

May 17, 2026, Ascension Sunday

Protestant Fellowship Worship Service

in Ann's Choice Chapel

*Our purpose is to bring glory to God in all that we pursue
in and through the Protestant Faith Community*

**Note: This service is also broadcast on ACTV 976 and 980.
The service will also be available on MyErickson and
the AC Resident website by Wednesday.**

Prelude

Joan Kirk

"Come Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove" – Sara Douglas;

"Galilean Waters" – Sylvia K Riggs;

"Thanks to God for My Redeemer" – Johannes A. Hultman,
arr. by Jan Sanborn;

"Beautiful Savior" – Lani Smith;

"Holy Spirit, Now Outpoured" – John W. Peterson.

Announcements about Our Ministries

Trudi Hertfelder

Call to Worship

Trudi Hertfelder

**** Opening Hymn #203, vv 1, 3, 4 & 5**

"Lift High the Cross"

Responsive Reading (page 4)

Charles Chapman

"God's Rule Over the Nations"

Responsive Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (trespasses)

Rev. Sonntag

**** Hymn #63, vv 1 & 2**

"He Is Exalted"

**** Doxology and Presentation of the Offering**

**** Prayer of Thanksgiving After the Offering**

Trudi Hertfelder

** Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

Ministry in Music

Sharon Brand

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” – Cesareo Gabarain

Accompanist, Betty Kingston

Scripture (page 3)

Luke 24:44-53

Rev. Sonntag

Sermon

“Ascended into Heaven”

Rev. Sonntag

**** Closing Hymn #206, vv 1, 2 ,3 & 4 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”**

**** Dismissal with Blessing**

Rev. Sonntag

Postlude

Joan Kirk

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” – Adam Mason

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Preaching Today –

Today, we welcome the Rev. Henrik Sonntag, Pastor at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Glenside, as our preacher.

We regularly say the words ascended into heaven as part of the Apostle’s creed. Ascension Day is celebrated on the 40th day of Easter. But since it is a weekday not many denominations including my own have a regular worship service on Ascension Day. However, we read the gospel text that talks about the Ascension every other year on the Sunday following Ascension Day. What may we learn from Ascension Day and how may it influence our lives as a follower of Jesus? Is there a kind of waiting that can actually help us to find deeper joy and a purpose?

Next Sunday: Join us on May 24, as we welcome Fr. Ernest Curtin, resident of Ann’s Choice and retired Rector at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church in Newton, as our preacher. Prelude by Ann Keeseey will begin at 1:45.

Today's Worship Staff and Team

Worship Leaders	Trudi Hertfelder
Leader for Responsive Reading	Charles Chapman
Hymn Words	John Hodges and AV Team
Organist	Joan Kirk
Pianist	Betty Kingston
Hymn Leader	Sharon Brand
A/V Ministry Team	Fred Keill, Gary Frantz
Ushers & Greeters	John Hodges,

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Scripture Reading: Luke 24:44-53 (NRSV-UE)

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

The Ascension of Jesus

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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Responsive Reading “God’s Rule Over the Nations”

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.**

He subdued peoples under us and nations under our feet.

**He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.

**For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.**

These are the Words of the LORD for His people.

Thanks be to God.

May the LORD bless this reading and hearing of His Holy Word.

Psalm 47