



Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Service of Holy Communion, Setting One

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

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GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE
"Goin' Home"

Youth and Adult Handbell Choirs
A. Dvorak/K. Roth

ASCENSION PROCESSION

On the 40th day of Easter we celebrate the **Ascension of Our Lord**. The risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast.

Dialogue based on Luke 24:44-53

Jesus, the Word of life, gave us words of life.

Alleluia, thanks be to God!

Jesus, the Word of life, opened God's words of promise for us. **Alleluia, thanks be to God!**

Jesus, the Word of life, suffered, died and on the third day rose again. **Alleluia, we are witnesses.**

Jesus, the Word of life, offers repentance and forgiveness to all. **Alleluia, we are witnesses.**

Jesus, the Word of life, clothes us with the power of the Holy Spirit, and blesses us.

Alleluia, we are blessed to be a blessing!

GATHERING HYMN: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! #393
Singing Versus 1 + 3, and Verse 5 following the reading

ASCENSION READING Acts 1:1-11

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

ANTHEM Youth Choir

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song
words by C.P.Daw; music by D.A.White

The reading texts are found on the back of the bulletin.
FIRST READING: Acts 1:12-14
...Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION p. 102

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
I will not leave you orphaned, | says the Lord.* I am com- | ing to you. Repeat Alleluia.

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11
...The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:
Lord, You Give the Great Commission #579
Singing Verses 1, 3, 5

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

... Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SHARE THE PEACE The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERTORY

As our gifts are brought forward, we sing:

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord! #875

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING p. 107-112

We will use the Eucharistic Prayer (iv).

COMMUNION p. 112-114

As communion is served, the assembly sings:

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether #470

Beautiful Savior #838

POST COMMUNION SONG

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise #207

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN: In Christ Called to Baptize #575

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE