



Worship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the salvation which You have provided for a fallen world by sending your Son to die for us upon the cross. We rejoice in Your grace that in raising Jesus from the dead You have proclaimed that we have remission of sins and everlasting life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ as our Risen Lord may be strengthened unto eternal life. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 5 the Lutheran Hymnal)

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 leaves;
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.

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

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins, and by thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen

The Responsive Introit: (Psalm 47:1-3,5-6, 8 NKJV)

⁵ God has gone up with a shout,

The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

¹ Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!

Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

² For the Lord Most High is awesome;

He is a great King over all the earth.

³ He will subdue the peoples under us,

And the nations under our feet.

⁸ God reigns over the nations;

God sits on His holy throne.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

Hymn for Liturgy 344: Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

**Come let us join our cheerful songs / With angels round the throne.
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, / But all their joys are one.**

**“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry, / “To be exalted thus.”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply, For He was slain for us.**

**Jesus is worthy to receive / Honor and pow’r divine;
And blessings more than we can give / Be, Lord, forever Thine.**

**Let all creation join in one / To bless the sacred name
Of Him that sits upon the throne / And to adore the Lamb.”**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE EPSITILE 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?” ⁷And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. ⁸But 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.”

⁹Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹who 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

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 Impact of Jesus' Ascension

- I. The Spiritual Impact for Individual Believers
- II. The Overwhelming Impact for the Church and Its Mission

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, PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymn 212:1,5-7 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!

5. Oh, grant us thitherward to tend
And with unwearied hearts ascend - Alleluia!
Unto Thy kingdom's throne, where Thou,
As is our faith, art seated now - Alleluia!

6. Be Thou our Joy and strong Defense,
Who art our future Recompense: - Alleluia!
So shall the light that springs from Thee
Be ours through all eternity - Alleluia!

7. O risen Christ, ascended Lord
All praise to Thee let earth accord - Alleluia!
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One. - Alleluia!

BENEDICTION;
C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn 50: 2-3 “Thanks we give and adoration”

2. Thanks we give and adoration For Thy Gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, Ever faithful To the Truth may we be found!

3. So whene’er the signal’s given Us from earth to call away,
Borne on angels’ wings to heaven Glad the summons to obey,
May we ever, May we ever, Reign with Christ in endless day!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Church council ZOOM meeting at 9:00 a.m. No Sunday school or Bible class.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class via ZOOM at 3:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost! Worship **on-line! No in-person worship.**
Text: John 16:5-11.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 17 worship – 7 (for service recording) No Sunday school no Bible class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 660.00	
Needed for Year:	\$25,000.00	
Received for Year:	\$23,383.00	

May/June church lawn mowing: Kate and Valerie Barthels. (We need volunteers for the rest of the mowing season.)

July Lawn mowing – Leon Hellickson.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Paul Tiefel of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to the joint parish in Bowdle and Ipswich South Dakota.

THE 34th CONVENTION OF THE CLC has been **postponed** until July 30-August 2, Thursday through Sunday in Eau Claire, WI.

THE BRANCHES Subscription Renewal: (*The Branches* is a Christian Women's magazine which is published quarterly by women of the CLC.) The cost is \$15.00 for four issues. Checks are payable to, *The Branches*, and should be sent to: Laura Wales, Subscription Manager, 8727 Forestview Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55369. Online payments are also available via PayPal—you may contact Laura Wales at lewales@gmail.com.