

The Sunday after Ascension

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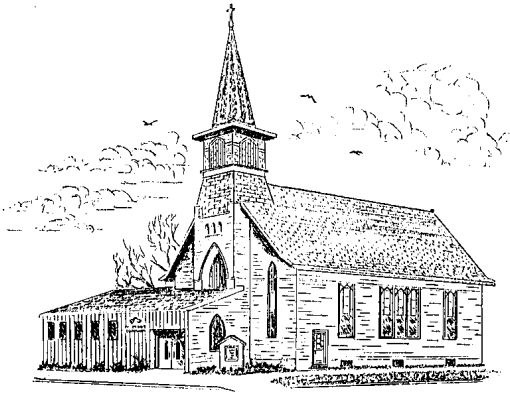
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**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

As with other public buildings in MN, masks are required for churches. We also practice social distancing as recommended by our government. Please do not use any of the pews where the seat cushions have been turned on edge. Thank you.

**Prelude** Mrs. Lana Strike

**Hymn** 216 *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build*

**Liturgy** page 5 ff. in the front of the Hymnal

A Hymn of glory let us sing:  
New songs throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascendeth to the throne of God. Alleluia!

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!

**Epistle Lesson** Acts 1:1-11 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to 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.

And 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; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 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."

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

**Gospel Lesson** Mark 16:14-20 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, be-

cause they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

**Hymn** 222 *Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious*

**Sermon** Luke 24:50-53 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God.

## Jesus' Last Impression Leaves a Lasting Impression...

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!

**Choir** *This is My Word*

**Hymn** 738 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

**Prayer + The Lord's Prayer**

**The Benediction**

**CDS Students** Blest Are They

**GRADUATION** Three of our young people are graduating from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year. Lilly Bass will graduate from HL-O. Caleb Eigenberg and Lydia Strike will be awarded their diplomas from our CDS following the service. All three will be confirmed next Sunday.

This year's High School graduates include Ashton Fogelman and Amber Ruthenbeck. Stephanie Kazemba graduated from MN-West in Worthington. If there are other graduates, please let the pastor know so that we can acknowledge them in the bulletin.

**MISSION SOCIETY** The meeting that was slated for today has been moved to next Sunday. The Anniversary Directory is currently in the proofing stages and is soon to be ready for printing.

**SPRAYING** We thank the individuals who came to spray the church properties for dandelions and other weeds. Their efforts are appreciated by all.

**MOWING** If you are available and willing to assist with mowing or trimming the cemetery, please speak with a member of the Cemetery Board.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** If you'd like to subscribe to The Lutheran Spokesman and/or Daily Rest, please sign the sheet in the entryway. The cost is \$15 for each. Meditations will also be due in June. The cost is \$17. You are welcome to simply include your subscription as part of your offering.

**CLC NEWS** Pastor Tom Naumann, Detroit, has returned the call to Cheyenne. Pastor Chad Sebyt, Fairchild/Millston/Onalaska, WI has accepted the call to serve the Melrose group on a part-time basis. Mr. Caleb Noeldner, a member in Hales Corners, WI has the call to teach at the school in Clarkston, WA. Pastor Johnathan Schnose, Morris, MN will be installed as the regular, fulltime pastor in a special service today at 4 o'clock. He and Pastor Luke Willitz were received by Colloquy in April. Pastor Willitz is considering the call to Bowdle/Ipswich, SD.

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