

Light a candle

Sign of the cross

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sing

“Fairest Lord Jesus” Maranatha Celtic <https://youtu.be/wdNASJDwvAU>

“Crown Him (Majesty)” Chris Tomlin <https://youtu.be/hqy-gob13kA>

“God of all my days” Casting Crowns <https://youtu.be/ZYkZE8AogDE>



God’s Word

Read: Luke 24:44-53 “The Ascension.” (Also Mark 16:14-20)

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Jesus asked his disciples to preach the gospel to all people. This commission from Jesus ripples out through time and space to us here and now. The gospel is the good news of the promised Messiah who has conquered sin and death and has ascended into heaven. Belief in Jesus Christ comes from hearing the good news. “Believing means,” says Martin Luther, “to hold to be true, and with all the heart to depend on, that which the Gospel and all the articles of faith say about Christ; that he has been sent to us by God the Father, that he suffered, died and rose again and ascended into heaven for the sole reason that we may obtain from God the Father forgiveness of sin and life eternal in his name. That our faith may grasp and hold this the more firmly, he gives us holy baptism, by this visible sign to prove that God the Father will accept us and unfailingly give us that which is offered to us in the Gospel”(Sermons of Martin Luther, Vol. 3, p.228). Therefore we stand firm on these two, faith and baptism, as gracious gifts to us from our Saviour, our ascended Lord Jesus, who is with all of us always.

Activity

Jesus said he would not leave us alone but that he would be with us always. Do you know someone who might be feeling lonely or abandoned? What can you do to remind people that they are not alone? What can you do to remind people that Jesus is with us always?

Music

Sing/Listen to music. Ideas:

“Reconciler” – Nashville Life Music <https://youtu.be/74ZRv8w5Lb0>

“Awe and Wonder” – The Belonging Co <https://youtu.be/EouARl-x8Hw>

“In Christ Alone” A cappella <https://youtu.be/rjiiF83q7G0>

Bible verse

Psalm 72

Catechism

The Ninth Commandment – Do not want anyone else’s house.

Prayer

Lord God, we thank you for teaching us your ways. We confess that we are not always content with what we have and that we sometimes think about what we do not have. We are sorry for not keeping our eyes fixed on you. Help us to be thankful for our many blessings from you. Thank you that we have heard the gospel and that you have made us your children through baptism so that we can dwell in your house forever. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour, and give us peace. Amen.



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