

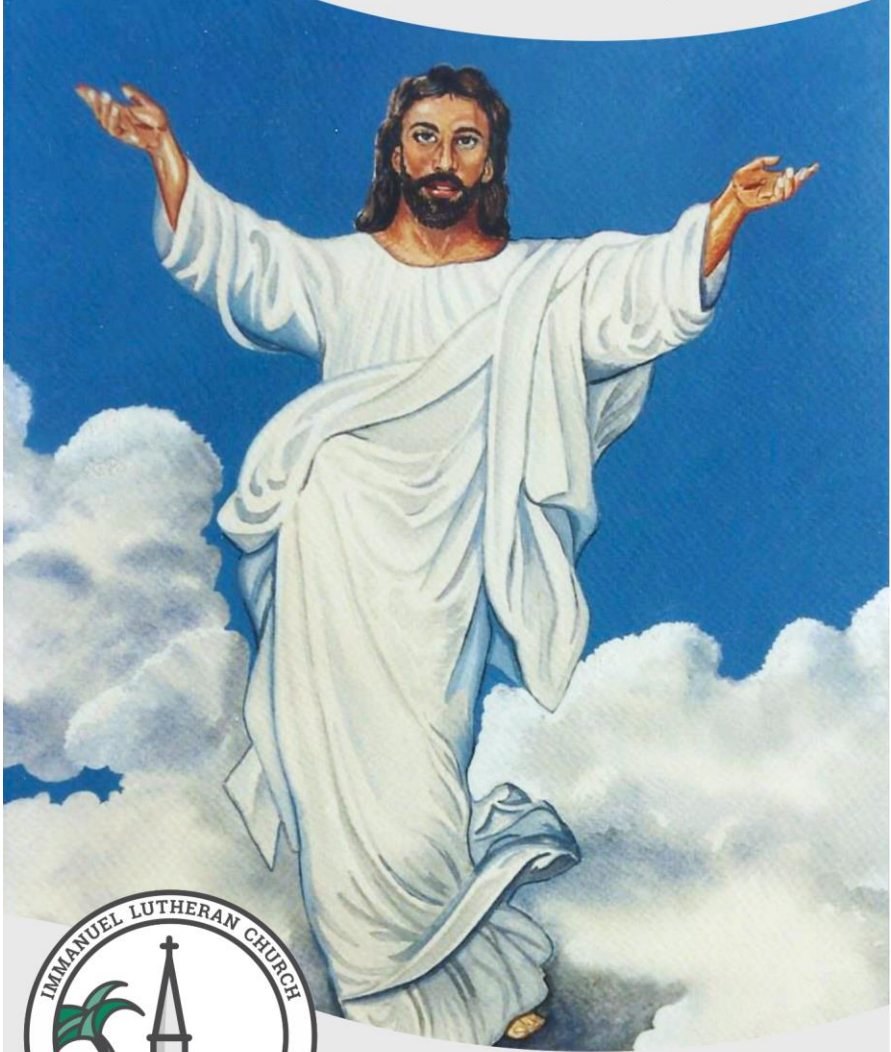
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**Ascension Sunday**

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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 47

<sup>1</sup> To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah. Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! <sup>2</sup> For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth. <sup>3</sup> He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. <sup>4</sup> He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah <sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. <sup>6</sup> Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! <sup>7</sup> For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! <sup>8</sup> God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. <sup>9</sup> The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!

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## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: TLH #212

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

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

**C** *♩* A - - - men.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

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**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. 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 You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your 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, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C**  **A - - - men.**

**INTROIT**

*Ps. 110:1,4,5; Ps. 47:5*

*A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.*

- P** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**C** **The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”**

- P** The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

**C** **The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings on the day of His wrath.**

- P** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.



**GLORIA PATRI**

*Latin for “Glory be to the Father”*



**C** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

*Rom. 6:9; Jn. 14:23*

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.

## THE KYRIE

*Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

**C** All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

**P** Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - - - men.

**EPISTLE READING – Acts 1:1-11** In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> 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; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> 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." <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> 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."

**Psalmody: WS p.30**

**"Why Do the Nations Rage"**

**GOSPEL READING – John 17:11b-19** "I Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.*

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**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn: WS #737**

**"Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels"**

**SERMON – 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, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> 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, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> 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. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### **Hallelujah! Christ Has Ascended!**

- I. He rules over the kingdoms of this world
- II. He rules over His Kingdom in our hearts

### **OFFERTORY**

*In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.*

- ☞** **♪ 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.**

**Hymn: TLH #367**

**“Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”**

### **- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -**

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

**OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1**

**“We Give Thee But Thine Own”**

- ☞** **♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

## PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

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**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

**G** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

**Closing Hymn: TLH #219 “The Head that Once was Crowned...”**

### ✠ Announcements ✠

#### Lutheran Spokesman

renewals are due soon. Please remember to put \$10 for your subscription in the offering plate and make a note on your envelope that it is for your renewal. Thank you!

#### A New A/C System was

installed in the parsonage on Monday and Tuesday after the old system died the previous Thursday. The old unit and air handler lasted over 14 years and served us well. And now the new system is working very well too! The total cost to the church was \$4800, and we are hoping to offset that cost with offerings over the coming months. If you are able and willing, please consider this need in your offerings. Thank you!

**CLC Call News** Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI, has called Principal Ted Quade, Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners WI, to be principal/teacher. <> Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY, has called Kirsten Gullerud, St. Stephen Lutheran. Mountain View, CA.

#### **Shut-in/Encouragement List** **Loye Issitt** continues to remain

mostly housebound for several more months due to a kidney ailment.

**Virginia Tetens** continues to battle advanced pancreatic cancer. **Kelsey Rodebaugh** had surgery on the 26th in Oahu, HI. She is recovering at home.

**JoAnne Weis** recently cut open her foot doing yard work, and after receiving stitches, the wound became infected. Her foot is now healing well.

**Fred Jackson** has recovered better very well from his pancreatic condition, and now only has follow-up tests. Praise the Lord! **Patti Meno**

has been waiting for a kidney transplant. **Sharon Brown** recently had open heart surgery and is continuing her recovery at home. **Ray Seger** remains

#### Looking Ahead...

✠ **Today:** Orlando Service 8am

✠ **Today:** Mother's Day

✠ **May 20:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

✠ **May 23:** School's End of Year Program @7pm

✠ **May 27:** NO Orlando Service

shut-in at Spring Lake Rehabilitation Center. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Richard Cook** remains mostly housebound due to bouts of severe dizziness. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive.

**Last Week (5/6)** Attendance: WH – 38

General = \$1,893 | CLC Missions = \$30 | Spokesman = \$10  
**Total Offering = \$1,933**

**April Usher:** C. Moorehead | **Acolyte (5/20):** Grant B.  
| **Cleaner (5/19):** Ireland

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## A Mother's Influence

*“Her children rise up and call her blessed.” – Proverbs 31:2*

“Helen Young writes, ‘There will come a time when there'll be no more slamming of doors, no more toys to pick up on the stairs, no more childhood quarrels and no more fingerprints on the wallpaper. Then may I look back with joy and not regret.

“‘May I have the wisdom to see that today is my day with my children; that there are no unimportant moments in their lives; that no career is more precious, no work more rewarding and no task more urgent.

“‘May I not defer it, nor neglect it, but accept it gladly -and understand that my time is short and my time is now, for my children won't wait’.

There would be no Samuel without a Hannah; no John Mark without a Mary; and no Timothy without a Eunice. These great men were what they were because of the mothers they had!

What was the secret of that winning combination? Mother with child - just that simple. So please, mother, stay with it! Don't ever forget the permanence of your imprint. At times, your children may seem ungrateful and act irresponsibly; they may ignore your reminders and forget your advice, but believe this, they cannot erase your Influence!”

- From *The Word for Today*



Happy Mother's Day