

## Worship Prayer...

*Father in heaven, I admit I am a sinner and cannot save myself, but trust only in your Son Jesus Christ—true God and true man—who died on the cross for me and rose again to give me new life now and forever. By your Holy Spirit's power take my heart and life and make me yours; turn me from my own selfish path to always love, trust and follow Jesus. Because you love and forgive me, help me forgive and love others. And now, as we gather together as your church in this place, make us one in truth and love according to the faithful leading and unfailing promises of your living Word. In Jesus' name....Amen!*

## Living Word exists to...

- ✓ *Proclaim God's Love*
- ✓ *Expand God's Kingdom*
- ✓ *Mature God's People*
- ✓ *Live God's Word!*



*Living in the Word...that the Word may live in others.*

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# Living Word



## The Ascension of Our Lord

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
10:00 am Service

***‘Come grow with us!’***

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# WELCOME TO LIVING WORD!

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## WE REJOICE IN GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS...

Opening Prayer

Praise Song

*"He Is Exalted"  
"Open the Eyes of My Heart"*

Invocation

Confession & Forgiveness

*On screen or Hymnal p. 136*

Affirmation of Faith:

*Apostles' Creed*

## WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD...

Today's Psalm

*Psalm 47*

Scripture Readings

*Facing page*

Message Song

*"Draw Us to You"*

Video *The Death, the Resurrection and the Ascension of Jesus*  
[youtube.com/watch?v=lu-KcrzrFE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lu-KcrzrFE)

*5:55 to 7:45*

Message

*"Ascended"*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL...

Prayers of God's People

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

*Please place offerings in basket at sanctuary entrance*

## "Ascended"

Psalm 47 says: "God has ascended." What does this mean...?

### 1) God took Jesus UP TO HEAVEN.

<sup>8</sup>"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." <sup>9</sup>After [Jesus] said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>"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 1:8-11

### 2) God seated Christ at His right hand ABOVE ALL THINGS.

<sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit<sup>l</sup> of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup>he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Ephesians 1:16-23

### 3) We proclaim Jesus' name with power FROM ON HIGH!

<sup>44</sup>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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>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. <sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Luke 24:44-53