

*Victorious*

**ASCENSION**

*Power from Heaven  
Marches Victorious  
to the Ends of the Earth*

**May 29, 2022**





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Worship at 8am and  
10:30am

Bible Class and Youth  
Sunday School at 9:15am

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## Welcome to Victory!

- Thank you for choosing to worship the Triune God with us. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you as we join together in worship.
- We prepare for worship by quietly meditating on the theme for the day and respectfully listening to the music chosen and prepared by our musicians.
- If you are looking for a church home, we would be thrilled to serve your spiritual needs. Our name comes from 1 Corinthians 15:57: **“Thanks be to God! He gives us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ!”**
- Our mission as a Christian congregation is to: **“Win souls for Christ and coach Christians for life.”**
- Please fill out the Connection Card inside the newsletter to give us a record of your visit, and so we can properly thank you for joining us!
- Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you enter the front doors. Changing tables are available in both the women’s and men’s restrooms.
- A Quiet Room for children who need a quiet minute with mom or dad is located on the right before entering the sanctuary.

**TODAY'S WORSHIP:**

When the Church gathers, it regularly remembers Christ's ascension. The words, "He ascended into heaven" are found in all three creeds the Christian church uses to confess our faith. In addition, the Church sets aside a day each year on which this event takes center stage. This is for good reason. Jesus' ascension marked the fact that his work was complete. Never again will a sacrifice for sin need to be made. However, Jesus' ascension also marks that his work is just beginning. Through the Church, Jesus now proclaims forgiveness throughout the world. The Church consists of people like us who are often weak and timid witnesses for Christ. So Jesus promised to send us his Spirit to give us power from heaven, that we might take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

**The Season of Easter**

To the world he seemed like a defeated man: opposed and killed by his enemies, his followers scattered in fear. Yet three days after Jesus' death he rose victorious from the dead. Nothing would ever be the same. The rest of eternity is now a victory march for the risen Christ. During Easter, we should not think of ourselves as passive observers in Christ's victory. We are more than cheering fans. Rather, we are active participants in Christ's triumph. Just as his death was our death, so also his life is our life. Buried with Christ in baptism, our life is now hidden with him on high. The victory is ours, now and forever! Easter is more than a day. It is an entire joyful season. The six solemn weeks of Lent are eclipsed by seven weeks of unbridled joy. These seven weeks correspond to the period of fifty days on the Jewish calendar between Passover and Pentecost. The Church reserves its highest praise for the Easter season. We do not merely watch from the sidelines as Christ marches in victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell! We join in the festal procession!



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<b>May 29 (Ascension)</b>	<b>Power from Heaven Marches Victorious to the Ends of the Earth</b>
<b>June 5 (Pentecost)</b>	<b>The Spirit Marches Victorious Through the Word</b>

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*This service offers the congregation a form of worship that focuses on the proclamation of God's Word. Believers respond to this divine gift with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.*

### OPENING HYMN

#### **A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**

*Christian Worship 472*

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

**C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

M: How majestic is the Lord's name in all the earth!

**C: He has set his glory above the heavens.**

M: For the Lord is the Most High over all the earth.

**C: He is exalted far above all gods.**

M: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

**C: God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.**

M: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.

**C: He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.**

M: The throne of our God will last forever and ever.

**C: A scepter of justice will be the scepter of his kingdom.**

M: Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.

**C: His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, since we have been raised with Christ let us look up with confidence to him, who is now ascended and sits at the right hand of God in glory and power.

C: **He is able to save us completely when we come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for us.**

M: Let us come before our God, then, in humble honesty in regard to our sin and in grateful expectation in regard to his forgiveness.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, we know we only deceive ourselves if we say we have no sin. In all honesty, we must confess that we have sinned and deserve condemnation. But you have placed your name on us in Holy Baptism. You have declared us to be your own. You invite us to confess our sins, trusting in your Son, our Savior Jesus. Hear our prayer, Father, and hear the intercession of your ascended Son. Grant us pardon and peace in him.**

M: Hear the Good News again! The Son of God was delivered over to death for your sins and was raised again for your justification. In his name and with his authority, I say to you: You are forgiven. Now, live new lives in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Since we have been raised with Christ, let us set our minds on things above, not on earthly things. Then we will have the full measure of his joy within us.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

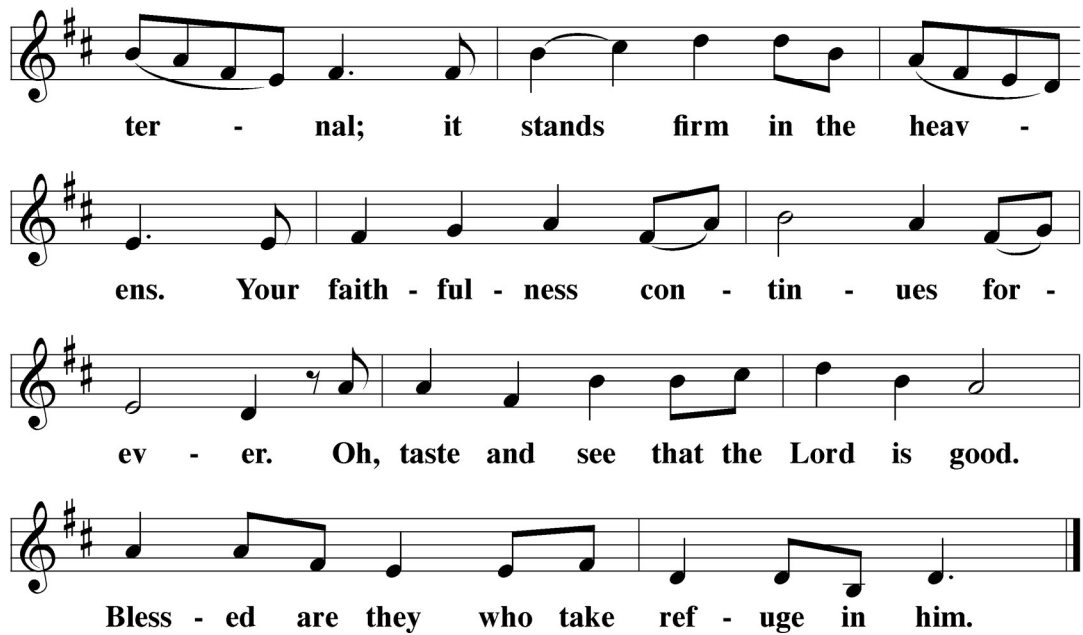
## OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: **Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are**



**they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -**



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not 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.



C: A - men.



**FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11**

*Witnesses to the ends of the earth*

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them 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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>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."

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>"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."

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**All Peoples, Clap Your Hands**

*Christian Worship Psalter 47D*

*(Printed on next page)*



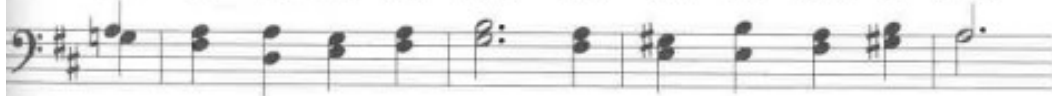
1 All peo - ples, clap your hands, and shout with joy and sing.  
 2 God has gone up on high, with shout and trum - pet voice;  
 3 No - bles from all the earth are joined with A - bram's seed;



The LORD Most High is to be feared; he is the earth's great King.  
 sing praise to God, our glo - rious King, sing praise to him, re - joice!  
 the rul - ers of the world are God's; he's lift - ed high in - deed!



He brings the na - tions down, sub - dues them in our sight;  
 For God is King of all. Sing praise with all your skill;  
 So to the Fa - ther raise, with his as - cend - ed Son,



he choos - es our in - her - it - ance; his love is Ja - cob's might.  
 he sits up - on his ho - ly throne and rules the na - tions still.  
 and Ho - ly Spir - it end - less praise, e - ter - nal Three in One.





**SECOND READING: Revelation 19:11-16**

*The ascended Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords*

<sup>11</sup>I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. <sup>13</sup>He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. <sup>14</sup>The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup>Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. <sup>16</sup>On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Matthew 28:20

*Pastor will sing the refrain and the verse, and the congregation may repeat the refrain.*



*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Tone*



Surely I am with you al - ways, to the very end of the age.

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## GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

### *The Ascension of Our Lord*

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.\* <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

### Worship Note

*\*During the reading of the Gospel, the Paschal Candle (the large candle in the front of church which has been burning during the Sundays since Easter) is extinguished to symbolize that Jesus did not remain with his Church in bodily form, but returned to his heavenly Father's right hand in glory. This does not imply that Jesus is no longer present among us, for he promised, "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20). Wherever his Word and Sacraments are, there Jesus is truly present. The extinguishing of the Paschal candle helps us to remember that Jesus does not himself carry the gospel in Word and Sacraments to the world, but has appointed us to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:20). With Jesus' power and presence, we are indeed witnesses of grace.*

M: The Gospel of our Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*All children are invited to join Pastor Troy at the front of the sanctuary for a message based on today's sermon, specifically designed for them! If it would help the children would feel more comfortable, an adult is welcome to come up with them.*

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH *(10:30am Service)*

*Children ages 3-5 can be dismissed to the 3K/Kitchen classroom for Children's Church. Children will return from Children's Church to the sanctuary after the conclusion of the sermon.*



## HYMN OF THE DAY

**Christ High-Ascended**

*Christian Worship 747*

**SERMON.....Pastor Troy Schreiner**

**Text: Acts 1:1-11**

**Mission: International**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**Martin Luther's Explanation of the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed**

**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 sin, 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

**Guests:** This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Victory Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work in the Jacksonville community and beyond. If you are our guest today, you are welcome to participate in this offering, but don't feel forced to! You can also give an online thank offering by using the camera on your smartphone to scan the QR code.



Please also fill out the Connection Card found inside your worship folder, and drop it in the offering plate, or in the basket on the back table.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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.**

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



**CLOSING HYMN**  
**On Christ's Ascension I Now Build**  
*Christian Worship 476*



Organist.....Mrs. Rachel Cochran

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# MY WORSHIP NOTES



*For children to use during worship.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the name of the church season or special day today? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the color of the church today? Circle one:

Blue   White   Purple   Red   Green

The Sermon Text Was: \_\_\_\_\_

This is in the:    Old Testament    New Testament

What was the sermon about? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



My favorite song today was: \_\_\_\_\_



Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

Yes

No



Communion?

Yes

No

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What did you learn about God today?

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Sermon Notes**



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