

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem ...

and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8, NRSV

> Ascension Sunday May 24, 2020

Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshiping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.



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AS WE GATHER The Ascended Lord Jesus Is with Us Always in His Church on Earth

After He rose from the dead, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, "appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, He did not orphan His Church, but He fills all things in heaven and on earth and gives gifts to His disciples. Even now, through His Church, He continues "to do and teach" (Acts 1:1), preaching "repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 24:47) even "to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Though the cloud hid Jesus from the sight of His disciples then, and He remains hidden from sight even now, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments. He comes to us by the Word of His apostles, by the promise of His Father and by the power of the Holy Spirit, whom He pours out upon "the church, which is his body" (Eph. 1:22–23). In this holy Christian Church, we bless God and worship Christ with joy, for in His Church He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself "in the heavenly places" (Eph. 1:20).

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

PRELUDE

On Christ's Ascension, I Now Build John A Behnke

PASTORAL GREETING

OPENING HYMN

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+ THE PREPARATION +

INVOCATION

(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 1 John 1:8-9

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and to confess our personal and specific sins.)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy... and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

+ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD +



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

• 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.

C Amen.

Sit

ANTHEM

Jubilant Spirit

arr. Delancy Handbell Duet: Lauran Delancy & Eric Schlef

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And 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; 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, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and 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."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

2 Timothy 4:22

ANTHEM

I Will Rejoice and Sing

Bailey & Mayo Duet: Ashley & Izzy Martinez

Ephesians 1:15–23

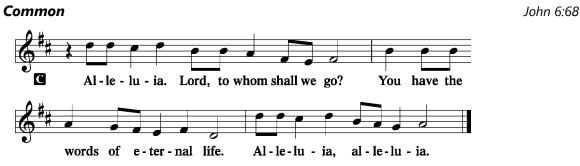
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¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having 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, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked 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 one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

READING THE FAITH (as drawn from Luther's Small Catechism) **THE OFFICE OF THE KEYS**

- **P** What is the Office of the Keys?
- **C** The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.
- **P** Where is this written?
- **C** This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." (John 20:22-23)

P What do you believe according to these words?

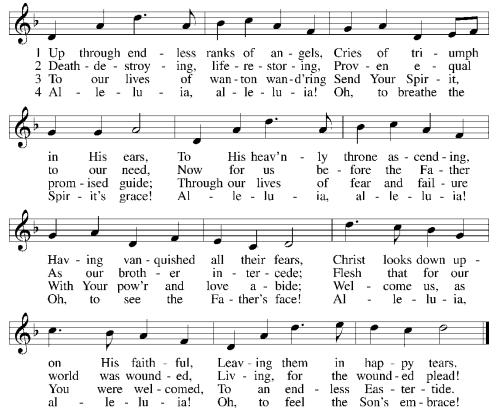
I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Vicar Aaron Reseburg

SERMON HYMN

Up through the Endless Ranks of Angels LSB 491



SERMON

Witnesses Vicar Aaron Reseburg Acts 1:1-11

Stand

NICENE CREED (found on the back page of the Hymnal)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

- God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Ascended Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and grant our supplication.
- That the Lord may grant us all things in Christ so we may be sustained in trial, strengthened in weakness and delivered from trouble, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- That the Church of Christ may flourish and the good news of Christ crucified, risen and ascended would be proclaimed to all the ends of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- That the Lord may richly supply us with faithful pastors who will preach Your Word in season and out; and that we may hear, believe and live out this Gospel, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- That the nations of the earth may seek peace; and that the leaders of our country may pursue justice, righteousness and peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- That the pandemic may come to an end, and that livelihood and common life may resume, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- That all who are afflicted may be strengthened in illness and comforted in adversity, [especially ______,] let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

- That the faithful may not fret what we do not know but rejoice in Christ, our Savior, and live in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For Josiah and Hannah Schultz as they celebrate their marriage, that God would bless them and all married couples with His love so that they might share His love and commitment toward one another until parted in death. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- That the Lord may grant us joyful hearts and peace at the last, knowing that neither death nor life, nor any powers, can separate us from the love of God in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

That we may be as generous in our tithes and offerings as the Lord is in giving us His gifts, and that we may support the poor and those in need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

That we may know the Lord's presence in the means of His grace, hearing His Word, receiving His absolution and feasting at His table with faith and joy in our hearts, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- That we may remember the saints of old, who contended for the Lord in their own day; and that we may join them at last in the marriage feast of the Lamb without end, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- All these things and whatever else we need, we ask You to grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:
- **C** 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.

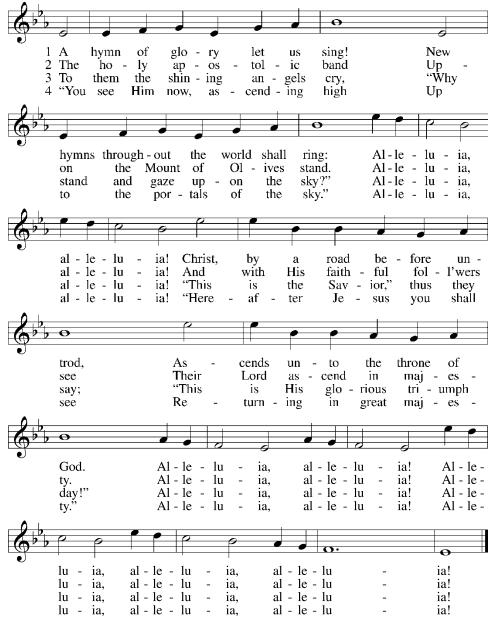
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

P	Let us bless the Lord.	Psalm 103:1
С	Thanks be to God.	
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С	Amen.	

CLOSING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing LSB 493



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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!

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!

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Soloists	Ashley & Izzy Martinez
Handbells	Lauran Delancy, director
Altar Guild	Carol & Dale Brandt
Counters	Jym Fees & Chuck Tuttle
Altar Flowers	Chris & Mary Martin and Jeff & Katie Hiller

ALTAR FLOWERS that adorn our altar this morning were given to the glory of God by **Chris & Mary Martin** in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary and by **Jeff & Katie Hiller** in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For Josiah Schultz and Hannah Thompson who were married on Saturday.

For all of our graduates for 2020.

For Sue Kreissler who will be undergoing throat surgery on Wednesday, May 27th.

For Karen Kuhn who is recovering from a second ear surgery.

For Greg Koontz, diagnosed with prostate cancer.

For **Cindy Rimmer**, Eddie Flores' boss, who is recovering from COVID 19.

For **Dale Knop**, father of Lisa Circle, who has several broken ribs and clavicle.

For Charlotte Tuescher, who moved and was married to Rev. Robert Ziegler on April 17th.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

For George Ledgerwood, recovering from toe surgery.

For Moriah Obermueller recovering from breast cancer surgery.

For **Wanda Brandt**, Mindy Pritzel' s mother, suffering with compression fractures in her lower back, and doctors also did a biopsy on a suspicious spot and it came back as cancer.

For **Bob Kerstetter**, friend of Dave & Debbie Seutter, who has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and will be starting radiation and Chemotherapy treatments.

For **Vicar-elect Luke Elowsky**, as he finishes up his studies at the Seminary and prepares to join us this late summer.

For **Pastor-elect Joshua Parrish & Katherine** as they makes plan to join the congregation of Redemption Lutheran Church in Bloomington, MN

For K.C. Gloe whose leg is healing well following amputation.

For Pastor Ed Trost, diagnosed with a mass (possibly cancer) in his lung.

For **Pat Gossen**, **Barb Gossen**, **Joy Rodenberger**, **Moriah Obermueller**, **& Debbie Newman**, continuing treatments for cancer; for **Sherri Webb** as she continues to recover from her stroke.

For our **expectant mothers** and their unborn children especially **Kellie Kanoy, Liesl Jensen, Jordan Shiao, Morgan Riechers, Nicole Christensen, Alli Bauck** and all other expectant mothers. Also for those who long for God's gift of children. **For our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala:** Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith as well.

For all those who are unemployed or under-employed, that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving!

Voice of the Martyrs prayer request Pandemic Hasn't Stopped Attacks or Aid - Nigeria

The global pandemic has not stopped Muslim militants from continuing their attacks on Christian villages in northern Nigeria. VOM workers have documented attacks on 15 cities in Plateau and Kaduna states since Jan. 8, 2020. At least 86 people have been killed, 13 kidnapped and 24 injured in the attacks, and more than 400 families have had to relocate. In the most recent attack, on May 5, eight militants shot a pastor, his wife and their two children at their home; thankfully, all survived. Despite pandemic lockdown measures, VOM workers have been able to distribute food aid on the three days per week when travel is permitted, and safety measures are in place to protect those receiving the aid. "We continue our commitment to serve the persecuted in the midst of the pandemic," VOM's regional director for Africa said.