

**May 26, 2022 7PM Ascension Of Our Lord Worship  
St John's Ev. Lutheran Church and School  
475 E. Herbert Ave. Salt Lake City, Utah 84111**

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**7PM By phone 1(888) 788-0099 Meeting ID 853 6839 5047 for Personal ID use “ # ”**

We are on Zoom and have established an 800 number for those who wish to use their phone to connect and not be charged long distance. Our weekly invitation link can also be used for Wi-Fi connection. The Zoom computer connection or 800 number is a good way for you to have our service available to you and your family and friends **1(888) 788-0099** is the free call. **For Sunday worship** the meeting ID is **886 7604 5376**. No personal ID is required. Just hit the # sign when asked for personal ID. If you have a smart phone you can enter with video connection or not.

The easiest way to come on Zoom by computer is to have an invitation email with a link. You will need to send your email address to Susan, so we can send out an invitation with a link to our meeting. If you notice someone missing from the email addresses in your email or want to invite someone you know, either forward this to them or send an email to Susan Roberts or Pastor Hank so we can include them in our ongoing email invitations if they desire.

**We are privileged and commanded by God to worship Him. Worship is the highest art form and good work that humans can do before and with God. Worship brings us into God's presence, where we first confess our sins and receive His forgiveness to enter His presence as well as receive His blessings for life now and in eternity. Worship establishes and maintains eternal fellowship with God. Worship is not an entertainment activity. Do not sit back and watch; true worship requires your active listening and participation. Even while muted, sing the hymns and speak the responses, prayers and confessions.**

Because of the second to second and a half lag-time between you and the source of the music or leading voice, unison participation requires us to mute your mic or phone if this feature is available, or cover the mouth-piece/mic. Only one voice should be heard responding to avoid confusion of feedback and distract from your worship.. Our joyful noise is certainly heard by our Lord, but it is distracting to our worship concentration with the lag time. Remember, worship is not worship unless you are involved in the worship acts, so don't just watch, -- join in, listen, and participate.

You will have opportunity to speak to and greet each other both before and after worship. The actual worship will start at 10 AM, but we will establish our meeting for you to connect at or after 9:45 AM. You will come into the zoom waiting room and be brought in by the host or co-host ASAP. Your wait time will be very short.

We have opened up the church, so you can worship in it. **We will need to social distance as family units, wearing masks is optional, wash hands and enjoy fellowship together.** Cell Phones dialed into our zoom program will allow you to fellowship with and be active together in worship if you choose to worship from home. You are urged to begin to think about coming for in-house worship. You are asked to mute your phone while service is going on and to worship normally. Communion is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays after completion of the worship on zoom. Private communion is offered upon request. We will continue to utilize Zoom for Sunday worship as part of our outreach to the community and for those who are at home or traveling.

Thank you for joining our worship.

Pastor Hank, Pastor Paul & St. John's Congregation

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**Evening Prayer** *(please stand & read)*

L: *Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.*

**C: the light no darkness can overcome.**

L: *Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,*

**C: and the day is almost over.**

L: *Let Your light scatter the darkness*

**C: and illumine Your Church.**

**Hymn of Light**

*Read* L: Joyous light of glory:

*Read* **C: of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.**

**We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light.**

**We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:**

**You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.**

**O Son of God, O Giver of life: the universe proclaims Your glory.**

**THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT**

*Read* L: *Blessed are You, Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we Your creatures glorify You, Father Son and Holy Spirit.*

*Sing* **C: Amen**

**PSALMODY**

**PSALM 141** *(Please rise and sing)*

**C: Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to You.**

**C: Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

**II Set a watch before my mouth O Lord, and guard the door of my lips.**

**I Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.**

**II But my eyes are turned to You O God; in You I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.**

*Sing* **C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, Is now, and will be forever Amen. Let my prayer rise before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

L: *Let us pray.*

*Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.*

L: *Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before You, O Lord, and let Your loving-kindness descend on us that, with purified minds, we may sing Your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host and may glorify You forever.*

*Sing* **C: Amen.**

### **OFFICE HYMN LSB 493 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”**

1. A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod, Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
2. The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
And with His faithful foll’wers see Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
3. To them the shining angels cry, “Why stand and gaze upon the sky?” Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
“This is the Savior,’ Thus they say: “This is His glorious triumph day!”  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
4. “You see Him now, ascending high Up to the portals of the sky.” Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
“Here after Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
5. Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
- ^ 6. O risen Christ, ascended Lord. All praise to You let earth accord: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
You are, while endless ages run, With Father and with Spirit one.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

### **INTROIT:**

*P: God has gone up with a shout,*

**C: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

*P: The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand,*

**C: until I make Your enemies Your footstool."**

*P: The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind,*

**C: "You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek."**

*P: The Lord is at your right hand;*

**C: He will shatter kings on the day of His wrath.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**C: the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

### **Readings from Holy Scripture**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Lesson: Acts 1:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which He said, "you 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, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the heaven? This Jesus, Who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven."

*L: O Lord, have mercy on us*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might. <sup>20</sup> that He worked 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 one to come. <sup>22</sup> And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all.

*L: O Lord, have mercy on us*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE:**

*P: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia.*

**C: Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.**

*L: In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.*

**C: But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

*(Please Rise for the reading of the Gospel)*

**Luke 24:44-53**

<sup>44</sup> Then He said to them, “These are My words that I spoke to You while I was still with you, that everything about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>48</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are 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 blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

*L: O Lord, have mercy on us*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon Title: “Our Lord Has Ascended to the Right Hand of the Father”**

**MAGNIFICAT:**

**Refrain: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.**

**My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior**

1. For He has regarded the lowliness of His hand-maiden. For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed. *(Refrain)*
2. For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name; and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation. *(Refrain)*
3. He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly. *(Refrain)*
4. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away. He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. *(Refrain)*
5. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. *(Refrain)*

**THE OFFERING:**

**OFFERING:** (As you are privileged, do contribute to our Lord's ministry by sending your offering in support of God's ministry at St. John's Lutheran Church, 475 East Herbert Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84111)

*In the House of the Lord, the Offering is taken for the partnership with God in His ministry in our community and through this congregation. To participate, you will need to send it to the address above or use the PayPal app on our website. [stjohnslutheranslc.org](http://stjohnslutheranslc.org)*

### **LITANY :**

**L:** *In peace let us pray to the Lord;*

**Sing C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** *For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:*

**Sing C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** *For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:*

**Sing C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** *For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:*

**Sing C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** *For President Harrison and President Schlechte, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all people, let us pray to the Lord*

**Sing C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** *For President Biden, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:*

**Sing C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** *For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place,*

**Sing C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** *For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:*

**Sing C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** *For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:*

**Sing C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** *For the people of Ukraine and those who are showing mercy to them, let us pray to the Lord:*

**Sing C: Lord, have mercy.**

**L:** *For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:*

**Sing C: Thanks be to God.**

**L:** *Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

**L:** *Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:*

**Sing C: To You, O Lord.**

### **Collect for Peace**

*L: O God from Whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

*Sing* **C: Amen**

### **LORD's PRAYER:**

**L :** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C: Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,  
They 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.**

### **BENEDICAMUS:**

*L: Let us bless the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **BENEDICTION**

*L: The almighty and merciful Lord,  
the Father, the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.*

**C: Amen.**

### **LSB 887 "Now the Light Has Gone Away"**

1. Now the light has gone away; Father, listen while I pray, Asking Thee to watch and keep  
And to send me quiet sleep.
2. Jesus, Savior, wash away All that has been wrong today; Help me ev'ry day to be  
Good and gentle, more like Thee.
3. Let my near and dear one be Always near and dear to Thee; O bring me and all I love  
To Thy happy home above.
4. Now my evening praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live. All my blessings come  
from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
5. Thou, my best and kindest Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end. Let me love Thee more  
and more, Always better than before.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Please keep in your prayers:** Bob Malinsky, Kim Bach, Sharyn Oliver, Robert Schiavo, Louise Merritt, , Dorothy Erickson, Joan Schrank, Lola Stopper, Irma Keil, Irmgard Ristau, Maurine Rathje, Lisa Polster Barbara Clark, Colleen & Ray Johnson, Mrs. Kathleen Switzer, Lisa Nelson and Margo Henderson, Curt Johnson, Mrs. Son Cha Dejong and Pastor Wagner.
- 2.** Wednesday Bible Study is at 10 AM on zoom . Request a link from Susan. All are invited. We are studying of the patriarchs using Luther's Works as our guide. Join our little group.
- 3.** Your gifts and offerings to God for St. John's ministry needs to be consistently maintained and if possible increased. Thank you for supporting God's ministry and St. John's church.
- 4.** Our Mission in Akobo South Sudan needs our prayers for their people and Pastor Stevens and others who are sharing the Gospel and need economic support. Poor economic / food shortages due to war and pandemic along with a rainy season that is on again off again is an extreme challenge to our ministry there. Funding for our four new church roofs has been given by an anonymous donor at Holy Trinity St. George.
- 5.** Our Pastor Paul will be traveling to Akobo South Sudan for us to oversee the work to be done at the new churches in the Akobo area.
- 6.** Pray for the Americans and their allies left behind enemy lines, and pray for our enemies that their hearts be changed and they come to the knowledge of the Truth of Jesus as Savior, even for them.
- 7.** The People of Ukraine and Lutheran Church of Ukraine are at War with Russia. Let us pray fervently for their deliverance. Donations given through St. John's will be matched by Lutheran World Relief up to \$430,000. Please indicate on your donation for Ukraine LWR.