

This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven Acts 1:11

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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

Hymn 212:1-2, 5-7: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

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!

2 The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand; Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with His followers they see Jesus' resplendent majesty.
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!

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!

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!

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

P: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

C: Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:1-11

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, ²until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, ³to 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.

⁴And 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; ⁵for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him,

saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸ 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." ⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ 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." (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 24:44-53

Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me."

⁴⁵ And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

⁴⁶ Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ And you are witnesses of these things.

⁴⁹ Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high."

⁵⁰ And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED (The Lutheran Hymnal p. 12)

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 738 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like the mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

2. Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the angels Sweep across the crystal sea.

3. Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were
o’er,
Never shall we lose His promise; “I am with you evermore!”

THE SERMON: Ephesians 1:16-23

Theme: The Power of Christ as Our Ascended Lord.

I. Jesus’ Power in Our hearts and Lives

II. Jesus’ Rule Over All for His Church

SERMON TEXT: Ephesians 1:16-23

(I) do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly *places*, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. ²² And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, ²³ which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (NKJV)

OFFERTORY: *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy*

Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

PRAYER: THE LORD'S PRAYER

The offering of thankful hearts will now be received.

Hymn 213: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

1. Hail the day that sees Him rise To His throne above the skies!
Christ the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Re-ascends His native heav'n.
2. There the glorious triumph waits: Lift your heads eternal gates.
He hath conquered death and sin; Take the King of glory in!
3. See, the heav'n its Lord receives, Yet He loves the earth He leave;
Though returning to His throne, Still He calls mankind His own.
4. See, He lifts His hands above; See, He shows the prints of love.
Hark! His gracious lips bestow Blessings on His Church below.
5. Still for us He intercedes; His prevailing death He pleads,
Near Himself prepares our place, Harbinger of human race.
6. There we shall with Thee remain Partners of Thy endless reign,
There Thy face unclouded see, Find our heaven of heavens in Thee.

BENEDICTION:

C: Amen.

Hymn 409: 4: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

4 Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since He's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, Thou art now our Head,
We are truly Thine own members; Where Thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to Thee, Also there eternally.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Bible Class is scheduled to follow the service.

MONDAY: Pastor Study Club meeting in Eagle Lake from 9:00- 3:00

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship with Holy Communion at 9:30. Church Council and Ladies Aid following the service.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Minister of the gospel: Pastor Ted Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 5 worship –11, No Bible Class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$1,374.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 405.00	Memorials: Lincoln Cole
Needed for Year:	\$24,732.00	Prop Imprv. Fund \$50.00
Received for Year:	\$19,102.00	

May Church Cleaning: Church Spring Cleaning: Many thanks to all who came and helped with the Spring cleaning. It's wonderful to have church freshened up again. Ladies there are still some items to clean on the list. Men, there will still be a project list formulated to be taken on during the course of the summer months. Your volunteer labors are much appreciated by the Lord.

April/May Lawn Mowing: Leon.

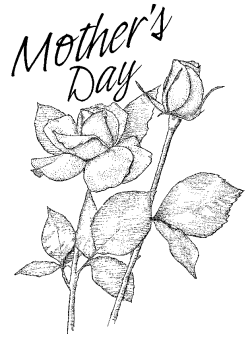
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HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY!

Thank God for mothers, young and old,
Who live today within Christ's fold;
Who pattern, as in days of yore,
The godly mothers, gone before,
Whose hands repose - complete their task.
Thank God for these! Then Lord, we ask,
Bless mothers who for us still pray.
Thank God for them this Mother's Day.



Proverbs 3:10-15 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.

¹¹ The heart of her husband safely trusts her;
So he will have no lack of gain.

¹² She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

¹³ She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands.

¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar.

¹⁵ She also rises while it is yet night,
And provides food for her household,
And a portion for her maidservants.”