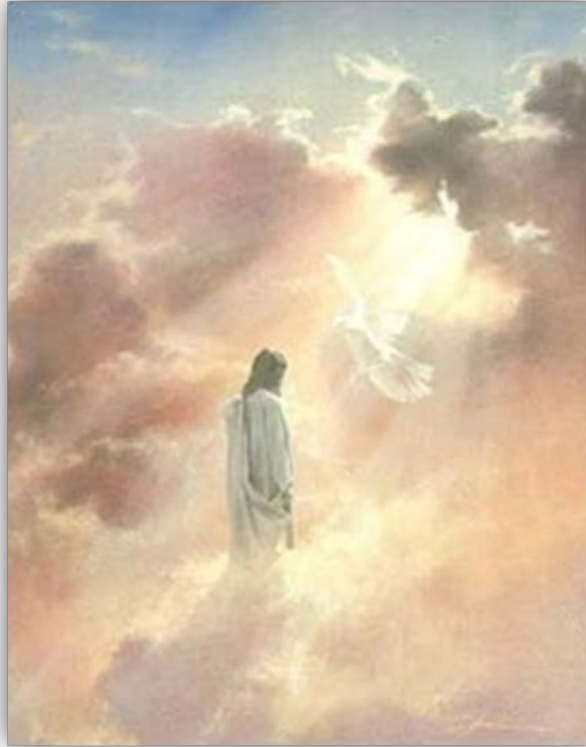


# ASCENSION

May 21, 2020



WHILE HE WAS BLESSING THEM,  
HE LEFT THEM AND WAS TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN.  
LUKE 24:51

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**VERSICLE:** “While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.” Luke 24:51

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God’s right hand you rule the nations. We pray that you do not leave us not alone, but grant us the Spirit of truth. At your command and by your power may we be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**WORSHIP NOTES:** The festival of Ascension has been celebrated since the early centuries of the Christian Church. Along with Christmas and Easter, it’s considered one of the most important festivals of the Church year. This evening, like other believers before us, we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord Jesus. We know that we will see him again and go to be where he is. That’s how much he loves us! He goes so that he come again and take us to share in his glory! When will he restore the kingdom? When the time is best! We are happy to leave it to him and to be busy with the work he has given us to do while we wait. We might note that he tells very little of what we will experience when we join him there. He doesn’t want us to focus on that just yet, but on his Word and on what he wants us to do while we wait. It is enough we know that we will be with him forever.

**Guests: Welcome to all who are visiting online with us today!**

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### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**OPENING HYMN** “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” (p. 6)

CW, # 169

### **THE INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

**P:** We worship in the name of the Father,

**C:** **Who reigns with all glory in heaven.**

**P:** In the name of the Son,

**C:** **Who ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us.**

**P:** And in the name of the Holy Spirit,

**C:** **Who strengthens our faith and increases our love for God and our desire to serve him. Amen.**

## **WE CONFESS OUR SINS**

P: On this Ascension Day we are reminded that our Father in heaven has not forgotten us. In fact, his Son, our Savior, returned to God's house to prepare a place for us. Yet too often we live and act as if we have forgotten about His saving work.

**C: Forgive us, dear Lord.**

P: We acknowledge our apathy for the gospel, our laxity in proclaiming the good news of salvation, and our failure to support the Lord's work with the generous use of our time, talents and treasures.

**C: Dear Jesus, have mercy on us.**

P: We confess that we take God's precious Word and Sacraments for granted. Too frequently we place worldly and personal pleasures above spiritual and eternal desires.

**C: Have mercy on us, O Lord.**

P: The Lord knows our thoughts, hears our words, and sees our actions. We can hide nothing from him.

**C: Dear Father in heaven, forgive us all our sins for the sake of Jesus, your Son, our risen, ascended and glorious Savior.**

## **WE RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

P: God has heard our plea for mercy and forgiveness. In His perfect love and compassion he has forgiven us all our sins. Rejoice in the comfort of God's full pardon. And in thankfulness to him and all he does for us, let us recommit ourselves to the tasks he gives us and serve him willingly and joyfully. God's peace be with you. Amen.

## **THE LESSON FROM GOD'S WORD**

P: At Jesus' ascension, two angels spoke one of God's great promises: *"This same Jesus, who has been taken back from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."* God is always true to his promises. Our faith, a precious gift from the Holy Spirit, clings to all of God's promises. In fact, it is our Savior and his promises that give great meaning to this year's school theme: "Serving Our Savior." By faith, we know and believe that Jesus came to be our Savior. By faith, we trust that he who visibly ascended into heaven, will "come back" so that we and all believers will receive God's precious gift of eternal life and salvation! Out of love for our Savior we eagerly serve him.

## **READING Acts 1:1-11**

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he has chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men 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." So when they met together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom of 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."

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less" (p. 7) CW, # 382:1-3

### **THE CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right of God the Father almighty. From there 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**

### **THE SERMON Colossians 3:1-4 WATCH WHERE YOU LOOK!**

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your<sup>[a]</sup> life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## **OFFERING**

### **PRAYERS and THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

**CLOSING SONG** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (p. 8)

CW, # 341

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### **SILENT PRAYERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 169

## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us;



His the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace -  
 Flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, Friend  
 Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight



ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea Where the  
 re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er, Shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?"

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, abr., alt.

Tune: HYMN TO JOY (87 87 D) Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, alt.

JUSTIFICATION

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My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on  
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no oth -  
 his un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and storm -  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly prop  
 then in him be found, Clothed in his right - eous - ness



er claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 a - lone, Fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All



oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt.  
 Tune: MAGDALEN (88 88 88) John Stainer, 1840–1901.

## 341

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love — Be - hold his hands and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the  
 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -

bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The

throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All  
 side; Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In  
 grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For  
 bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The

won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y

mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and  
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the  
 those he came to save. His glo - ries now we  
 won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y



crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye  
sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him  
sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward  
sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -  
crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye

kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.  
as thy match - less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
bends his won - d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (5/24) 8:00 am Worship Service  
10:30 am Worship Service  
Thursday 7:00 pm Worship Service  
Sunday (5/31) 8:00 am Worship Service  
10:30 am Worship Service

### NEXT WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson** Genesis 11:1-9  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson** Acts 2:1-21  
**Gospel** John 15:26-27  
**Psalm** Psalm 51b

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## THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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### MUSICIAN:

Zach Steinbach

HYMNS: 169, 382:1-3, 341

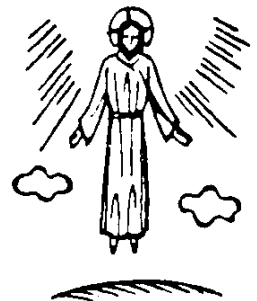
### FIRST LESSON:

Acts 1:1-11

### SERMON:

Colossians 3:1-4

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