

Sunday, May 12, 2024 - Ascension of Our Lord Sunday

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# University Lutheran Church Lutheran Campus Ministry

9:00 AM Worship Service



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# PRELUDE

## WELCOME

Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*Please stand.*

*All may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of baptism as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our  
Easter and our joy.

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what  
God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the  
beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became  
the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with  
the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you  
opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as  
Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise  
to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Look, here is water!

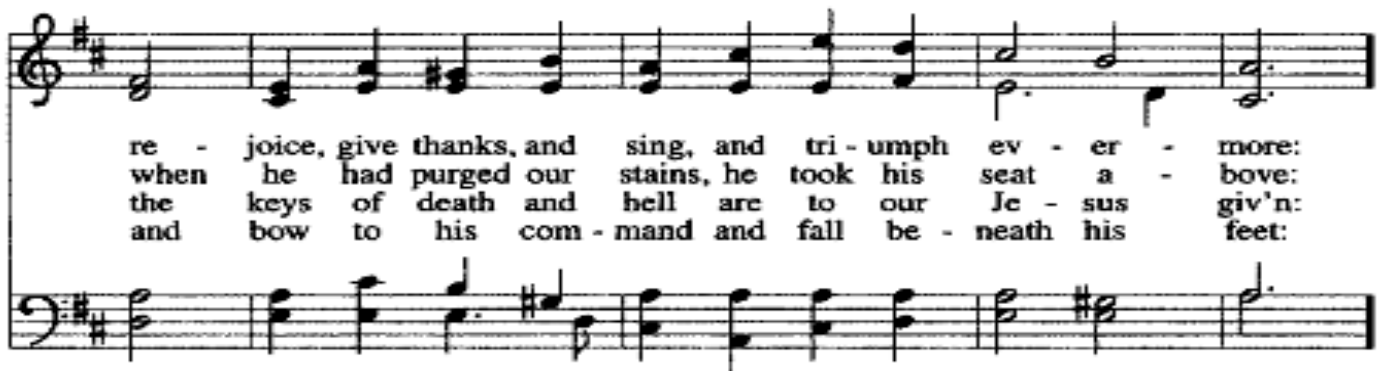
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# OPENING HYMN

# REJOICE, FOR CHRIST IS KING!



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;  
2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:  
and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:



*Refrain*  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

# GREETING

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

C And also with you.

# KYRIE

**Assistant:** In peace, in peace,

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray — to the Lord, have mer - cy,  
Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have  
mer - cy.

**Assistant:** For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all... (Refrain)

**Assistant:** For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live  
your Word... (Refrain)

*Assistant:*

Help, save and de - fend us, — O God.

*Congregation:*

A - - - men.

# SONG OF PRAISE

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free - dom: praise and glo - ry for - ev -



er - more!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once

slain, whose blood has freed and u -

nit - ed us to be one great

peo - ple of God. *to Refrain*

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

for - ev - er. *to Refrain*

3. For God has come to dwell with us,

to make us peo - ple of God; to make



they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. "They 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."

## PSALM

Psalm 47

*The Psalm will be sung responsively.*



<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, | all you peoples; shout to God with a | joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD Most High is | to be feared: a great king over | all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup>who subdues the | peoples under us, and the nations un- | der our feet;

<sup>4</sup>**who chooses our inheri- | tance for us, the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up | with a shout, the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.

<sup>6</sup>**Sing praises to | God, sing praises; sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup>For God is king of | all the earth; sing praises | with a song.

<sup>8</sup>**God reigns o- | ver the nations; God is en- | throned on high.**

<sup>9</sup>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 high- | ly exalted.

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I 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, <sup>18</sup>so 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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God 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, <sup>21</sup>far 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. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we  
go? — You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life: Al - le - lu - ia! —



## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 24:44-53**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup> [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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>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."

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

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*


## **SERMON**

Interim Pastor Arhiana Shek Dill

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon. Please stand when the Hymn of the Day begins.*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

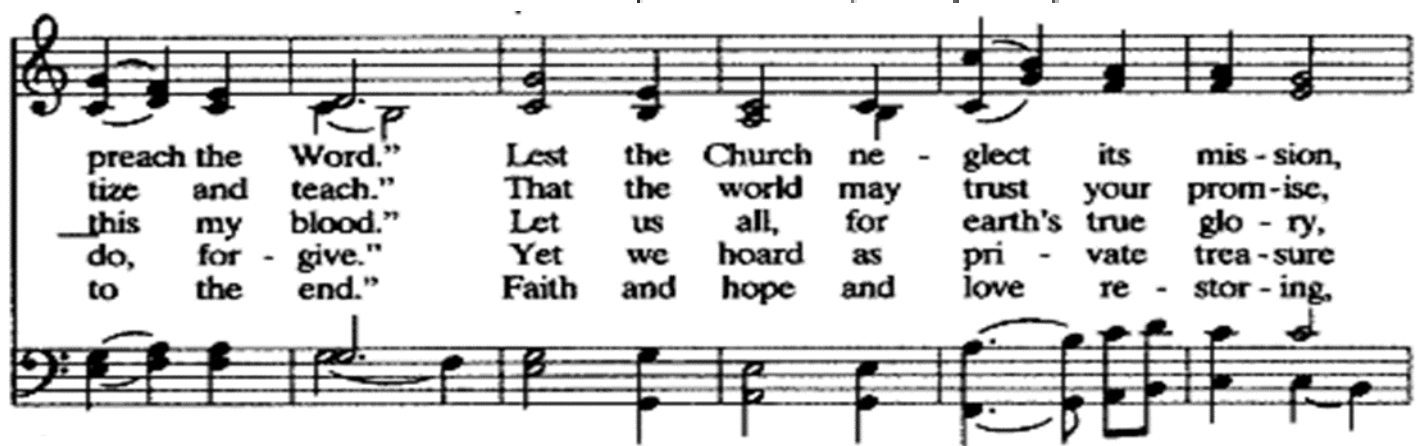
# LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the Word." Lest the Church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
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and the Gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty.  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.

*Refrain*

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

## **NICENE CREED**

**C 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

**P 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. After each portion of the prayers the Pastor will say:*

**P God of grace,**

*The congregation will respond with:*

**C** hear our prayer.

*The prayers conclude:*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## **THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE**

**(We have re-introduced shaking hands for the exchange of peace. If you are uncomfortable shaking hands—that is okay. The choice is yours. A nod, simple bow, small wave, or a handshake is all appropriate. Please be respectful of everyone’s choice. Thank you.)**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**BE STILL**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might:— Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the  
One who comes in your name.— Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



Pour out upon us the Spirit of you love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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. 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.**

**C Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*We invite to the Table of the Lord all followers of Jesus.*

*Lutherans affirm that around this table through bread and wine Christ Jesus is present with us. We offer communion with individual cups for wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers also available.*

## LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us,

*Final time:*

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

### COMMUNION HYMN

### BEFORE THE ANCIENT ONE, CHRIST STANDS

1 Be - fore the An-cient One, Christ stands, en - robed in cloud and  
 2 Who was, who is, and is to come as ser - vant lived in  
 3 Now in the lat - ter days you call, O Christ, and plead the

bright as snow, five wounds im - print his side, feet, hands, and  
 hu - man sphere; com - pas - sion was his di - a - dem; his  
 prem - ise clear, that pow - er grasped is none at all, and

thorns, the gar - land on his brow. Yet thrones and  
 glo - ry was the gen - tle tear; hu - mil - i -  
 serv - ing shows your Spir - it near. As na - tions

pow'rs fall to the knee and weave a song of maj - es - ty,  
 ty, his pur - ple garb; the heal - ing hand, his roy - al orb.  
 clash and wis - dom wanes, as glo - ries tempt and greed sus - tains,  
 for what the world ad - mires as gain is not the es - sence  
 Such love drew ire and ire drew death, but God has proved the  
 you bid us choose in ev - 'ry hour the pow'r of love, the  
 of Christ's reign, and strength is his, and name and  
 tru - er strength, and through all space the host pro -  
 great - est pow'r, that love may her - ald God's do -  
 might, be - cause he pit - ied hu - mans' plight.  
 claims the name a - bove all oth - er names.  
 main, and you, at last, may come to reign.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**P** Shepherding God, 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.

**C** Amen.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BENEDICTION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of mending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

**C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

## WE WILL GLORIFY

1 We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb;  
2 Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore his throne;  
3 He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;  
4 Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb;

we will glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.  
we will wor - ship him in righ - teous - ness, we will wor - ship him a - lone.  
he is Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all praise to him we give.  
hal - le - lu - jah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed between the staves.

## SENDING

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

## TODAY IN WORSHIP

<b>Interim Pastor</b>	Arhiana Shek Dill
<b>Music Director</b>	Elizabeth Tomboulian
<b>Vocal Lead</b>	April Boyden
<b>Altar Care</b>	Beth Wootten
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Jacob Hilliker Scott Boyden
<b>Lector</b>	Keith Cornell
<b>Usher/Greeter</b>	Beth Wootten
<b>Live Stream</b>	Alexander Webber



## OFFERING

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ULC also has text giving! Text your donation to: 480-878-7977. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK AT UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH & CAMPUS MINISTRY

Sun, May 12		HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
	9:00 am	Traditional Worship (Sanctuary or via Live Stream)
		***NOTE TIME CHANGE***
Tues, May 14	6:30 pm	ULC Council Meeting (Campus Center Library/Zoom)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)
Thurs, May 16	6:00 pm	ULC Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
	8:00 pm	AA (Campus Center)

### WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Summer is upon us and things quiet down, but we still need worship volunteers. Please sign-up on the moving bulletin board! Thank you!

### FARM BILL

The Farm Bill—the subject of our Offering of Letters---is still under consideration in Congress, and your representatives would benefit by hearing from YOU supporting changes that would make food systems more sustainable and equitable. Whether you've written before or not, how about another letter or phone call to your elected officials? For example, three quarters of Farm Bill funding underwrites SNAP, the food program that benefits one in eight Americans. If you don't have the bulletin insert of some weeks with information and a sample letter, you can pick one up in the Campus Center. And write!

### ULC COUNCIL MEETING

The ULC Council will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 14th, at 6:30 pm in the Campus Center Library or via Zoom. If you are interested in joining Council, please contact the office: [info@ulctempe.org](mailto:info@ulctempe.org) or 480-967-3543. Thank you!

### SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement for the Sunday bulletin, please submit to the church office by 9:00 am on Thursday mornings. Thank you.

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*Happy Mother's Day!*

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