



ASCENSION SUNDAY

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Seventh Sunday in Easter

Order of Worship Today is Divine Service Setting One LSB, p. 151ff.

Preparation

This Sunday is a bridge between the Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost. Upon the Lord's Ascension, the disciples were not left alone. They had the Word of the Lord and the promise of the Spirit to make known to them all that Jesus said and did. With the testimony of God's Word and the witnesses to the Lord's resurrection and ascension, the Church learned to trust in what the Lord had accomplished for their salvation and to be bold in witness to the truth of this Gospel. The Lord is still working in us through the testimony of His Word so that we may be His witnesses emboldened by the Spirit.

Prelude

Welcome & Sharing God's Peace

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed, alleluia!**

Opening Hymn

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" (LSB 493 St. 1-3)

**1 A hymn of glory let us sing!
New songs throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**2 The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with His faithful foll'wers see
Their Lod ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluial Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**3 To them the shinig angels, cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"This is the Savior," thus they say;
"This is His glorious triumph day!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Invocation and Opening Sentences

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us come before God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden and confess our sins in the name of Him who died and rose again to give us forgiveness and life.

Confession and Absolution

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

C: **I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayer have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me and so my love for others has failed. There are many whom I have hurt and many whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I have sinned against God and against you, my brothers and sisters. There is no health in me. But for the promise of Christ, I would have no hope. Because of Christ's promise, I am made bold to ask for mercy. Forgive me, renew me, and lead me, O Lord, so that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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

C: **Amen!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: With sins forgiven, we praise our Ascended Savior.

Hymn

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" (LSB 493 St. 4-6)

**4 "You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky."**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**"Here after Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty."**

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

(Please Rise)

**△ 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!**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And, also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 1:12–26 (Judas is replaced)

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.

¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ “For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

“May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“Let another take his office.’

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle Lesson

1 John 5:9–15 (“Whoever has the Son has life.”)

⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build” (LSB 492)

**1 On Christ’s ascension I now build
The hope of my ascension;
This hope alone has always stilled
All doubt and apprehension;
For where the Head is, there as well
I know His members are to dwell
When Christ will come and call them.**

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

**3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,
Recalling Your ascension,
That I may serve You faithfully
In thanks for my redemption;
And then, when all my days will cease,
Let me depart in joy and peace
In answer to my pleading.**

Psalmody

Psalm 1

P: Blessèd is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
C: **nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on His law he meditates day and night.**

*Men: He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.*

Women: *In all that he does, he prospers.
The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.*

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

P: 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.**

Gospel Proclamation (Please rise. Sung from page 156.)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (Sung from Page 157)

The Holy Gospel

John 17:11b–19 (Jesus prays that we may be one as He and the Father are one.)

¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ. (Sung from Page 157)

Hymn of the Day

“The Man Is Ever Blessed” (LSB 705)

**1 The man is ever blessed
Who shuns the sinners' ways,
Among their counsels never stands,
Nor takes the scorners' place.**

**2 But makes the Law of God
His study and delight
Amid the labors of the day
And watches of the night.**

**3 He like a tree shall thrive,
With waters near the root;
Fresh as the leaf his name shall live,
His works are heav'nly fruit.**

**4 Not so the wicked race,
They no such blessings find;
Their hopes shall flee like empty chaff
Before the driving wind.**

**5 How will they bear to stand
Before the judgment seat
Where all the saints at Christ's right hand
In full assembly meet?**

**6 He knows and He approves
The way the righteous go;
But sinners and their works shall meet
A dreadful overflow.**

Children's Message

Sermon

Pastor Jacob T. May

The Creed

Sung to the tune: Beach Spring (848)

**I believe in God, the Father Maker of all heav'n and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior, God's own Son, of matchless worth;
By the Spirit was conceived, of the Virgin Mary born,
He in whom I have believed: God Almighty, Three in One.**

The Prayers of the Church

(Each petition will conclude "Lord, in your mercy" to which the congregation will respond, "Hear our prayer.")

- P:** In Your great mercy, O Lord, You have accomplished all things for our salvation and bore upon Your Son the cost of our redemption. Deliver us from doubt and fear that we may know with courage the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen and be made bold to confess this truth before the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P:** In Your mercy You sustained Your church in the time of waiting for the promise of the Spirit to be fulfilled. Sustain us in our wait for the completion of all that Christ began by His death and resurrection that we not grow weary of trusting You nor betray the hope You planted in us in our Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P:** Guide Your church, O Lord, that we be united in faith and proclaim with one voice Him whose death, resurrection, and ascension have delivered us from sin and its death. Make us of one mind and one heart that we serve our neighbor with joy to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P:** Deliver us from war and violence, and bless us with good and honest leaders who will hear the voice of Your Word and act on our behalf that we may live holy, upright, and godly lives in this place. Bless those who protect us here and throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P:** In the midst of temptation, make us strong, and in the midst of trials help us endure with patience and conviction the days of trouble. Bless especially those who suffer illness or infirmity, grief, or pain, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**

P: Keep Your church and the work of the Kingdom ever before us that we may daily pray to the Father even as our Lord continues to intercede on our behalf. Uplift us in hope that what we pray for we may be willing to work toward, until that day when all our enemies and trials shall end and we shall be united with the saints who went before us, once and forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: All these things and whatever else You know that we need we pray You to grant us for the sake of and in the name of Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray...

The 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.**

Offering

Benediction

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 ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” (LSB 490)

**1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.**

**2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.**

**3 Jesus lives! For me He died.
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.**

**4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever,
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.**

**5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense;
Jesus is my confidence!**

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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