



“THY WORD IS TRUTH.”

John 17:17

Allowing God's Word to shape  
how we view the world around us



**Weekend Worship**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 28 & 29, 2022**

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**Weekend Worship Services:**

Saturday 5:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 AM  
Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM

## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

*(We rise)*

### **WE BEGIN IN SONG**

(Saturday) “King of Kings” / “All the Earth will Sing Your Praises”

(Sunday) “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

**LSB 493**  
*(vs. 1-5)*

A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand.  
Alleluia, alleluia! And with His faithful foll’wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To them the shining angels cry, “Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”  
Alleluia, alleluia! “This is the Savior,” thus they say;  
“This is His glorious triumph day!”  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“You see Him now, ascending high up to the portals of the sky.”  
Alleluia, alleluia! “Here-after Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty.”  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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!

*Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*  
**People: Amen.**

*Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

*Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

**People: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Pastor: O Almighty God, merciful Father,*

**People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

*Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## **THE FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 6:1-8

*(Isaiah feels unworthy of serving God, but God gives him the power to serve in unimaginable ways.)*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.” Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord!*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## **THE SECOND LESSON**

Acts 1:3-11

*(Jesus ascends into heaven, but He won't be leaving His disciples empty-handed.)*

After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

*Reader: This is the word of the Lord!*

**People: Thanks be to God!**

(We rise)

**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

John 16:1-15

*Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter, beginning at the first verse.*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

“All this I have told you so that you will not fall away. They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because people do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.”

*Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Pastor: Together, as God’s People, united in faith by our Ascended Lord, let us join together professing our common faith using the words of the Apostles Creed:*

**People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

(Saturday) "Before the Throne of God Above"

(Sunday) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

**LSB 549**  
*(vs. 1, 3-7)*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.

Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, man divine, and crown Him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, man divine, and crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown Him Lord of all.  
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Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.

Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.  
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## **THE MESSAGE**

“On Baseball and the Ascension”

Pastor Chris Ryan

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Special prayers are lifted...we then join together in speaking:*

**All:**        **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.**

## **THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

## **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Pastor:**    Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!

**People:**    **Thanks be to God!**

*(We rise)*

## **WE CLOSE IN SONG**

(Saturday)

“Your Grace is Enough”

Sunday)

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

**LSB 821**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by His blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him when the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise; "I am with you evermore?"

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
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