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**The Ascension of Our Lord (observed)
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A warm welcome to those who are visiting us today. You may hang your coat in the entry way of the church or on the coat rack downstairs. The bathrooms are located in the basement of this building. Before you go home today, please sign our guest book located on the podium in the entry way. Also, refreshments are served in the basement after our service this morning. We invite you to join us for something to eat and drink.

Our lower level is wired for sound. If you need to take your child out during the service, you won't miss any of the sermon.

In the unlikely event of an emergency during this morning's service, you can exit the building using the main entryway or the exit to the right of the chancel. Our building does have a fire alarm system which is wired directly to the fire department. Remember, we follow the "Run, Hide, Fight" response in an emergency.

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God Comforts His People with His Forgiveness

BEFORE WORSHIP

Personal prayers for worship are found on pages 10-11 in the front part of the hymnal. A personal preparation for Holy Communion is found on page 156 in the front part of the hymnal.

HYMN

CW 175 "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"

(Christian hymns preach Jesus Christ: crucified, risen and seated at God's right hand.)

Please stand.

(The work of worship belongs to every Christian. Each of us stands as a priest before God.)

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by those present in remembrance of their Baptism.)

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

C: (spoken) Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION

(1 John 1:8-9)

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from Your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

(John 20:21-23)

(“The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to His church on earth: to forgive the sins of the penitent sinners.” Luther’s Small Catechism: The Use of the Keys and Confession.)

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ has ascended. Christ will come again. By the death and resurrection of God’s Son Jesus Christ, death has been swallowed up forever. Hear the word of Christ through His called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)

(These are the words to the oldest canticle in the Christian church, the Kyrie.)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, who promised to send Your Holy Spirit upon Your followers,

C: have mercy on us.

M: O Christ, who is alive and is seated at God’s right hand in the heavenly places, 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 one to come,

C: have mercy on us.

M: O Lord, who ascended to the Father’s right hand and will come again in clouds with great power and glory,

C: have mercy on us and grant us Your peace. Amen.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for You.

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

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

1 Clap your hands all you na - tions;
 2 God sub - dues ev - ery na - tion;
 3 To the shout - ing in tri - umph, A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 4 Praise the Lord with your sing - ing;
 5 Those on earth who are might - y,

Eb7(D7) Ab(G) Bb6(A6) Eb(D)

shout for joy all you peo - ple.
 God is king of all crea - tures.
 to the blast - ing of trum - pets, A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 sing God psalms— for - ev - er.
 still be - long to our Mak - er,

Eb/G(D/F#) A° 7(G#° 7) Eb/Bb(D/A) Bb7(A7) Eb(D)

Ho - ly is the most high,
 God has giv - en this land,
 God— has— gone up; A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 God is mon - arch of all,
 God ex - alt - ed on high,

Eb/G(D/F#) A° 7(G#° 7) Eb/Bb(D/A) Bb7(A7) Eb(D)

might - y o - ver the earth.
 to the peo - ple he loves.
 God as - cends o - ver all. A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 sov - 'reign o - ver the earth.
 God, for - ev - er our Lord.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

(The salutation is a Christian greeting, offered here for mutual encouragement as the congregation prepares to hear God's word.)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M & C: Lord Jesus, King of glory, forty days after Your glorious resurrection 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. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

[We sit at the feet of Jesus like Mary did, to hear His word (Luke 10:42).]

FIRST LESSON

EPHESIANS 1:16-23

¹⁶ I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰ He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹ far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²² And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia. (Matthew 28:20b NIV)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by His blood.”

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;

Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.

Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,

Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”? (CW 168)

Please Stand

(The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.)

M: The gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory be to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL

LUKE 24:44-53

44 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."

45 Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. 46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 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."

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

After the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in God, the Father 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

CW 173 “On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”

(The Hymn of the Day is a hymn specially assigned to this day for its richness, its content and its connection to the day’s Gospel.)

THE SERMON

OFFERING

(Moved by God’s love in Christ, we offer Him our first and our best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him. Visitors to our service can participate in this act of worship, but are not expected to.)

OFFERTORY

Please stand.

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(1 Timothy 2:1)

THE SACRAMENT

(God in His word makes it clear that Holy Communion is to be shared by people of a common proclamation of faith (1 Corinthians 11:26, 1 Corinthians 10:16). So, without judging anyone’s heart, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our church body, and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11:27), to come to the front and receive the Sacrament.)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you. (spoken)

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



1 Sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, the God by all a - dored."
 2 "Ho - san - na in the high - est" sing and bless the com - ing One.



The heav`ns a - bove and earth be - low His glo - ry ev - er tell.
 Our Lord is here and with Him we shall now and ev - er dwell.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Jesus took bread and "gave thanks" (Matthew 26:26).)

M: Blessed are You, O Lord God, King of the Universe. Before the foundation of the world, You chose to redeem us with the precious blood of Your Son, a lamb without blemish or defect.

We give You humble and heartfelt thanks.

The iniquity in which we were conceived,

has been cleansed by the mystery of His holy incarnation;

Our self-absorbed youth has been sanctified

by His birth, circumcision and obedience;

Our self-willed lives have been brought into conformity

with Your holy will by His Baptism, fasting and temptation;

The head of our adversary, the serpent

has been crushed by Christ's bloody agony, sweat and scourging;

The gloomy portal of death has become the gate to everlasting life

through His precious cross, death and burial.

Strengthen our faith through this heavenly food that, as partakers in Christ's glorious resurrection, we may, together, recline at the wedding feast of the Lamb, and hear us now as we join in praying...

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*Latin for "Lamb of God," tune CW 441*)

(John 1:29)



1 O ho - ly spot - less Lamb of God, our sins You take a - way.
2 O ho - ly, spot - less Lamb of God, our sins You take a - way.



Have mer - cy, Lord, Your mer - cy show, and hear us as we pray.
Have mer - cy, Lord, and send us peace as we live out this day.

Please be seated.

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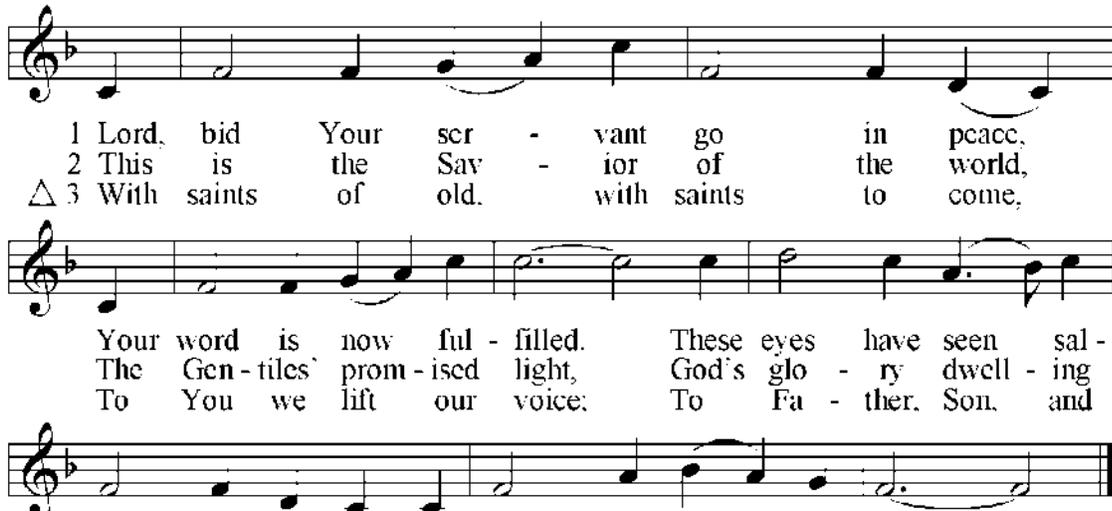
During the distribution the congregation will sing **CW 171 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"**

THANKSGIVING

Please stand.

NUNC DIMITTIS (Latin for "Now Dismiss," tune CW 215)

(Luke 2:29-32)



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,
Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and
va - tion's dawn. This child so long fore - told.
in our midst. The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Bc hon - or, love, and praise.

PRAYER

M: Thank You, God, for feeding us here with the body and blood of our risen and ascended Lord Jesus, who is the good King for all people. Use this life-giving Meal to strengthen our faith as we follow our good King Jesus this week; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

THE CLOSING HYMN

CW 170 "Draw Us to Thee"

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Father's Business in the Coming Week

Cleaning this Week: Landenberger

Today— *Mother's Day*

Breakfast at 8:15 AM

Communion Service (Ascension Day Observed) at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45 AM

NO Confirmation Class

Tuesday—Outreach at 7:00 PM

Friday—Men's Bible Class at 11:30 AM

Next Sunday— *The Day of Pentecost (The Third High Festival of the Christian Church Year)*

Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:45 AM

Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up at Noon

Confirmation Class at 6:00 PM

Volunteers are needed to bring something to eat and drink for fellowship on Sunday mornings. A NEW SIGN-UP SHEET HAS BEEN POSTED FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS! Please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the lower level.

Thank You to the Church Council for serving breakfast this morning in honor of Mother's Day.

On Sunday, May 20th, New Life will once again clean up our stretch of Long Grove Road through Lake County's Adopt-a-Highway program. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board downstairs if you are able to help. Lunch will be served before heading out.

On Friday, April 20, an inch-thick licensing application was submitted to the DCFS to get our preschool program licensed as a group day care center. Part of the application process was to make sure that our building was safe from Radon, which, according to the test results, it is. Soon, DCFS will inform us if all the required information has been submitted to their satisfaction and assign a licensing specialist to walk us through the process.

A CPR (cardio pulmonary resuscitation) class will be offered at New Life on June 2, from 8:00 AM until noon. Knowing CPR and being certified is valuable for every walk of life. If you'd like to attend, PLEASE SIGN-UP on the sign-up sheet downstairs. The cost for the class is \$35.00 per person.

PARKING LOT UPDATE

"A parking lot seems like such a superficial thing –we don't even consciously think about it unless a pothole has eaten one of our wheels up to the axle when we drive in. But it matters to the people who drive by. Every Sunday I drive past a church with weed-choked parking and paint peeling off the building in long strips and a faded sign by the road that says, 'Join us for worship!' but the condition of their property would more likely repel a visitor than invite a visitor.

New Life has been richly blessed with a beautiful facility (and parking lot). Our congregation has worked hard to make an inviting - and welcoming – place to worship. I am happy to report that we are just short of halfway to our goal for making our parking lot even more enticing to passersby through rehabbing the north end. (it works out to 22 cars on the sign by the café).

Our Property Chairman is negotiating strenuously with a number of contractors to strike a deal that fits our needs and theirs – while still enabling us to put as much of our blessings back into outreach / evangelism as possible. We still have 5 months to meet – or exceed – our goal. Please keep that in mind as we enter the busy summer months."

-- John Lester, Stewardship Chairman

Our Faithfulness to God's Word

Last Sunday: 67

