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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter – Ascension



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*At Abiding Word  
We gather around the Word (worship)  
We grow in the Word (education)  
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*



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### **Welcome!**

To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) As a safety precaution there will be no after service coffee or refreshments. If you would like to socialize responsibly before and after the service, please use the fellowship hall. To allow for social distancing, please don't linger in front of the kitchen and bathroom.

### **Lutheran Worship**

The Lutheran church is a liturgical church. Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. Through the sermon, Lord's Supper, in specially selected Bible readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and confessions, the liturgy points to Jesus as the Savior of all.

### **As we adjust to live worship**

We are taking many precautions to make our regular Sunday service as safe as possible. In keeping with our Governor's mandate, please wear a facemask while inside the building. Masks are available on the table by the bulletin announcements, if you forget your mask. If you socialize before or after the service please do so outside or in the fellowship hall. If you have any suggestions or concerns regarding worship or ministry please inform Pastor or our elder, Ken Leib.

# HYMN: A HYMN OF GLORY LET US SING



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the  
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and  
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high Up to the  
 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our



out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, As - cends un -  
 And with his fol - low - ers they see Their Lord as -  
 "This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This is his  
 "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see Re - turn - ing  
 Then, throned with you for - ev - er, we Shall praise your



to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 in great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 name e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
 All praise to you let earth accord.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 You are, while endless ages run,  
 With Father and with Spirit one.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Stand*

M: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

## ACTS 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>6</sup> So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But 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 he 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.”

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## PSALM 47



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God. Let all the peo - ple praise you.

M: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

C: **How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!**

M: God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

C: **God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.**

M: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

C: **For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.**

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son And to the Holy Spirit,  
As it was in the beginning, Is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## REFRAIN

## SECOND LESSON

## EPHESIANS 1:16-23

<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 of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray also 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 the saints, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, <sup>20</sup> which he exerted in Christ when he raised him 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 title that can be given, 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.

### Verse of the Day:

**C: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.  
Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia.**  
(Matthew 28:20b cf. NIV)

## GOSPEL

## LUKE 24:44-53

<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 Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and 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.

**M:** This is the gospel of our Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated*

# HYMN OF THE DAY: CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the  
 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -



throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All  
 side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In  
 grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For  
 bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The



mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and  
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the  
 those he came to save. His glo - ries now we  
 won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y



sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him  
 sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward  
 sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -  
 crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye



as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 bends his won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3.  
 Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.



**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

*Stand*

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING**

**OFFERING**

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, you are our Strength and our Song. You have prepared for us a well of salvation in Jesus Christ your Son, who through the eternal Spirit made himself an offering for the sins of the world. We thank you for your great mercy.

Most especially do we praise you for the life of grace and truth that Christ Jesus lived among us. We thank you that through him you have unfolded your glorious purposes and solemn designs. Move our hearts to believe all that he has taught us and to love one another as he has commanded.

Grant now, as we celebrate with joy the ascension of our Lord, that even as you have raised him to the right hand of your power and majesty, so may we ever exalt and praise him in adoration and prayer, and find in him the springs of gladness and devotion.

Lift the eyes of your Church heavenward to see him who ever lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant your people sure hope and confidence in the exceeding greatness of his power.

We pray for your mercy upon all who are afflicted in any way. Especially do we plead for your gracious help to all the sick. Give them the confidence that whatever they ask in accordance with your will, you will grant. Comfort them with the knowledge that in all things you work for the good of those who love you.

*Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here*

Finally, O God, comfort us with the knowledge of our Savior's ascension, and prepare our hearts for his coming again when he will take us to be you forever. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, whose name is above every name. Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**M:** O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

HYMN: ALLELUIA! SING TO JESUS



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us;



His the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace -  
 Flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, Friend  
 Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight



ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea Where the  
 re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, abr., alt.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY (87 87 D) Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, alt.