

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
The Ascension of Our Lord

By Rev. Thomas L. Weitzel ELCA

May 29, 2022

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

+OPENING SONG

“Everlasting God”

Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

Verse 1

Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

You're the defender
of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up
on wings like eagles

Strength will rise as we
wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Verse 1

Pre-Chorus

Pre-chorus

Our God
You reign forever
Our Hope
Our strong Deliverer

Chorus 1

Chorus 2 (two times)

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
The everlasting God
The everlasting

Chorus 1

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary

Tag (two times)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center}* (Greg Hornicke)

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. (BCP, p.226)

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center}* (Greg Hornicke)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most of all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Rob)

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *{On Floor Pulpit Side}* (Emily)

FIRST READING (*Jon Sasseville*)

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 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. 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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 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." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and 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."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to 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." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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."

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

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+SONG OF THE DAY

"Hear Our Praises"

Reuben Morgan/Mark Cole

Verse 1

May our homes be filled with dancing
May our streets be filled with joy
May injustice bow to Jesus
As the people turn and pray

Verse 2

May our light shine in the darkness
As we walk before the cross
May Your glory fill the whole earth
As the water o'er the seas

Chorus

From the mountains to the valley
Hear our praises rise to You
From the heavens to the nations
Hear our singing fill the air

Chorus (two times)

Bridge (three times)

Hallelujah hallelujah
Hallelujah hallelujah

Chorus

+THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Front Center*) (*Greg Hornicke*)

Screen

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

After each petition:

L: Loving God, we look to you.

C: Receive our prayer.

+THE LORD’S PRAYER (Greg Hornicke)

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.

TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE (Greg Hornicke)

L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website stlukesbloomington.org and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

“I Walk by Faith”
Jubilee Praise Team

Chris Falson

SENDING

+BENEDICTION (Rob)

L: May almighty God bless you with the knowledge that his only Son has ascended into heaven to prepare a place for you.

C: Amen.

L: May you be lifted up and guided by Christ's intercession at God's right hand.

C: Amen

L: At Christ's promised return, may you be found blameless and welcomed into the joys of God's eternal kingdom.

C: Amen

L: And may almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen

+SENDING SONG

Chorus 1 (two times)

Great and mighty is He
Great and mighty is He
Clothed in glory
Arrayed in splendor
Great and mighty is He

Verse

Let us lift His name on high
Celebrate His grace
For He has redeemed our lives
And He reigns on high

Chorus 1 (two times)

“Great and Mighty is He”

Verse

Chorus 1 (two times)

Chorus 2

Great and mighty is He
Great and mighty is He
Clothed in glory
Arrayed in splendor

Great and mighty is
Great and mighty is
Great and mighty is He

Todd Pettygrove/Dan Burgess

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (Greg Hornicke)

L: Do not stand looking up towards heaven. You are the body of Christ. Go in peace. Share the Good News.

C: Thanks be to God!

REPRISE

Altar Flowers Today
Given by:

Judy Ludwigson
In celebration of Tyler's birthday on May 31st