

# Messiah Lutheran Church

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*You have ascended on high,  
You have led captivity captive.*

*Psalm 68:18*

## Festival of the Ascension

May 13, 2021 ~ 6:30 pm

# Opening Prayer

## Hymn 212:1-4

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

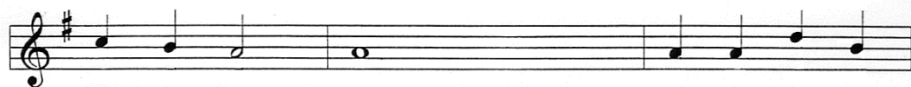
Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



C: Make haste to help me. O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



shall be: for - ev - er - more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Old Testament Reading – Psalm 68:15-21

### Antiphonal Psalm

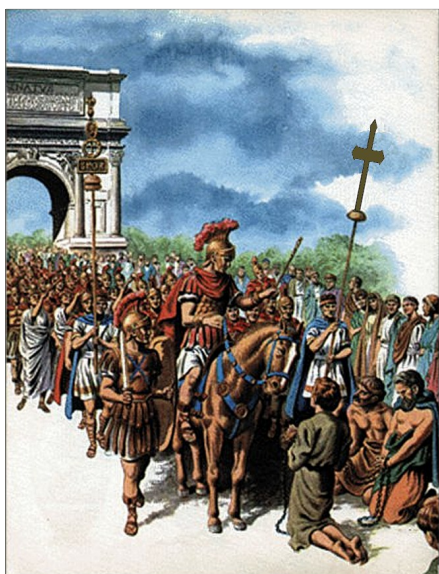
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## New Testament Reading – Acts 1:1-11

### Hymn 737

## Confession of Faith, from Philippians 2:5-11

**I BELIEVE** that “Christ Jesus...though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” This is most certainly true!



### The Sermon Ephesians 4:7-10

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) [ESV]

### ***Catch the Joy of Jesus' Ascension TRIUMPH!***

- I. It's a parade of joy **FOR** the victors
- II. It's a parade of joy **OVER** the vanquished

Preaching Today: Pastor Bruce Naumann

## The Offertory

***O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to Thee let earth accord,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Who art, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit One.  
Alleluia!***

**Hymn 221:1-4**



## Prayer – the Lord’s Prayer The Benediction

**People:** *Amen, amen, amen.*

**Hymn 221:5-6**



## Welcome to our guests and visitors!

Here is a schedule of some upcoming events:

- Saturday, May 15      6:30 pm worship
- Sunday, May 16      9:00 am worship, 10:15 am  
Bible      class, Sunday school

