

Ascension of Our Lord

**Sunday, May 12, 2024**  
9:15 AM



## **Resurrection Lutheran Church**

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## WORSHIP INFORMATION

**Please silence your electronic devices during service.**

"P" signifies the pastor, "L" signifies the leader, and "C" signifies the congregation.

For responsive readings, the congregation parts are in **bold**.

**\* Indicates: "please stand (as you are comfortable)"**

## INTRODUCTION

*In today's readings, the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; but that we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.*

## PRELUDE

Larry Kuipers, organ

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new world has broken into ours —

**C: a world in which justice comes for the poor,  
a world in which freedom comes for the prisoners,  
a world in which healing comes for the sick.**

P: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new community has been formed —

**C: a community that loves and cares for all members,  
a community that welcomes all who are rejected,  
a community where all find a place of belonging.**

P: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,  
a new creation has begun —

**C: all that was distorted is being restored,  
all that was corrupted is being renewed,  
all that was broken is being made whole.**

P: Because Jesus ascended and sits at the right hand of God,

**C: God's new world has begun.**

## \*OPENING HYMN: *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*



1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!



glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!  
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, a - while to mor - tals giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!



en - ters now the high - est heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!  
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
bless - ings on his church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821

## \*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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty God,

**C: 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.**

**WELCOME HOME!**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**THE FIRST READING:** Acts 1:1-11

NRSV

<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.**

**THE SECOND READING:** Psalm 93

NRSV

L: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

L: <sup>5</sup>Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.

**C: <sup>2</sup>your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.**

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

L: <sup>3</sup>The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

**C: <sup>4</sup>More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the LORD!**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Alleluia!*



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 17:6-19

NRSV

<sup>6</sup>I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to

be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to Christ.**

**SERMON** "So, Where Do We Belong?"

Pastor Carol George



**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the  
5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers  
sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they  
sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.  
say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."  
run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Bede, 673-735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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## \*APOSTLES' CREED

P: People of God, what is it we profess to be true?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## WE OFFER OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

Many services and missions of the church are benefited by your generous offerings.

- American & Foreign Christian Union • Canyon del Oro Assembly of God Food Pantry
  - Casas Por Cristo • Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona
    - ELCA Grand Canyon Synod • Feed My Starving Children
  - Future Leaders In Ministry • GAP Ministry • Gospel Rescue Mission
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  - Primavera Men's Shelter • Impact • Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
    - Sister Jose Women's Center • Wycliffe Bible Missionaries
      - Lutheran Campus Ministry of U of A. Thank you!

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Sim Shalom*

by Will Lopes

Spirit Singers; Megan Asher, violin; Jamee Haddorff, piano

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C: Amen.**

## \*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C: We thank you, Risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, Risen Christ, as your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, Risen Christ; cleanse our hearts and shower us with life. To you be given all praise with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.**





## \*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.**

## \*JESUS' PROMISE AND COMMAND

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C: 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED - All are invited to the Lord's table.

- Receive a wafer and dip it in either red wine or white grape juice.
- Indicate you need a gluten free wafer by holding up two fingers.
- Individually wrapped communion packs are available.
- Those not receiving communion may come forward for a spoken blessing.
- If you are unable to come forward, notify an usher and we will come to you.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Ave Maria*

Arranged by Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

(based on the Prelude No. 1 in C Major from the Well-Tempered Clavier, BWV 846

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750)

Jamee Haddorff, piano; Larry Kuipers, organ

## COMMUNION HYMNS: *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful  
Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em - man - u - el, God is  
with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word.

2. Jesus, loving shepherd

Vine of the branches, Son of God

Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor

Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

3. Jesus, Way of salvation,

King of kings, Lord of Lords,

the way the truth, and the Life,

Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

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Lord I Want to Be a Christian



- 1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
- 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
- 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
- 4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart. (in my heart)  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart. (in my heart)  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart. (in my heart)  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart. (in my heart)



In my heart, \_\_\_\_\_ in my heart, \_\_\_\_\_



Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart. (in my heart)  
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart. (in my heart)  
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart. (in my heart)  
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart. (in my heart)

WORDS: Negro spiritual  
 MUSIC: Negro spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1986  
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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

**SENDING**  
*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace.

C: Amen.



**\*CLOSING HYMN:** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call;



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
and crown him Lord of all.

**\*DISMISSAL**

**C:** Called by God's Spirit, we are to be the presence of Christ in our daily lives so that others will follow him.

**P:** Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

**POSTLUDE**

Larry Kuipers, organ

**Wear Red for Pentecost  
Next Weekend  
5/18 & 5/19**

**New Summer Worship Times  
Coming for June and July!**

**Oro Valley**  
Saturday at 5 PM  
Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10 AM\*  
\*Sunday School

**SaddleBrooke**  
Sunday at 9 AM





## Financial Information:

Date: May 12, 2024

Donations Received Month to Date: \$ 47,714

Amount needed in May: \$161,881

### Attendance Last Week:

In Person: 674

Online: 388

### Donations for April 2024:

Donations Received: \$165,265

Amount Needed: \$184,741

*God's grace and your faithful financial partnership have enabled us to continue the mission to which God has called us!*

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**Altar flowers are donated by Caryl and Chuck Zink in memory of Louise Zink, June Herman and Ilif Herman.**



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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*Thank you for wearing your name tags. If you are in need of one, please contact the church office.*

### FACILITIES INFORMATION

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to your right as you face the exit of the worship space.
- **Childcare is available** at the end of the hallway to your right as you face the exit of the worship space.
- **Wireless Sound Enhancement Units** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Large Print Bulletins** are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Offices** are located in the Administration Building.
- **Please Observe AZ State Law:** Please refrain from smoking within 20 feet of public entrances.

### WORSHIP SERVICES

#### Saturday Worship

**5 PM** – Traditional service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.  
First Saturday – Healing Service. Fourth Saturday – Holden Evening Prayer.

#### Sunday Worship

**7:45 AM** – Traditional liturgical service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

**9:00 AM** – Traditional service at our SaddleBrooke location.

**9:15 AM** – Traditional service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

**10:45 AM** – Children's Sunday School located in the Child Development Center and Confirmation and High School Sunday School meet in the Outreach Building. Classes are available for ages 3 through 12th grade.

**10:45 AM** – Contemporary service in the Sanctuary at the Oro Valley campus.

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