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Worship:
Saturday: 6:15 p.m.
Sunday: 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. *(Located in the church basement)*
Sunday Morning Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.
Adult Bible Class: 10:45 a.m.

Office Hours:
Monday: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.;
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; *(12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Lunch)*
Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon

WORSHIP FOLDER *with children and adult activities, P.3 (Coloring page P.28)*
MESSAGE *“Treated Just the Same as Jesus” P.10*
& ANNOUNCEMENTS *for May 24, 2020 on P.20*

From the Pastor:

Grace, mercy and peace to you all from God our Father through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

I pray that you all are well and safe. Continue practicing patience during this confusing time. Keep watch and stay in contact with family, friends and fellow workers. Simply stay busy doing that which is good and pleasing in the sight of God.

I am including activities and learning suggestions for you and your children of all ages. I hope this will deepen your appreciation and understand of the Divine Service.

For younger children

Here is an exercise for children beginning to read. Pick a word or name, for example: "Ascension" or "Christ," since the theme today is "The Ascension of Jesus Christ." If you save a copy for them and if they know how to underline using the underlining command, they can do it on the computer. They can also use the highlight function. Otherwise let them use a printed version of the worship folder. Let them draw and color buildings, people and other pictures in the margins of the service folder.

5th & 6th graders can mark the service with directional arrows which indicate the direction of the activity during the worship service. This was discussed in class. They can label the different parts of the service. They also are familiar with the questions throughout the service folder.

The coloring page can be saved in Paint 3D for your children and you to color on the computer screen.

For older children especially those who are in or have in the past studied Luther's Small Catechism

Here is an exercise that will strengthen their understandings of the teachings of the Bible. Have them mark, underline and/or identify where in the Catechism these teachings are found. For example: Where the resurrection of Jesus Christ is mentioned, one would mark it with the "2nd Article." Or where the forgiveness of sin is mentioned, one would mark it with "3rd Article." They can call me anytime if they have questions.

If any of this can be done from a copy on a computer, they can send it to me attached to an Email.

Adults/parents

You may find this helpful to do the above also, even the drawing and coloring. For the youngest of your children, draw a cross or a picture, if your talent so allows, anywhere in the Divine Service and let your little ones color them.

► Another exercise you can do is to journal your thoughts on the Word and the following service. Each day read through the following or sections and journal thoughts and/or insights you may have. If you know to insert and use “Text Box” that is a good way to do it. You may also go to “References” and use “Foot Note” to record your thoughts or insight.

God bless, keep and increase your faith in Christ as you now read, mark and inwardly digest His Word.

WORSHIP SERVICE
THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (*May 21, 2020*)
Witnesses of the Resurrection
May 23 & 24, 2020

As We Gather

In Jesus’ final appearance to the eleven disciples, He tells them that they will be His witnesses, witnesses of His resurrection. Not only will they be witnesses in familiar places such as Jerusalem and Judea, but they will also be witnesses in Samaria, a foreign land where these Jewish disciples did not care to travel. And finally, the disciples will be witnesses of Jesus’ resurrection to the ends of the earth. As we remember Jesus’ ascension, we also remember the faithfulness of His disciples to be His witnesses and to go where they were sent, so that we could know the power of Jesus and His resurrection even though we are thousands of miles from Jerusalem.



*Today, we look at the power of a good and gracious God.
Throughout the service folder, You may highlight or underline
your answers. If you wish you may write down your answers and
additional thoughts, insights and comments. Thus you have a
journal to review later and throughout your live time.*

Order of Divine Service *I LSB 151*

Hymn of the Day “*Crown Him with Many Crowns*” **LSB 525**

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
 The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav’nly anthem drowns
 All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
 Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
 Through all eternity.

- 2 Crown Him the virgin’s Son,
 The God incarnate born,

Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Declaration of Grace

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

By the power of Jesus Christ, He has made us what?

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit *Ps. 110:1, 4–5; antiphon: Ps. 47:5 (“Singing the Psalms” LSB xxvi Tone E)*



God has gone up | with a shout,*
 the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.
 The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my | right hand,*
 until I make your enemies your | footstool.”
 The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,*
 “You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”
 The Lord is at your | right hand;*,
 he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.
**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
 God has gone up | with a shout,*
 the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

According to the Introit, how do we know that Jesus was received into heaven as a king?

Kyrie *LSB 152*

- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

This Is the Feast *LSB 155*

**C This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

According to the Prayer of the Day, we ask the Father in heaven to give us the power to do what?

First Reading *Acts 1:1–11*

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

According to the first reading, who gives us power to do what?

Psalm *Psalm 47 (antiphon: v. 5)(Tone E)*



¹Clap your hands, all | peoples! *
Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

²For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared, *
a great king over | all the earth.

³He subdued peoples | under us, *
and nations un- | der our feet.

⁴He chose our heritage | for us, *
the pride of Jacob | whom he loves.

⁵God has gone up | with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

⁶Sing praises to God, sing | praises!*
Sing praises to our King, sing | praises!

⁷For God is the King of | all the earth;*
sing praises | with a psalm!

⁸God reigns over the | nations;*
God sits on his | holy throne.

⁹The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of | Abraham.*
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly ex- | alted!

*According to Psalm 47 we are to clap our hands and shout for joy.
Why?*

Epistle Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

According to the Epistle, God has given us the power to do what?

Alleluia and Verse LSB 156

C **Alleluia.**

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Luke 24:44–53

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

⁴⁴Then 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it

is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” ⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

According to the Gospel Reading, the disciples were to do what in Jerusalem until when?

Continue to underline, highlight or write your comments and thoughts throughout the rest of the Divine Service.

Hymn of the Day “Christ the Eternal Lord” *LSB 829*

- 1 Christ the eternal Lord,
Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured
On all who name Your name;
With thankfulness and praise
We stand before Your throne,
Intent to serve You all our days
And make Your glory known.

- 2 Christ the unchanging Word
To ev’ry passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard
Set forth on Scripture’s page;
Transform our thought and mind,
Enlighten all who read,
Within Your Word by faith to find
The bread of life indeed.

- 3 Christ the redeeming Son,
Who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won
For ev’ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray,
To tell Your love abroad,
That all may honor Christ today
And follow Him as Lord.

- 4 Christ the unfading Light

Of everlasting day,
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
That light of truth You give
To servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, Your life to live,
Till earth's brief journey ends.

5 Christ the ascended King
Exalted high above,
Whose praise unending ages sing,
Whom yet unseen we love;
When mortal life is past
Your voice from heaven's throne
Shall call Your children home at last
To know as we are known.

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Sermon Based on Ephesians 1:15–23

Title:
“Treated Just the Same as Jesus”

Introduction:

I know of no greater honor than to be treated like a king. I am not sure what it means. But it is an honor which the world can give to the lowliest person on earth. It is what movies are made of. The pauper becomes king. The slave ascends the throne. The Cinderella becomes the princess. So, being honored as a king means to be treated like a king.

You and I would never imagine that our Father in heaven would treat us like He would our King, Jesus Christ. But He does. That is His amazing grace.

I. The Father had raised Jesus from the dead.

He uses the very same power that He raised Jesus from the dead with to raise us up out of the deadness of our sins. It is no small matter on the part of God to raise us up to life. Our coming to faith is not an act of personal will. We do not have the strength or ability to raise ourselves up from the spiritual deadness into which we were conceived. We do not come to faith in Christ on our own. It is the work of God the Holy Spirit.

He opens the eyes of our hearts to see and believe Jesus is our Savior. He doesn't just pass a wand over us. He speaks to us through the Word and creates a faith in our hearts. It is the same creating power He used when He spoke and the world and the universe were created. It

is the same power when He brought to life our King, Jesus.

This is what it means to be treated like a king. The same immeasurable power the Father used on Jesus to bring Him back to life He uses on us. He does this so that we can be assured of the forgiveness of sin and our salvation.

If He were to diminish His power when bringing us to faith, we would in our sinful nature doubt that He could fully protect us. We would question if there wasn't room left for something stronger which could take away our faith. Our hope would be shattered. Who is going to protect us from the attacks of this world, our own sinfulness and Satan? What is out there that is stronger than the power which created our faith in Christ? What could rob us of our faith in Christ?

II. The Father seated Him at His right hand.

This is why God the Father seated Jesus at His right hand. There is no power greater than that of the Lord's. The Father has seated Jesus above all authority, power and dominion. There is nothing greater or stronger than our King. The power that the Father used to place Jesus at His right hand is used on us to keep us in the one true faith till life everlasting.

Jesus, by the authority and power of the heavenly Father, is now the Head of the Church. He fills the Church, His body, like our heads rules and controls our bodies. He is not a figure head. He is actively ruling, guiding and defending His Body, the Church, from all attacks. He keeps His body strong by nurturing it with His grace and forgiveness. He sustains His body through His Word through which the Holy Spirit works to maintain and strengthen the faith of the members of the body of Christ.

He is completely aware of what each member of His body needs and what they are facing in this life. He will supply each member of His body with the necessary wisdom to fight off any temptation of the devil. He reveals His work and grace done through Jesus Christ so that we do not seek anyone but Christ for our salvation and help in times of trouble.

He treats us like kings because we are the body of Christ, the King. And we can be assured of that.

Conclusion:

God has elevated us up from that of a dingy homeless being on the street to a magnificent king on a throne. He did not and does not treat us like second class citizens. He sees us as He sees His Son, the King.

This is His amazing grace in our lives. The world may treat us as low lives. Our sinful nature may try to reject any help from God. And Satan may constantly pounds in our ears, "You are nothing." But God the Father has used the same unmeasurable power on us as He has on His beloved and only Son. He has treated us like kings.

And now to our King, Jesus, the Son of God, the Christ, be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever.

T AMEN T

Apostles' Creed

**C 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 T everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into our world with a mission to seek and to save the lost. Thank You for His life, ministry, suffering, death, and resurrection. Most especially today we thank You for seating Him at Your right hand in His ascension. We thank You for we know that Christ is ascended.

C He rules and reigns in glory.

P Lord, at the end of His earthly ministry, Jesus sent His disciples out to the ends of the earth with a mission to be witnesses of His resurrection. Strengthen us as we continue their faithful witness. Embolden all missionaries and evangelists by constantly opening a door for Your Word to be spoken. We ask this in faith for we know that Christ is ascended.

C He rules and reigns in glory.

P Lord, thank You for sending the promised Holy Spirit to guide us in all of our ways.

Conform our lives to the Word of God and transform us by the renewing of our minds. We ask this with boldness for we know that Christ is ascended.

C He rules and reigns in glory.

P Lord, we live in a world with imperfect leaders, imperfect laws, and imperfect communities, but we know that all things are under Christ's feet, and He has all power and authority. So we ask for You to send Your perfect wisdom to our elected and appointed officials, instill Your perfect justice in our lawyers and judges, and bring Your perfect hope to our communities. We ask this in hope for we know that Christ is ascended.

C He rules and reigns in glory.

P Lord, we pray for those who are sick and recovering, those who are hospitalized and homebound, [*especially . . .*]. Strengthen them, and give them patience in their afflictions. We ask this in love for we know that Christ is ascended.

C He rules and reigns in glory.

P Finally, Lord, we ask for Your comfort for all those who grieve the death of loved ones, [*especially . . .*]. Grant them peace as they hope in the resurrection to eternal life. We ask this knowing that Christ is ascended.

C He is returning soon. Amen.

Offering

Offering Hymn "For the Fruits of His Creation" *LSB 894*

- 1 For the fruits of His creation,
Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation,
Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
Thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

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Offertory *LSB 159*

**C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Lord's Prayer

**C 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.**

Hymns

“Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” *LSB 636*

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'ence greet Him.

For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.

4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven

On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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“Draw Us to Thee” **LSB 701**

1 Draw us to Thee,
For then shall we
Walk in Thy steps forever
And hasten on
Where Thou art gone
To be with Thee, dear Savior.

2 Draw us to Thee,
Lord, lovingly;
Let us depart with gladness
That we may be
Forever free
From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

3 Draw us to Thee;
O grant that we
May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way
Lest we should stray
And from Thy paths be driven.

4 Draw us to Thee
That also we
Thy heav'nly bliss inherit
And ever dwell

Where sin and hell
No more can vex our spirit.

- 5 Draw us to Thee
Unceasingly,
Into Thy kingdom take us;
Let us fore'er
Thy glory share,
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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“Christ Sits at God's Right Hand” *LSB 564*

- 1 Christ sits at God's right hand,
His saving work complete,
To reign till ev'ry foe will lie
Beneath His feet—
All that the Father planned,
The Son sought to fulfill,
When first He said, “Lord, here am I
To do Your will.”
- 2 Christ was that priest God swore,
Uniquely First and Last,
Who would in righteousness and love
Be unsurpassed:
“A priest forevermore,”
An oath God would not break,
“A priest within the order of
Melchizedek.”
- 3 Christ's altar was the tree,
Where on the world's behalf
He shed a blood, unlike the blood
Of goat or calf,
To seal God's guarantee
Of grace that cannot fail;
With blood He entered for our good
Behind the veil.
- 4 What costly sacrifice
To cover human sin!
Who but Christ Jesus had the right
To enter in?
His blood, that sprinkled price,
So we might be assured

That our inheritance in light
Has been secured.

5 Then let us now draw near,
Washed in that precious flood
And enter the Most Holy Place
By Jesus' blood.
From hearts that are sincere,
Let tongues our hope profess,
And trust anew God's faithful grace
That we confess.

6 All praise to Christ we bring,
Our Lord who intercedes,
Our great High Priest enthroned above
Who knows our needs;
And to the Father sing
Our songs of thankful praise,
Who with the Spirit reigns in love
For endless days.

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Collect for the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction *LSB 166*

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" *LSB 821*

1 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."

- 2 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"?
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS
“SHARING WITH OUR FAMILY IN CHRIST”
May 23 & 24, 2020

+WORSHIP+

GROUPS OF TEN OR LESS: We have begun to schedule groups of ten or less on the weekends and during the week for worship and to receive the Lord’s Supper. Call or Email the church office to schedule a time for you and your household. Private communion services can be scheduled for those who are still at high risk during this pandemic.

DEBBIE PREHN is still recovering following surgery at Decatur Memorial Hospital, Decatur, Illinois.

If your cards or letters to Debby have been returned to you, or if you wish to help Debby out financially, you may mail them to Debby Prehn, % Prudence Ishmael, 703 McAdam Drive, Taylorville, Illinois 62568.]

THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Mike Seeley; Bonnie Hornbeck; Bill & Sharon Matthews; Lyle Reller, Paul Hartig, Teresa Burdick and Debby Prehn.

NON-MEMBER CONCERNS: Prayers for Rocky Moore, by his friends that work at the city departments; Prayers for Julie Eson, has issues with chronic vertigo by April; A friend of Debbie Prehn – Chuck Hendricks; Darla Gatton (stroke) prayers have been asked for her; Denis Corso’s sister, Brenda, Barb Beck’s brother-in-law’s sister; Patti Esswein’s daughter; Norvella Arkebauer’s mother; Those suffering from natural and manmade disasters, especially friends and family members of our congregation; Regina Wilderman; Chris Owens, a stroke; Lillian Reller’s nephew, Lonnie, with health concerns; Barb Beck’s brother, Gary; Bill Schroyer; Lyle & Lillian’s grandson,. Londyn Kleimola- daughter of Leroy & Christy Kleimola and Donna Lucas –friend of the Matthews.

MILITARY MEMBERS: Marjorie Evans; Justin & Jared Misiorek; Andy Noblet; Richie Holmes, Brandon Mills; Peter Knope II, Shawn Durbin; Clayton Hays; and Andrew Soulsby

MILITARY PERSONNEL CONNECTED TO OUR WORSHIPING FAMILY: Nephews of Pastor & Tammy Blomquist; Lyle & Lillian Reller’s 3 grandsons (Kyle, Josh, and Jake; Patti Esswein’s sons, Gene & Billy Esswein: Ken Gatton’s grandson, Josh; Barb McMahon’s son, Peter Koepp; Joshua, the husband of Annie Plant; Lyle & Lillian Reller’s grandsons (Drake and Blake; Cory Bonacorsi – grandsons of Ella & Julius; and Natalie Durbin, wife of Shawn Durbin;

CARDS AND NOTES FROM HOME NEEDED FOR New Address–Peter Knope, 1376 Washington Street, Watertown, NY 13601-4541; Brandon Mills, PSC 94 Box 2416, APO AE 09824 and J.T & Marjorie Evans, 24847 Sanford Corners Road, Calcium, NY 13616-2258; Josh & Annie Plant, 13180 East Mesquite Flat Spring Drive, Vail, AZ 85641-2503; If your

son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter is in the service and would like to hear from us, submit their addresses to the Church.

► **MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES**



HELP SUPPORT THE RECRUITING, TRAINING AND ENDORSING of our LCMS military chaplains. We have numerous chaplains who serve on active duty, the Reserve component, the National Guard, the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard auxiliary. Your gift will ensure they receive valuable Lutheran resources, training, support and religious-liberty protection that they desperately need during these challenging times.

HELP SUSTAIN OPERATION BARNABAS – a network of care that trains and equips LCMS congregations and individuals to assist all military-connected people within our congregations and communities in getting the support and assistance they need. Learn how you can get involved by visiting operationbarnabas.org.

HELP ENABLE THE MINISTRY-BY-MAIL PROGRAM TO CONTINUE as we send Lutheran devotional materials and resources (including Portals of Prayer) to all Lutheran military personnel and their families stationed around the world. Please email military contact information to lcmschaps@lcms.org. HELP FUND THE TRAVEL EXPENSES for chaplains and their wives to attend annual training seminars. These seminars allow them to reconnect, network and receive pastoral care and support from their church — things they need and deserve.

HELP GROW A SPECIAL ENDOWMENT FUND that enables our chaplains to complete a Doctor of Ministry degree to sharpen their skills.

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THOSE LIVING OR CONVALESCING IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES OR AT HOME: Taylorville Care: Bonnie Hornbeck, & Carrie Rhodes; Nokomis Rehabilitation & Health Care: Roberta Trelz; Springfield Mill Creek Alzheimer's Special Care Center: Lou Silotto; Eastview Terrace, Sullivan: Rose Marie Smith; at their homes: Marie Fouts, Eilene Everlen, Jim & Margaret Muir

LEARN/REVIEW the teachings of the Bible by attending the Adult Confirmation Class. Just let Pastor know if you wish to attend.

► **LISTEN TO WORLDWIDE KFUE Radio**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on **AM850 & kfue.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @**KFUEradio** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfue), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfue), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfue). **This week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org**, study Romans 11-13 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), learn about Psalm 108 and Mark 13-16 on Thy Strong Work (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.) and hear God's promises for you on Moments of Assurance with Pastor Mark Hawkinson (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. and weekends at 7:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org.

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR

WTIM 96.1 FM or 870 am Sunday mornings @ 7:30 a.m.

(If you wish to support the broadcast of the Lutheran Hour on our local radio station, you can write out a check to Trinity Lutheran Church and on the memo line write: "Lutheran Hour on WTIM." It costs \$30.00 a week. You can place the check in the offering plate or drop it off at the office during the week.)

WLUI 89.7 or 100.1 FM Sunday afternoons @ 1 p.m.

(Funds are needed to continue the support of this broadcast on WLUI. If you can contribute to this ministry, send your donations to Rev. Rich Harre, 5258 Golf Club Drive, Auburn, Illinois 62615)

WATCH LUTHERAN MINISTRIES – "Worship Anew" on Television channel 49, Sunday Mornings @ 7:30 a.m. Also on Direct TV Channel 377 TCT @ 10:30 a.m.

LISTEN TO LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO at <http://lutheranpublicradio.org/iphone/>

GO TO cidlcms.org and check out *The GatePost*.

► **WITNESS AND OUTREACH** *Easter 7*

John 17:1-11: On this last Sunday of the Easter Season, we hear Jesus praying His High Priestly Prayer, and He's praying for you; He's praying for your church family. He wants you to be people of His Word and Name unified as one Body with Him as the Head. His Body should function as ONE with Him as the Head and every member of the Body having a unique but unified function together as one for the purpose of His Kingdom. Read John 17 once again today at home, and then pray for His will to be first done in your individual life and collectively as a unified church

family. Pray that your life would be an answer to Jesus' prayer that His will may be done to carry out His purpose in the world that needs the Good News of salvation.

► **LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR – Easter VII** – “Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God,” who “settles the solitary in a home” (Psalm 68:5-6). He has not left us orphaned in our sins but has taken each of us for His own family. So we need not limit our enthusiasm for adoption only to addressing infertility. We can open not just our mouths but our hands, hearts, and homes, because children need them, and we have in abundance.

TORNADO RECOVERY CONTINUES - Volunteers are still needed especially semi & skilled laborers for roofing, plumbing and other types of repairs. Contact Lloyd Hoover 825-7159

Donations can be made payable to: “Missions for Taylorville” and mailed or delivered to: Taylorville City Clerk, 115 North Main, Taylorville, Illinois 62568.

HOW TO HELP THROUGH LCMS WORLD RELIEF AND HUMAN CARE

Give to Disaster Relief: Text **LCMSDISASTERS** to 41444 , [Give to hurricane relief](#), [Give to flood relief](#), [Give to tornado relief](#), [Give to wildfire relief](#), [Thrivent matching gift opportunity](#)
Call 888-930-4438 to make a credit card gift by phone, call the LCMS toll-free donor care line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time.

Mail On the memo line or enclosed note, please indicate how you would like your gift to be used. (Disaster Response – where needed most, wildfire relief, hurricane relief, etc.)

Make check payable and mail to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861

CHARITY/MISSION OF THE MONTH FOR MAY: *Taylorville Ministerial Association Food Pantry located at 1429 E. Main Cross, Taylorville. Hours are Tuesday morning 8:30 - 10:00, Thursday nights 5:30-7:00 and Saturday mornings 8:30- 9:30.)*

Since November 13, 1984, the TMA Food Pantry has been “Feeding Hunger with Heart.” With an annual operating budget that nears \$40,000, hundreds of people in Taylorville receive nutritional food assistance. Corporate donors arranged through Feeding America, like Kroger, Aldi and Walmart, and local retailer CVS and wholesaler Ron’s Produce routinely donate food product to our pantry.

Donations of volunteer time and money are always welcomed! In addition, the following items are routinely given out and could be used as a shopping list or guide for a non-perishable food drive:

- Boxed dinners like Hamburger Helper
- Canned dinner like Spaghetti O’s
- Canned fruit
- Canned soup (Tomato and chicken noodle)
- Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, other)
- Cereal
- Crackers
- Jelly
- Jiffy corn mix

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta Noodles
- Pasta Sauce
- Peanut butter
- Pork & Beans
- Pudding
- Ramen Noodles
- Rice
- Snack items
- Tuna
- Garden vegetables and fruit

Through a partnership with the Senior Citizens of Christian County, round-trip transportation to the Food Pantry is available on the second and fourth Thursday nights at 5:30 p.m. from Hershey Tower and Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. from Park Glen and Senior Village Apartments at 8:45 a.m. You do not need to be a resident to use this service. Those 60 years of age and above ride free, those under 60 are requested to make a donation of \$2 per round trip. Riders are asked to call ahead to the Senior Center at 217-824-4263 by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday (for Thursday's shuttle) and by 4:00 p.m. Friday (for Saturday's shuttle).

For more information about the TMA Food Pantry, please contact Amy at 217-820-5174.

► **OFFERINGS:** *(No Money Counted This Week):*

(Mail to Trinity Lutheran Church, 1010 N. Webster St., Taylorville, IL 62568 or drop off your offering at the church office.)

Weekly Budget Needs: \$3,605.80

April Income: \$12,865.07

April Expense: \$13,781.21

Year to date receipts thru April: \$58,448.49

Year to date expense thru April: \$65,369.20

Difference between Yearly Income and Yearly Expense: \$6,920.71

If you do not have a box of envelopes and wish to use envelopes this year, contact pastor or write, "Envelopes Please," by your name in the "Ritual of Friendship" register located at the end of the pews.

You may mail your offering too, drop off at or bring it when we gather again at the church.)

► **Mid-Week Stewardship Thought**

God's Faithful Stewards

Knowing that God is the Creator and Provider of all things motivates us to worship Him with our faithful stewardship. As faithful stewards, we acknowledge God as the source and owner of everything. We are merely managers or caretakers of His property that is on loan to us. In our faithful stewardship, we seek to use our lives and blessings according to His will. We understand that our main purpose is to serve and glorify Him. We seek God's wisdom and strength to fulfill our stewardship tasks, and we are aware of our need to be responsible and accountable. The reward for our faithfulness will come from hearing God say, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:23).



Acts 1:11 – “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended – and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus – and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach the things of this world.

Prayer: Lord, as I read and study Your Word, I pray that Your Spirit will enlighten my heart and mind so I may draw closer to you and more closely understand Your will for my life. May my stewardship give You honor and glory. I pray this in the precious name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!

+LIFE TOGETHER+

(All Divine services, Bible Studies, after school catechizing classes are cancelled. Meetings will be called as needed. Preschool and ChildCarePLUS will remain close until further notice.)

► **May 24, 2020 – May 31, 2020**

Monday, May 25 – Office Closed – Memorial Day

PRE-SCHOOL NEWS – We have openings in the 3 yr. old & 4 yr. old class for the 2020-2021 school year. Registration forms are available in the church office or online @trinitylutherantaylorville.org. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 217-824-8148.

PRODUCTS OF THE WEEK

Concordia Publishing House

cph.org 1-800-325-3040

► **Praise & Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions**

by [Timothy Shoup](#)

Item #: 124576 / 2019 / Paperback / 288 Pages

When you leave church humming a hymn, you are humming a sermon. Good hymns are filled to the brim with Christ. The purpose of singing them is to praise God by proclaiming the saving work of His Son.

In Timothy Shoup's *Praise and Honor: Hymn-Inspired Devotions*, each of the 14 well-loved hymns is introduced with a short reading followed by a devotional for each *stanza* of each hymn. Shoup calls upon pastoral experience, personal stories, and hundreds of Bible passages to amplify the rich meaning of the hymn texts and how they proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior. Of the hymns chosen, most are familiar, a few are newer, and they all enrich faith and bring one closer to the Lord of life.

Hymns Included:

- God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (LSB 594)
- Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus (LSB 685)

- Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal (LSB 533)
- Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing (LSB 860)
- Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (LSB 761)
- Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (LSB 621)
- O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life (LSB 552)
- O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (LSB 357)
- Where Shepherds Lately Knelt (LSB 369)
- Give Ear, O Zion, to God's Call (A Stephen Starke original)
- Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (LSB 451)
- If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death (LSB 486)
- The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want (LSB 710)
- We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God (LSB 941)

►The Camp CILCA Lowdown

June, 2020

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org / 4124 Camp Cilca Rd, Cantrall, IL 62625

Friends in Christ,

Camp CILCA was supposed to open its gates in the summer of 1949. But Polio happened, and camp was delayed until 1950. This is the 70th anniversary of that first camping season, and so it is in some ways fitting that a virus should once again strike and close CILCA's gates. It is with great sadness that I write this. ***There will be no overnight camp in 2020.***

The annual ***Hog Roast*** has also been transitioned from a physical fundraiser into a ***virtual fundraiser***. We pray that in lieu of attending the hog roast you will consider making a donation to the camp. Those donations can be sent in the mail or made online at:

(<http://www.ultracamp.com/donations/donationselection.aspx?idCamp=741&campCode=vbp&iDDonationCategory=1223>).

The Chicken Fry and Auction are still planned for Labor Day Weekend. It is my prayer that by then this will all be an unpleasant memory.

Our lives rest in the pierced hands of our risen Savior. Let us trust that He will bring us through, and continue to work for our good. God bless you all.

Joshua W Theilen

Director, Camp CILCA

Here are a few commitments from CILCA in 2020:

1. The grounds will remain ***open*** for families and small groups (10 people or less) to hike, fish, boat, or camp out in tents, trailers, or cabins. We pray that you will take advantage of this and come out to enjoy God's wonderful creation.

2. We will be selling "*Camp-From-Home*" kits. These will include a camp t-shirt and other merchandise, as well as the Bible study, a craft, and a variety of activities designed to help you engage with God's creation. These will be on sale by Memorial Day weekend. The cost will be around \$50, depending on the cost of shipping.

3. We will also have *some on-line content*. These videos on our website, or Facebook, however, are not designed to keep children indoors and staring at a screen. There are enough of those out there. Our hope is that these videos will encourage you and your campers to *connect with our Lord in His Word and to engage His creation first hand*.

4. We also hope to have day-camps on Saturdays in July and August if we reach phase 4 by then. We will keep you updated on that as the summer progresses.

Camp CILCA exists to foster and strengthen faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.

(► Indicates new announcements.) [You may also read our announcements online at www.trinitylutherantaylorville.org You may also receive them by E-mail by writing your E-mail address beside your name in the "Ritual of Friendship" located at the end of the pew.]

