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Festival of Christ's Ascension

Easter Season Sermon Series: Victorious!

Today's theme: *A victory that lives in you*

Welcome, guests! God's love welcomes you—no matter who you are or where you come from—and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection he saves all sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God's authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first time guest or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

Children's "My Worship Notes" are included in another document. They can be used by children of any age to keep notes during the service.

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INVOCATION

[We invoke, that is, call upon the name of the Triune God to be with us this morning. The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms]

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING VERSES (Ephesians 1:19-23, 3:21)

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: God the Father exerted his mighty power

C: when he raised Christ from the dead.

M: He seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms

C: far above all rule and authority, power and dominion

M: and over every title that can be given

C: not only in the present age, but also in the one to come

M: God placed all things under his feet and appointed him

to be head over everything for the church

C: which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

M: To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,

C: forever and ever! Alleluia! Amen!

CONFESSİON OF SINS

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

ABSOLUTION

[The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" (The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?). See John 20:21-23]

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
Christian Worship 171, st. 1-4

ASCENSION

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A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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!

Text: The Venerable Bede, 673–735, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (888 888 with Alleluias) Ausserlesene, Catholische, Geistliche Kirchengesang, Köln, 1623, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[The Prayer of the Day complements the theme of the day.]

M: Lord Jesus, King of glory, you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations.

C: **Do not leave us 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**

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

The risen Savior physically leaves but promises his disciples that the Holy Spirit will live in them and enable them to do the work he gave them to do.

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. 4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. 10 They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Please stand

[It has been a tradition in the Christian church to stand for the reading of the gospel for the past 2,000 years. Just as subjects rise when a king speaks, we rise out of respect for the words of our King.]

M: The Gospel according to John chapter 14.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will live in the disciples after he leaves.

15 “If you love me, you will obey what I command. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. 21 Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children are invited to sit in the front of the sanctuary

**The Hymn of the Day is chosen because of its strong connection
to the Gospel Reading.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

Christian Worship 173

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On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of
 2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, Great gifts for
 3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing

my as - cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled
 me ob - tain - ing, My heart shall rest in him a - lone,
 your as - cen - sion, That I may serve you faith - ful - ly,

All doubt and ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the
 No oth - er rest re - main - ing, For where my
 A - dorn - ing your re - demp - tion; And then, when

head is, there as well I know his mem - bers
 trea - sure went be - fore, There all my thoughts shall
 all my days will cease, Let me de - part in

are to dwell When Christ shall come and call them.
 ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
 joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

Text: Josua Wegelin, 1604–40; tr. William M. Czamanske, 1873–1964, alt.

Tune: NUN FREUT EUCH, LIEBEN CHRISTEN (87 87 887) *Etlich Cristlich lider*, Wittenberg, 1524.

SERMON

based on John 14:15-21

Leaving Means Living

CONFESSTION OF FAITH

[The word creed comes from the Latin credo, which means "I believe". In confessing this ancient creed, we remind ourselves that what we believe and teach has been handed down to us by the Apostles. The Apostles Creed is so named because it is a brief statement of the gospel truths they taught. Its writing and use dates to the early years of the Christian Church.]

[Martin Luther's explanation to the Second Article of the Creed; Small Catechism 1529 AD]

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

OFFERING

*[If you wish to give an offering you may do so on our website, lambofgodlafayette.com and click GIVE in the upper right corner or text any dollar amount to 84321 to give or mail a check to the church—3993 St. Rd. 38 East Suite F
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PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

[The Prayer for the Church includes prayers for our brothers and sisters in our congregation. Since we belong to something bigger than ourselves, the Christian Church, we pray for the needs and struggles of all God's people on earth.]

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

please note: we will sing stanza 3 only

ASCENSION

169**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us;



His the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace -
 Flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, Friend
 Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight



ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea Where the
 re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re-deemed us by his blood."
 songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, abr., alt.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY (87 87 D) Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, alt.

PRAYER

M: Ascended Lord, you promise, "Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." May we cling to your promise that your Holy Spirit lives in us. Through that Spirit remind us that you are ruling all things for the benefit of your Church. As your disciples of old, help us to be your witnesses now, here in our community and to the ends of the earth so that all people believe in you as their living Savior; we pray this through you who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

(The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].)

M: 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.

C: Amen.

Serving at Worship

Pastor: Paul Horn

Instrumentalists: Alex Becker, Becky, Calliope, Ethan, Henry, Jason and Sophia Horn, Nick Smith

Pianist: Liz Schmidt

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Basics Class

Looking for a study that takes an honest look at the main teachings of Christianity in a non-judgmental relaxed setting? Skeptical of Christianity, or organized religion? Have you been an "every Sunday church goer" and want to take a refresher course on the teachings of the Bible? Then Bible Basics is the class for you! Pastor Horn is currently recording a class that he normally teaches in person and posting them on our YouTube channel. The first seven lessons are already posted on our website. Why not start today! Follow this link: <https://lambofgodlafayette.com/ministry/bible-basics/>



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Prayer Requests

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Keep in your prayers this week: All those in our midst who may be dealing with physical ailments, emotional hurts or the loss of a loved one; Dawn Sanders and her husband, Brent, as they mourn the loss of Brent's mother; Kaleb Bednarski who was hospitalized this week with health concerns, but is now home and recovering; the high school and college classes of 2020 as they graduate virtually, that the Lord grant them contentment and hope as they look to the future; Kyle and Kelly Plath, as they are expecting their third child in May, that our gracious Savior keep both mother and child safe throughout the pregnancy; that our online outreach efforts would reach more and more people with the gospel; that the Lord grant wisdom to Governor Holcomb, President Trump, Vice President Pence, and the Coronavirus Task Force; that our Almighty Creator protect Jenna, Abbey, Cheryl and Julie—the health care workers in our congregation as well as all of the doctors and nurses in our country - that the Almighty Physician would guard and protect them from all disease and illness, and grant them patience, compassion and love to all they serve; all those affected by the coronavirus; for the current state of our world, that we remember our God is still in charge and will sustain us and give us what we need; that our Lord would give us the means to show the love of Christ as we support our neighbors in need.

***** Need to talk to someone? Pastor Horn is available to chat on the phone or virtually. Contact him through his personal email at: revhorn2004@gmail.com*****