

# Worship Service ~ June 1, 2025, 9:00

## Ascension Sunday

VISION: Be the body of Christ:

welcoming all, inspired by God, and sent out to live our Faith.

MISSION: Led by the Spirit to share God's grace.

Today's Worship Broadcast is sponsored by Gary and Diane Zak  
in thankfulness for God's many blessings.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

I LOVE TO SING THE STORY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

OPENING SONG     *THE BLESSING*

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INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*~Silence for Reflection~*

L: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE ACS page 31

## PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Make Us One"*

Words and Music by Chris Quilala, Ran Jackson, Ricky Jackson and Josh Silverberg  
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R: A reading from Acts.

**Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After 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. <sup>4</sup>While 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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with<sup>[c]</sup> the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They 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."

R: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*HALLE, HALLE, HALLE*

R: A Gospel reading from the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter of John.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**John 24:44-53**

<sup>44</sup>Then 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

SONG OF THE DAY

ELW #576 *WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION*

stz 1, 2, 3



MUSICAL OFFERING "*Little Prelude*" arr. Kevin McChesney; Bells of Faith; Dean Jensen, director

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OFFERTORY ELW #186 *CREATE IN ME*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### BLESSING

The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you, The LORD look upon you with favor, + and give you peace. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*ELW #855 CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS*

stz 1, 3, 4

### DISMISSAL

**L:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

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