

Ascension Sunday May 21, 2023 at 11:30am

**Welcome to worship this morning at St. Mark's Lutheran Church!**

The order below will help you to find your way through our worship service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red). The hymns are found in the main section marked with black numbers, the liturgy (p), if not printed, in the front section of the book. Thank you!

P (Pastor) L (Lector) C (Congregation)

Church Bells

Organ Prelude Simone Ren

Welcome

**Gathering Hymn # 430, 1 – 3: Rejoice, for Christ Is King!**

Call to Worship with words from Psalm 66:

P: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**C: For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

P: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**C: He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

P: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**C: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

P: For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

**C: God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

P: The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God.

**Call to Confession:**

P: Loving God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer of Confession:**

P: Gracious God, have mercy on us.

**C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

**Declaration of Forgiveness:**

God, who is rich in mercy in Christ Jesus, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Gracious God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Reading from Acts 1, 4 – 11: Ascension

Celtic Alleluia # 174



Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Luke 24: 44 – 53: A blessing and a promise

**Hymn of the Day # 838: Beautiful Saviour**

*(The offering is gathered – thank you!)*

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

**C: And also with you**

Prayers of Intercession, concluding: God, in your mercy

**C: hear our prayer**

Announcements

**Sending Hymn # 538: The Lord Now Sends Us Forth**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Announcements

Thrift Sale

**Saturday, May 27th, 2023 - 10 am**

Please bring your items before or after the Services on Sunday, May 21st 2023 until 2 pm. During the week: Monday May 22th to Friday May 26<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 5 pm and by arrangement.

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