

First Reading

Acts 1:1–11

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

⁴And 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; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But 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.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and 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

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that 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, ¹⁸having 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far 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. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

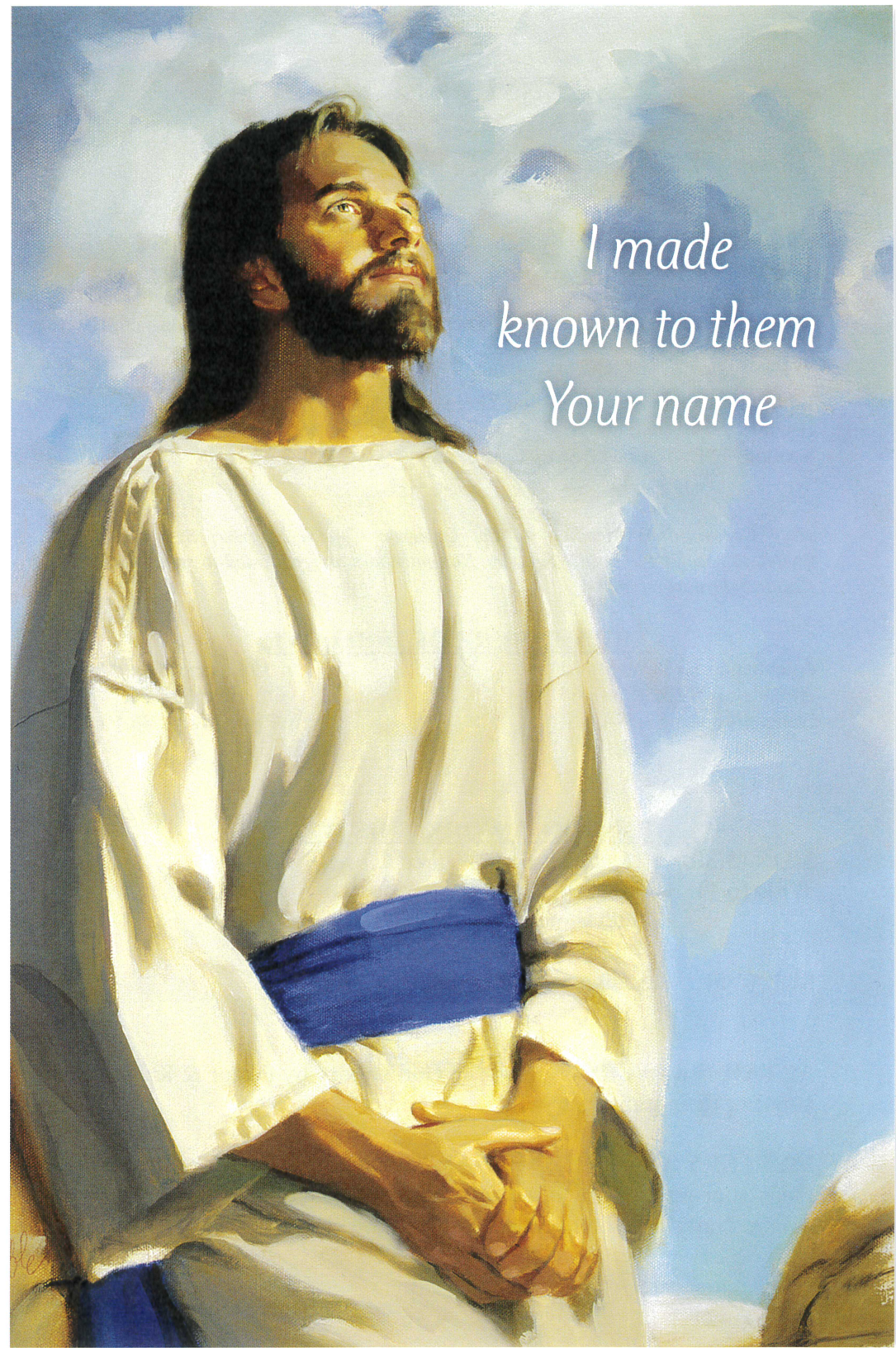
⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And 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.”

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

About the Cover: Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer is a prayer that reveals His heart to show us the love of the Father even in the face of His impending betrayal, arrest, and crucifixion. He is doing all things, not out of His need, but out of His love in order to fulfill our needs. Thus, in His cross, Christ reveals the Father’s love for the world in sending Him, “that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16).



Easter



ASCENSION SUNDAY

May 25 & 29, 2022

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church
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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184
Hymns: 491, 493, 805, 617, 628, 492
Sermon: "Book II: The Story Continues"
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 5/18 (Wed): 31	Offering: \$790.00
Attendance 5/22 (Sun): 65	Offering: \$1,904.14
Budget Needs: \$3,594	Scrip Profit 5/22: \$35.50
S.S. - 9	Staff - 3

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (5/30) *Memorial Day – Office Closed*
WED (6/1) 6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Worship w/Comm.
7:45 p.m. – Stewardship/Evangelism
SUN (6/5) 9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given in God's glory by Pastor & Kris in honor of their anniversary.

MYSTERY OF 32 YEARS – What is Pastor's middle name? Place your guess in the appropriate box in the narthex. The winner will be drawn at the retirement party and receive a \$25 scrip card.

DINNER TICKETS – can be purchased for Pastors retirement party after church services or in the office during the week.

CUSTODIAN NEEDED – We are looking for a church custodian. It is a paid position and entails approximately 8 – 10 hours per week. If interested or if you know someone who might be interested, contact one of the trustees or the church office. Trustees: Dave Kamp: 920-450-2909; Russ Boldt: 920-588-7837; Mike Delvaux: 920-664-5184.

PICTURES NEEDED – We are having a picture board and a digital video for Pastor's party. If you have any pictures of Pastor Krueger from the past 32 years, please drop them off in the picture box in the narthex or in the church office. Please put your name on the back of the pictures so they can be returned later. Any digital pictures can be emailed to sblcbrillion@gmail.com.

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.

RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE – at Trinity Rantoul School, N6081 W. River Rd, Hilbert. June 9 – 11. 9th: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., 10th: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., 11th: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Bake sale is 10th and 11th. Proceeds go to playground improvements.

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 prioritize our lives.