



*Living Praise  
Celebration*  
Online  
Sunday, May 24, 2020

---

***stlukeaa.org***

## **WELCOME**

### **“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build” LSB 492 vs. 1**

On Christ's ascension I now build  
The hope of mine ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled  
All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the head is, there as well  
I know his members are to dwell  
When Christ shall come and call them.

### **CALL TO WORSHIP – from Acts chapter 1**

**Pastor:** After his suffering, Jesus presented himself to his disciples 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. 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. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” Then they gathered around him and asked him,

**All:** “**Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?**”

### **“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build” LSB 492 vs. 2**

Since Christ returned to claim his throne,  
Great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart shall rest in him alone,  
No other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before,  
There all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.

Pastor: He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 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." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "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." - Acts 1:3-11

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Lord God, today we resemble your disciples on the day of your ascension;

**All: We stare into the sky, wondering what to do next.**

Pastor: We fail to ask the right questions. We argue over what to do next.

**All: We are told to "wait," and we struggle to do so; we want to take action. We look for leaders who will tell us what we want to hear. We lose our patience, and with it, the perspective you invite us to have. Lord, in the name of the One who ascended back to you, forgive us.**

*-We pause to remember and repent of our sin-*

Pastor: What is our response to the future God has in store for us?

**All: We will wait for it! Amen.**

## "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build" LSB 492 vs. 3

Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,  
Recalling your ascension,  
That I may serve you faithfully,  
Adorning your redemption;  
And then, when all my days will cease,  
Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading.

## GOSPEL: Gospel Reading: Luke 24:44-53

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."

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

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

## **SERMON**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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. He will come again 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.**

## **PRAYERS**

### **LORDS PRAYER**

**All: 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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING SONG**

**“Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You

CCLI Song # 2298355 Paul Baloche