

## INVITATION TO PRAYER

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## SILENCE

## HYMN

*Beautiful Savior*

ELW 838

## BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful bless us, keep us, and  
give us peace. **Amen**

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## Ascension of Our Lord

## Service of Word and Prayer

## Vigil for Ukraine



**St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania**

Thursday, May 26, 2022, 6:30 PM

## INTRODUCTION

The Holy Spirit, who knows our needs, prays with and through us, and when we have no words, for us. Silence makes room to breathe deeply, time to still the heart and quiet restless thoughts, and a place to listen and rest in the presence of God, “like a child upon its mother’s breast” (Psalm 131:2). Some times of silence will last no longer than a deep breath; some will be more spacious.

Before worship begins, keeping silence or listening to meditative music invites the community into the unhurried pace of prayer.

## PRELUDE

Piano Sonata No. 14 “Moonlight Sonata”  
Ludwig van Beethoven

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## RESPONSIVE READING

How long, O Lord,  
how long shall the wicked triumph?

*from Psalm 94*

**They bluster in their insolence;  
all evildoers are full of boasting.**

They crush your people, O Lord,  
and afflict your very own.

**They kill the widow and the stranger  
and put the orphans to death.**

Yet you will not abandon your people,  
nor will you forsake your very own.

**If the Lord had not been my help,  
I should soon have dwelt in the land of silence.**

As often as I said, "My foot has slipped,"  
your steadfast love, O Lord, upheld me.

**The Lord has become my stronghold,  
my God is my rock of refuge.**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; *from Revelation 21*  
for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away,  
and the sea was no more.

**And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem,  
coming down out of heaven from God.**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
"See, the home of God is among mortals.

**God will dwell with them,  
and they will be God's people.**

God will be with them  
and will wipe every tear from their eyes.

**Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."**

And the one who was seated on the throne said,  
"See, I am making all things new.

I am the Alpha and the Omega,  
the beginning and the end.

**To the thirsty I will give water  
as a gift from the spring of the water of life."**

## OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens . . .  
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## SILENCE

## HYMN

*Lift High the Cross*

ELW 660

## FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

## SECOND READING:

Ephesians 1:15-23

## GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

## HOMILY

## HYMN

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ELW 632