



Encouraging faith and proclaiming God's love by Gathering, Growing and Giving

Ascension Sunday

Service of the World

May 29th, 2022

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If you are a VISITOR with us today, we are so grateful that God brought you here. Please sign our Guest Book in the church or send an email to sothlc@sothem.org. We are so glad that God brought you to this time of worship.

NOTE: Bold text indicates worshippers' response, and '' means please stand as able.*

BELL & PRELUDE

Michelle Young

WELCOME AND MUTUAL MINISTRY MESSAGES

GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP (*inspired by Acts 1:9-11*)

A new day has begun. **Hope wins!**

A fresh start is granted. **Faith wins!**

Today you have the opportunity to do something new. **Hope wins!**

Christ is entering your life in a new way. **Faith wins!**

Come, let us worship God, who is inviting us into life in a new way, a way that transcends death, a way of hope and faith. **Love wins! Let us worship Christ, who overcame death to give us new life!**

~ written by Rev. Mindi and posted on Rev-o-lution. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

Green # 158 GATHERING HYMN "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" pg. 4

* P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY Almighty God, **your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intervenes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

GROWING

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the Book of Acts. The Book of Acts and Luke's gospel are penned by the same author, and the so is the 'first book' referred to in today's Bible text is Luke's Gospel. A reading from the Book of Acts, chapter one, beginning at verse one.

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with

water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides. A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 1.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far 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 age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Here ends our readings.

MESSAGE

Pastor Mary Eide

Green # 157 HYMN OF THE DAY "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" sing vs. 1-3 p. 5

GIVING

*THE APOSTLES' CREED (*professed together*)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

*Or, He descended to the dead.

* OFFERING PRAYER We freely give **back to God what was first given to us, in order to grow and build God's kingdom. With gratitude and thanksgiving Lord, we offer you our time, energy, skills, and the things we treasure. Receive the gifts we bring, in the name of Jesus Christ, our strength and our Savior. Amen.**

* PRAYERS AND PETITIONS (L: God, in your mercy, **All: Hear our prayer.**)

* LORD'S PRAYERS **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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

*ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Blue #756 SENDING HYMN "Lord, you give the great commission" pg. 6

* DISMISSAL Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God.**

* POSTLUDE Michelle Young

SCHEDULE

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| TODAY | 10:00am | - Worship |
| MONDAY | <i>Memorial Day...church office closed</i> | |
| | 7pm | - AA Meeting |
| TUESDAY | 4-6pm | - Food Pantry |
| WEDNESDAY | 10am | - Adult Bible Study |
| FRIDAY: | 8am-5pm | - Thrift Sale |
| | 10am-Noon | - Food Pantry |
| SATURDAY | 8am-Noon | - Thrift Sale |
| SUNDAY: | 10:00am | - Pentecost Sunday Communion Worship (Wear Red) |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELCA **WOMEN'S** Chippewa Valley Conference **2022 RETREAT** at Luther Park Bible Camp
944 24 1/4 Street, Chetek, WI 54728 www.LutherPark.org

Wednesday June 8th & Thursday 9th 2022

Presenter: Sallie Ankerfelt **Music** with Dottie Hayden

Early Bird Registration \$75 before 5/31/2022. \$80 after 6/1/2022.

Registration forms at church or can be emailed to you, just call or email the church if you'd like a registration form.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FLYERS/REGISTRATION FORMS available for **Make a Splash with Jesus** Aug. 1st-4th 6-8pm 3-year-olds through incoming 6th graders. Looking for 7th-12th graders and adult volunteers. Contact Jaime Folczyk or Holly Sweeney.

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the re - for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of
 3 To whom . . . shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up -
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals



world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, as - cends un - to
 And with his faith - ful fol - l'wers see their Lord as - cend
 "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they say, "this is his glo -
 "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see re - turn - ing in



the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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 Let Us Sing"* was
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Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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