



**May 24, 2020**  
**Ascension (7th Sunday of Easter)**

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word, offering Him our prayers and praises along the way as He strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

## TODAY'S FOCUS

**Christ rules all things for the good of His Church!** Therefore we live in eager expectation of His glory! Our light and momentary troubles cannot silence the joy of the glory that is to come! Today we ask for hearts to know our ascended Lord and faith to follow where He has gone.

## SERVICE NOTES

**For your convenience** the order of service is printed on the following pages. The order of service is an abbreviated form of the Order of Morning Service. All hymns, unless otherwise noted, are found in The Lutheran Hymnal (1941).



# THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE

## HYMN

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing | 212 v. 1, 5-7*

1 A hymn of glory let us sing;  
New songs thro'out the world shall ring:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod.  
Ascendeth to the throne of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 Be Thou our Joy and strong Defense,  
Who art our future Recompense:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
So shall the light that springs from Thee  
Be ours through all eternity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 Oh, grant us thitherward to tend  
And with unwearied hearts ascend,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Unto Thy kingdom's throne, where Thou,  
As is our faith, art seated now.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to Thee let earth accord,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Who art, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit One.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! A-men.

## INVOCATION & CONFESSION OF SINS

*Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10*

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**M:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C:** **Who made heaven and earth.**

**M:** I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

**C:** **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**M:** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** **O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**M:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all!

**C: Amen.**

## INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

*Psalm 27:1, 7-9*

**M:** Hear, O God, when I cry with my voice. Alleluia! The Lord is my Light and my Salvation; whom shall I fear? When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek." Do not hide Your face from me.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## SALUTATION & COLLECT

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

**M:** Let us pray: Almighty God, Your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at Your right hand. Through Your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know Him and faith to follow where He has gone; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON: ACTS 1:1-14

*Jesus ascends to His glory; the disciples wait with joy for the coming Holy Spirit.*

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,<sup>2</sup> until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,<sup>3</sup> to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.<sup>4</sup> And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me;<sup>5</sup> "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup> And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.<sup>8</sup> "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."<sup>9</sup> Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

<sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel,<sup>11</sup> who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.

<sup>13</sup> And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James.<sup>14</sup> These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

## SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 4:12-17; 5:6-11 *Endure suffering, resist the devil, and cast every care on God who cares for you.*

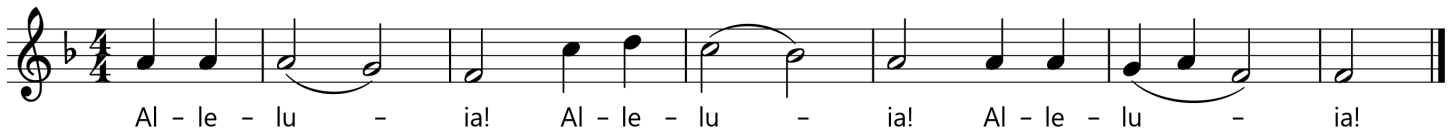
Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;<sup>13</sup> but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.<sup>14</sup> If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.<sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters.<sup>16</sup> Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.

<sup>17</sup> For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?...<sup>56</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,<sup>7</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.<sup>8</sup> Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.<sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.<sup>10</sup> But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.<sup>11</sup> To Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## GRADUAL

Matthew 28:20

**M:** 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.



## GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 17:1-11a

*Jesus is the way and the truth and the life.*



**C:** Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> "as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. <sup>3</sup> "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

<sup>4</sup> "I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. <sup>5</sup> "And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. <sup>6</sup> "I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. <sup>7</sup> "Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. <sup>8</sup> "For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

<sup>9</sup> "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. <sup>10</sup> "And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You.

**M:** This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



**C:** Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*On Christ's Ascension I Now Build* | 216

1 On Christ's ascension I now build  
The hope of mine ascension;  
This hope alone has ever stilled  
All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there full well  
I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ shall come and call them.

2 Since He returned to claim His  
throne,  
Great gifts for men obtaining,  
My heart shall rest in Him alone,  
No other rest remaining;  
For where my Treasure went before,  
There all my thoughts shall ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.

3 Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to  
me,  
Recalling Thine ascension,  
That I may ever walk with Thee,  
Adorning Thy redemption;  
And then, when all my days shall cease,  
Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading. A-men.

## SERMON - PSALM 146

***Praise the Ascended Lord for His Power and Grace***

1. He is your greatest help.
2. He is your only hope.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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.

## COLLECT OF THE WORD

**M:** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN

*Draw Us to Thee* | 215 v. 1-3

1 Draw us to Thee,  
For then shall we  
Walk in Thy steps forever  
And hasten on  
Where Thou art gone  
To be with Thee, dear Savior.

2 Draw us to Thee,  
Lord, lovingly;  
Let us depart with gladness  
That we may be  
Forever free  
From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

3 Draw us to Thee;  
O grant that we  
May walk the road to heaven!  
Direct our way  
Lest we should stray  
And from Thy paths be driven. A-men.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU** Rev. Roy Rose, P. em., for delivering the gospel message of our Ascended Savior today!

**WHILE PASTOR'S AWAY** - In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Rev. Kluge at St. Martin, Shawano at (715) 526-2563, or Rev. Eisenbeis at First Trinity, Marinette at (715) 735-9212. Or you may contact one of the elders.

### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING:

SUNDAY (5/24)	<b>Divine Worship, 9:00 a.m.</b>
MONDAY	<i>Memorial Day</i>
SATURDAY	Oral Exam. Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.
SUNDAY (5/31)	<b>Divine Worship, 9:00 a.m.</b> Oral Examination, 10:30 a.m.

## OUR MISSION

*Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church gives all praise and thanks to the Triune God for His grace received through Word and Sacrament by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ with the people of this community and the world.*

