

## First Reading

*Acts 1:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of

wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:44–53*

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

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



Easter

**About the Cover:** Jesus prays to the Father for His disciples. Just as He kept and guarded the Eleven, so He intercedes for us too. We are in His hands. The nail marks in those prayerful hands reveal where sin-cleansing blood was poured out for us. Our intercessor, Jesus, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, continues to intercede for us this day. This gives us confidence because His prayers are always heard by our Father in heaven.

LORD

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YAHWEH

ADONAI

Holy Father, keep them in Your name



# ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 12 & 16, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church  
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Hymns: 493, 525, 492, 491, 821, 643  
Sermon: "Jesus Is Enough!"  
Acts 1:1-11

*Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

## THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 5/5 (Wed.): 28	Offering: \$360.00
Attendance 5/9 (Sun): 43	Offering: \$874.04
Budget Needs: \$3,541	
S.S. – 3	Staff – 3

## KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (5/17) Summer Newsletter Items Due  
TUES (5/18) 9:30 a.m. – Circuit Pastors Conf., Manitowoc  
WED (5/19) **7:00 p.m. – Worship**  
7:45 p.m. – Council  
SUN (5/23) 8:15 a.m. – S.S. (Last day)/No B.C.  
**9:00 a.m. – Worship**  
3:00 p.m. – Installation at St. Peter, Hilbert

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Joan Lemke who is recovering from eye surgery.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Judy Baer.

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** to be held immediately following the service on Sunday, May 23. The topic is the replacement of the church roof. For those worshipping on Wednesday, May 19, there will be an informational meeting immediately following the service.

**INSTALLATION AT ST. PETER, HILBERT** – On Sunday, May 23 @ 3 p.m. Pastor Mark Peterson will be installed as the pastor of the dual parish of St. Peter, Hilbert/St. Luke, Chilton.

**CONFIRMATION & GRADUATION CARDS** are available in the card room.

**VACATIONING? Try Electronic Offering with Joyful Response.** In thanksgiving for all we've been given, we joyfully give back to our Lord in offering. If you are planning any vacations, don't forget your offering. LCEF's *Joyful Response* will help you give automatically directly from your checking or savings account whether you are at home or away.

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP LIFE**

**Acts 1:11 – "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended, and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach our stewardship and how we care for the things of this world.