

Grow ... Go ... Gather

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**The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension of our Lord Day (Observed)
The Order of Service (DS 4)**

(Please turn off your wifi and wear your mask at all times)

Preservice Music, Call to Worship and Welcome

**The Opening Hymn: LSB 477, "Alleluia, Alleluia!
Hearts to Heaven"**



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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Invocation

LSB 203

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Exhortation

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O
Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore You are feared.**
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word,
call upon Him in prayer and praise, and
receive the body and blood of our Lord
Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar,
let us first consider our unworthiness and
confess before God and one another that
we have sinned in thought, word, and
deed, and that we cannot free ourselves
from our sinful condition. Together as His
people let us take refuge in the infinite
mercy of God, our heavenly Father,
seeking His grace for the sake of Christ,
and saying: God, be merciful to me, a
sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us,
forgive us our sins, and lead us to
everlasting life. Amen.**

Absolution

LSB 203

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His
Son to die for you and for His sake forgives
you all your sins. As a called and ordained
servant of Christ, and by His authority, I
therefore forgive you all your sins in the
name of the Father and of the T Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Psalm 1

P: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

C: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

C: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

C: for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

**ALL: 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.**

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

The Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The First Reading: *Acts 1:1-11*

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 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.

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

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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." 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. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

A Hymn: "Jesus Name Above All Names" (AGPS #145)

Verse 1

Jesus name above all names
Beautiful Savior glorious Lord
Emmanuel God is with us
Blessed Redeemer living Word

Verse 2

Jesus loving Shepherd
Vine of the branches Son of God
Prince of Peace Wonderful Counselor
Lord of the universe Light of the world

Verse 3

Praise him Lord above all lords
King above all kings God's only Son
The Prince of Peace who by his Spirit
Comes to live in us Master and Friend

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The Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:15–23*

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

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**


Alleluia and Verse *LSB 205*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel: *Luke 24:44-53*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all

nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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.”

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

The Confession of our Christian Faith (Baptism, Part 3)

P: How can water do such great things in Holy Baptism?

ALL: Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.” (Titus 3:5–8)

The Sermon Hymn: LSB 490, "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en, I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er, Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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The Sermon

A Post-Sermon Hymn: "Revelation Song"

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
 Holy holy is He
 Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
 Heaven's mercy seat **(repeat verse 1)**

Chorus

***Holy holy holy
 Is the Lord God Almighty***

***Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You***

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King **(Chorus)**

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah **(Chorus 2 Xs)**

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The Offering Prayer, the General Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

A Hymn: LSB 633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - umphant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.

Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.

Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.

Alleluia!

D 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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Announcements/Blessing for On-line Worshippers

T The Service of the Sacrament T

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and
praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



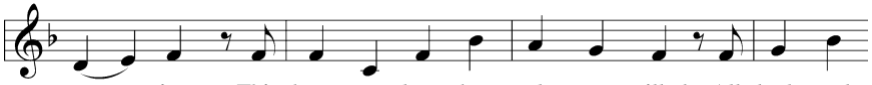
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

The Distribution

(During the Distribution you are invited to sing, "LSB 492, "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build")



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build The hope of my as -
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim His throne, Great gifts for me ob -
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, Re - call - ing Your as -



cen - sion; This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled All doubt and
tain - ing, My heart will rest in Him a - lone, No oth - er
cen - sion, That I may serve You faith - ful - ly In thanks for



ap - pre - hen - sion; For where the Head is, there as well I
rest re - main - ing; For where my trea - sure went be - fore, There
my re - demp - tion; And then, when all my days will cease, Let



know His mem - bers are to dwell When Christ will come and call them.
all my thoughts will ev - er soar To still their deep - est yearn - ing.
me de - part in joy and peace In an - swer to my plead - ing.

The Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon) *LSB 211*

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

The Post- Communion Prayer

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;

through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Benedictus and Benediction *LSB 212*

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and
be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and
T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn: LSB 473, "Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets us Free"



1 Our Pas - chal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sac - ri - ficed. O keep
2 Let all our lives now cel - e - brate The feast; let mal - ice die.
3 Let all our deeds, u - nan - i - mous, Con - fess Him as our Lord



The feast of free - dom gal - lant - ly; Let al - le - lu - ias leap:
Let love grow strong a - new, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.
Who by the Spir - it lives in us, The Fa - ther's liv - ing Word.

Refrain



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



gain Sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a - loud: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Events of the Week: May 16 – May 23

- TODAY:** 11:00 a.m. Bible study on Facebook
- Monday:** 6:30 p.m. Monday Evening Worship w/
Holy Communion
7:30 p.m. Constitution and By-Laws Meet
Registration is open for May 23 Worship
- Tuesday:** 6:00 p.m. ISJ Board Meeting
- Wed:** Noon: Devotional Boost with Pastor
10:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Darrell at church
7:30 p.m. Pastor's Ephesians Bible Class on Zoom
- Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Ephesians Bible Class on Zoom
- Friday:** Pastor's Day off
- Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Gizmo Devotions on FB
9:30 a.m. WORSHIP at St. James
(**please register**) and on Facebook Live
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Facebook

Those who serve Today:

Deacons: Bryan Ensing and John Weiss

Ushers: Dale & Grace Rosema

Those who serve May 23:

Deacon: Craig Popma

Ushers: Nate, Kim, Hayden & Heath Urbanski

May Altar Guild: Rie Wiles

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General Fund	\$5,275.00
Reimbursements	11.75
Future Building Expansion	40.00
Plate Collection	2,107.00
ISJ Academy	300.00
Tessaro Ministry Nigeria	75.00
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Total:	\$7,808.75



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Cindy McAuliffe, Marjie Weiss and Grace Rosema are planning to attend the convention.

There will be an ingathering taken at the convention.



Items Requested: (Items should be **new**)

Baby toiletries (shampoo, soap, lotion), *Baby bath towels*, Wash cloth, Burp cloths, *baby wipes*, Crib sheets, *Laundry baskets (small or collapsible)*, Disposable diapers size 3, *Clothing for sizes Newborn to 12 months*, Diaper bags, *Toys: teething rings, rattles*, Small first Christian books (board books, vinyl books), Gift cards in denominations of \$10, \$20, and \$25 for Walmart or Target.



***If you would like to make a donation,** contact Cindy, Marjie or Grace by **June 10th** and arrangements will be made to get your donation from you or you can drop it off at church, on the table, by the office. **Thank you!**

