paddyaker	Father of Evan Way
Bruce Parry	Cousin of Sandra Longcrier
Jonathon Pine	Son of Angela Carr
Betty Price	Friend of Linda Roberts
Marlies Quattrochi	Sister of Ursula Purcell
Murray Reagen	Friend of Donna Shaw
Mark and Emily Salmon	Friends of Marilyn Brinker
Steve Schnell	Friend of ULCS
Helen Shaw	Mother of Donna Shaw
Jhett Skaggs	Friend of Heidi Somers
Ken & Lynn Stanton	Friends of Jerry Black
Trevor Steele	Friend of Christian Day
Pate Stith	Grandson of Richard and Tamara Swenson
Zach Terry	Friend of Eric and Amanda Day
Chasitey Turner	Friend of Mitchell Nauman
Judy Waters	Friend of Cathy and Doug Bowden
Laura Weyenberg	Niece of Keith Weyenberg
Gennette Wilbanks	Friend of Amanda Day

THOSE IN THE MILITARY, WHO SERVE IN HARM’S WAY, INCLUDING: Jonathon Anderson, US Army; Nicholas Bryant, US Army National Guard; Barry Roche; Justin Smalley, US Coast Guard; Matt Carnal, US Navy, and civilians doing relief work.

MISSIONARIES OF THE CHURCH, ESPECIALLY: David and Alicia Brondos in Mexico.

PRAY FOR PEACE for those suffering from the COVID-19 virus, their caretakers, and the scientists working to find a cure.

PRAY FOR A PEACEFUL settlement of the war in Ukraine.

PRAY FOR PEACE and avoidance of escalation of tensions in Syria, Iran, and Israel/Gaza.

PLEASE NOTE: We are happy to keep people on the prayer list as long as they are in need of prayers. However, if you know that someone has recovered from their illness or no longer needs to be on the list please call or email the office and let us know. Thank you.

Prayer requests will be kept on the list for thirty (30) days unless the office is notified otherwise. HIPPA regulations will be respected.

WEEK AHEAD

May 12th, 2024– May 19th, 2024

Sunday	Ascension of Our Lord
	Graduate Recognition
8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
10:00 AM	Christian Education & Sunday School
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
Monday	
6:00 PM	NHS Baseball Banquet
7:00 PM	Styro Home Club in the Gathering Area
Tuesday	
8:30-4:00	St. Sophia Classical Academy
5:15 PM	Girl Scouts
Wednesday	
Noon	WELCA
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Band Rehearsal
Thursday	
8:30-4:00	St. Sophia Classical Academy
7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Friday	
1:30 PM	Book Club
5:00 PM	Bastos Violin Studio
Saturday	
Sunday	Day of Pentecost
	Confirmation and Teacher Appreciation
8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
10:00 AM	Christian Education & Sunday School
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
3:00 PM	Girl Scouts Award Ceremony and Reception