

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SONGS OF ASCENSION

August 4 & 5, 2018

5:00 pm & 8:15 am



AS WE GATHER

In today's Gospel, the crowds are still trying to stay close to Jesus, but He says it's for the wrong reason. They want to fill their stomachs, and He declares that He is the bread of life. As the manna in the wilderness wasn't produced by Moses, but was a gift from God, so Jesus didn't come to produce physical bread. He is God's gift to us for what we need in every part of our lives here in time and for eternity. The Epistle focuses on our being part of the Body of Christ, with "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." Indeed, we are gifts of God to one another, called to faith to speak the truth in love and to work together to build up the Body to the measure of Christ Himself.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS - *We Prepare our hearts and minds for worship*



WELCOME

✘ **PREPARATION** ✘

OPENING HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

LSB 443 (ties #30)

**Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.**

**"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!**

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(Please Stand)

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 150*

Pastor: Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in His mighty heavens!

People: Praise Him for His mighty deeds;
praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Pastor: Praise Him with trumpet sound;
praise Him with lute and harp!

People: Praise Him with tambourine and dance;
praise Him with strings and pipe!

Pastor: Praise Him with sounding cymbals;
praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

(If you would like private confession and absolution, please call the office at (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.

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.

(OR)

Seminary Student: 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.
John 1:12, Philippians 1:6

People: Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

SERMON SERIES HYMN “When In Our Music God is Glorified” *LSB* 796, v. 1, 3, & 5

**When in our music God is glorified
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!**

**So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
In faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
Borne witness to the truth in evr’y tongue:
Alleluia!**

**Let evr’y instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father, You gave Your Son, Jesus, as the heavenly bread of life.
People: **Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacrament, that we may be nourished unto life everlasting;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



OLD TESTAMENT *Exodus 16:2–15* (Although the Israelites, freed from Egypt, grumble, God provides quail and manna in the wilderness.)

² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸ And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.” ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰ And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of

the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ And the LORD said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’” ¹³ In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. ¹⁴ And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



EPISTLE *Ephesians 4:1–16* (God has created, redeemed, and called us all to the one Church, a unity shown in our love for one another and all people.)

¹I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” ⁹ (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, ¹⁴ so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. ¹⁵ Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Stand)

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 205

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:22–35* (Referring to the manna in the wilderness, Jesus calls Himself the bread of life.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

²² On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away

alone. ²³ Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” ²⁶ Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” ²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” ³⁰ So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” ³² Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” ³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of Lord.
 People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**



APOSTLES’ CREED

LSB 207

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.

(Please Be Seated)



CHILDREN’S TIME “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *LSB 790, v. 1*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
 Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
 Joining in glad adoration!**

HYMN OF THE DAY “Songs of Ascension” (ranked #1)

“Amazing Grace” *LSB 744*

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!**

**The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
 He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
 His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.**

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.



SERMON

(Please Stand)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Holy Christian Church here and everywhere, for all people in their various circumstances, both our neighbors and those among the nations around the world. Paul writes in today's Epistle that Christ gave to the Church "the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists."

People: **Strengthen them, heavenly Father, to go where they are sent, to teach the truth in love, and to call all people to the Gospel of Your Son.**

Pastor: Christ also gave "the shepherds and teachers."

People: **Guide all pastors and lay leaders, Lord Jesus, to nurture Your people, young and old, strong and weak, in faith and love.**

Pastor: Christ gave these gifts so that we may each function as part of the Body of Christ as it builds itself up in love.

People: **Help us, O Holy Spirit, to use all our gifts to build one another up in love here and, through our mission efforts, around the world.**

Pastor: God rescued His people from slavery in Egypt, destroying the forces of the nation of Egypt and providing for the Israelites, wandering in the desert.

People: **Raise up leaders in the governments of the nations, Lord, that freedom and justice abound within their borders and peace break out between neighboring peoples. Give protection and courage to refugees and resources and strength to those who care for them. Grant wisdom and courage to all who provide protection within communities and to all who defend our nation and others around the world.**

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus offered much more than physical food—He gave Himself, the bread of life, to the disciples and all His followers in their need.

People: **Hear the prayers of all who call out to You, O Lord, in their distress from ills of body or soul, problems of house or home, employment and finances, dignity and food, (*especially . . .*)**

(Special Petitions)

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

(Please Be Seated)



GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

(Please Stand)



✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has graciously called us to work together, building up the Body of Christ. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS — Holy, Holy, Holy *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

LSB 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

Pastor: Hear us as we pray in His name as He has taught us:

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 209

PAX DOMINI — *The Peace of the Lord John 20:19*

LSB 209

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Please Be Seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” *LSB 685 (tied #30)*

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy; All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin; And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

LSB 388 (tied #18)

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
 Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior’s birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lonely manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Rock of Ages”

LSB 761 (tied #19)

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.**

**Not the labors of my hand Can fulfill Thy Law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.**

(Please Stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon Luke 2:29–32

LSB 211, v. 1

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**



BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Psalm 103:1

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: 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 give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

LSB 842 (tied #31)

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**As You, Lord have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race;
By Your praying, by Your willing That your people should be one,
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition; Here on earth Your will be done.**

POSTLUDE

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