

PARISH CONCERNS

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Tomorrow is Memorial Day. Please remember those who have given their lives for us to have a free country. May we remember their sacrifice.
- Aiden Atkinson will have his tonsillectomy surgery on Wednesday, May 27. Aiden is 10 years old.
- Joyce Thornton, Jane Johnson's sister has lung cancer.
- All who are providing essential services during the pandemic, and all who are affected by it.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All of God's creatures.
- May God bless America, our president, elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- The NALC, NALS, the Great Rivers Mission District, all Christian churches, and our partners in SC and PA.



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Luke 24:51

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A WARM WELCOME TO ALL who are worshiping with us today! We hope that the service will be a joy and blessing to you.

Prelude

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*Sharing of Peace

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*Apostolic Greeting and Kyrie P. 57

*"This Joyful Eastertide" **LBW 149**

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

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*The Alleluia P. 62

*Gospel Luke 24:44-53

Pulpit Hymn: "Alleluia, Alleluia," vv.1-3, 5 **WOV 671**

Sermon: – Gospel

"HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN"

*Hymns of the Day: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" vv. 1,2 & 5 **LBW 158**

*Apostles' Creed P. 65

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*Closing Hymn: "O Christ, Our Hope" **LBW 300**

*Benediction

*Threefold Amen

*Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord!

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

*Postlude

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. ³He presented himself alive to them 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."

Psalm 47 (Together in unison)

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Second Reading: 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 the 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.

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴Then {Jesus} said to {his disciples}, “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 for the 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.” ⁵⁰And 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.

THANK YOU

This week’s worship assistants are Laura Cook, John & Lori Roser and of course, Nancy Rasmussen.

UPCOMING EVENTS:**Communion Gathering Dates:**

Tuesday, 5/26: Gatherings will be offered at 6:30PM & 7:30PM.

Friday, 5/29: Gatherings will be offered at 10AM & 10:30AM.

You will receive an email confirmation with your scheduled time. If you haven’t signed up, please reply to Pastor’s email or call the church office at (815)522-3886.

Sunday, 5/31: The Day of Pentecost. Join us online for our festive live-stream worship service!

IN - CHURCH SERVICES:

The church council has decided that in-church services will begin on Saturday, June 13 at 5:30PM and Sunday, June 14 at 9AM. We would love to see you!

A planning team will be meeting on June 2 to address safety precautions.