# **LUTHERAN CHAPEL**



# **PSALM 47**

# "CLAPPING, SHOUTING, PRAISING AND OTHER THINGS TO DO AS CHRIST ASCENDS"

Jesus ascends to the right hand of God the Father opening the Way for all believers. Let us clap. Let us shout. Let us praise the LORD now and forever.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD MAY 24, 2020

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# LUTHERAN CHAPEL MAY 24, 2020 ASCENSION OF OUR LORD SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

\*Indicates that all who are able should stand to honor God. **BOLD** indicates congregational responses.

#### **GATHER**

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**PRELUDE** 

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING** Psalm 118:14, 17, 19, 24

P: We gather together in the name of the Father, + the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!

P: The Lord is my strength and my song.

C: The Lord has become my salvation.

P: Open to me the gates of righteousness;

C: I will go through them and praise the Lord.

P: I shall not die, but live,

C: and declare the words of the Lord.

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: we will rejoice and be glad in it!



#### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

#### **WORD**

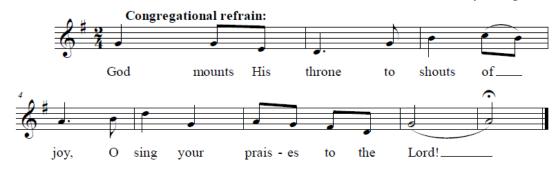
#### FIRST READING ACTS 1:1-11

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

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After 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. <sup>4</sup>While 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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But 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." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>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."

L: The Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God.



1. All you peoples, clap your hnds, shout to God in gladness, the Lord we must fear, King of all the Earth.

#### Refrain:

2. God goes up to shouts of joy, sound the trumpet blast. Sing praise to our God, praise unto our King!

#### Refrain:

3. God is King of all the Earth, sing with all your skill to the King of all Nations, praise Him on His throne.

#### Refrain:

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#### THE SECOND LESSON

#### **EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

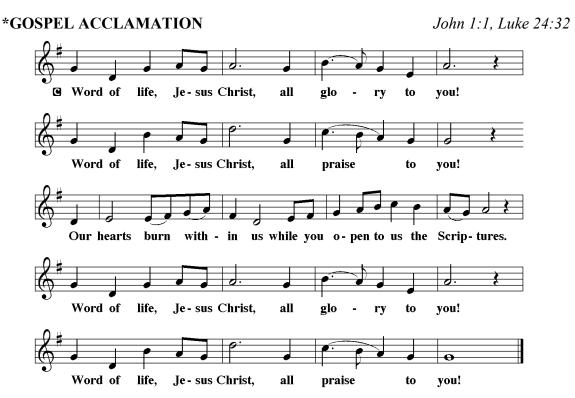
The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

<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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



\*GOSPEL LUKE 24:44-53

Response after the announcement:

#### C: 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.

<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."

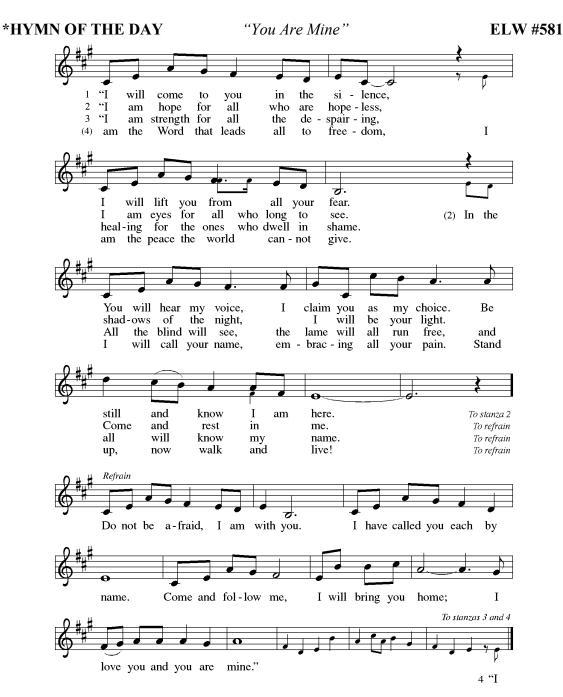
<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **MESSAGE**

"Clapping, Shouting, Praising and Other Things to Do as Christ Ascends"



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Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas
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P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: We believe in Him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

#### \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

All are invited to confess our faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If you have not received the gift of baptism or would like to affirm your faith in Jesus and join His mission here, please indicate this on the prayer card and talk to an usher or the pastor.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life + everlasting. Amen.

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith:

C: pray in the Holy Spirit. Jude 20

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jude 21

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

#### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Matthew 5:22-24: Ephesians 4:1-3* 

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11

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

C: And also with you.

#### **PRAYER**

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P: Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: Living God, you chose us to be your witnesses in the world. We pray for the church in every place and the congregations in our community. Focus our hearts and minds on the ministry we share in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

## C: hear our prayer.

Prayers conclude:

P: With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

#### **SENDING**

\*THE BLESSING WOV pg. 53



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

#### **POSTLUDE**

#### \*DISMISSAL

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#### **PARISH NEWS**

WORSHIP SERVICES: As the coronavirus shut down continues, Lutheran Chapel will stream worship services online at 10:30 Sunday mornings. We are pleased to share that Lutheran Chapel now has MULTIPLE options for viewing our services online! We are still streaming on Facebook Live and if you currently enjoy using Facebook to watch our services, please continue to do so. If you are not a Facebook user, please subscribe to our Lutheran Chapel YouTube channel to follow services. Or, watch live from our website. A pdf of the weekly bulletin is available on the church website and Facebook.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** An on-line Sunday School lesson will be held via Zoom Sunday mornings at 9:30. Please email Steve Laws at <a href="mailto:stephenclaws@gmail.com">stephenclaws@gmail.com</a> to sign up.

**PRAYER HUT PROJECT:** Thanks be to God for a good team that put up siding on the prayer hut/scout hut. It looks good and should save the building from damage and mess from carpenter bees.

**2020 VBS:** Because of our current circumstances and limited information as to when these circumstances will change, the Christian Ed and Family Ministries Committee has decided to postpone VBS to a later date. More information to come.

**CAM FOOD DRIVE:** Thanks be to God for 157 bags of food given for the Crisis Assistance Ministry in April. The need is still great in Gaston County. For those who would like to continue to support this food ministry to help our neighbors, our Social Ministry is willing to keep going. Let us continue to help all we can!

**FACE MASKS:** Thanks be to God for Kay Moretz and for her team of seven making face masks for our fellowship. *If anyone still needs or would like a facemask, please contact Kay*.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS:** Some church members have asked how they can send tithes and offerings to church since we are not meeting in person. Options include: utilizing

offering envelopes to mail (or a regular envelope) or giving on-line through our church website: lutheranchapelchurch.org, top right-hand corner "give" which is a link to Easy Tithe. Any questions or concerns call our Treasurer Ed Robinson.

**COUNSELING SERVICES:** In partnership with 9 local houses of worship *The Resource Connection Gateway* has launched a special mental health initiative. Through the power of story this initiative will seek to reduce the stigma that often lingers over reaching out for mental health support. <u>Someonelistened.com</u> will also make qualified, subsidized mental health care available all across our community. Will you visit the site, share your own story and then invite 3 of your colleagues to do the same?



#### **DAILY PRAYER**

**EACH MORNING AND EVENING, PRAY TO THE LORD.** (Psalm 1:2) A prayer list, daily lessons to read the Bible together each year, and a song of praise are below. The "Our Daily Bread" devotional is available as a booklet, an app in eBook format, daily e-mail, or podcast. Visit odb.org/subscribe. Fill out a prayer card to share or notify the church office with concerns.

**PRAYER LIST FOR FELLOWSHIP:** Braylon Beam, B.T. Bradley, Donna Carpenter, Jerry Carpenter, Hunter Clark, Tonya Dowdy, Kathy Finch, Helen Hoffman, Dru Huffstickler, Alfred Lineberger, Robert Park, Betty Petty, Doug Rhyne, Fran Rice, Barbara Robinson, and Bill Robinson.

**FRIENDS OF THE FELLOWSHIP:** Ruth Benoy, Baby Ellis Brown, Josh Dockery serving in South Korea, Amelia Edwards, **Johnny Enloe**, Jamison Franklin, Harriet Grantham, Travis Hogue, Mary Jackson, Ernie Kincaid, Suzanne Ledford, Bill McCullen, Lee Norris, Sam & Lara Rasanen, Martin Salois, Pastor Peter Setzer, Charlene Sorenson, Dana Williams, and Lulu Zizak.

# WEEK 21: May 24, 2020 to MAY 31, 2020

- 05/24 Morning Reading: John 8:28-59—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 22, 23, 24
- 05/25 Morning Reading: John 9:1-23—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 25, 26, 27
- 05/26 Morning Reading: John 9:24-41—Evening Reading: 1 Chronicles 28, 29
- **05/27** Morning Reading: John 10:1-23—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 1, 2, 3
- **05/28** Morning Reading: John 10:24-42—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 4, 5, 6
- 05/29 Morning Reading: John 11:1-29—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 7, 8, 9
- 05/30 Morning Reading: John 11:30-57—Evening Reading: 2 Chronicles 10, 11, 12
- 05/31 Morning Reading: John 12:1-26—Evening Reading: 12 Chronicles 13, 14

**Song Of Praise** 

"This Is the Day"

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## Next Sunday, MAY 31, 2020 ~ Day of Pentecost

9:30 Zoom Sunday School: Acts 2:1-21

10:30 Service of the Word: John 20:19-23 ~ The Gift of Breath and Spirit

<u>Note</u>: *daily*Lectio.net provides the complete Revised Common Lectionary for both Sunday and daily lessons.

**This QR** code goes straight to the Daily prayers page on the website that list the commemorations for the week.

# CHURCH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK SUNDAY, MAY 24- SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2020

Sun-17 9:30 am Sunday School via Zoom

10:30 am Worship Service ~ Streamed on Facebook Live

