

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Sharing the Peace

The Offering

*The Offertory *“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”* p. 86

*Offertory Prayer

Generous God, you have given us treasures too numerable to count. Grant us faith to be generous with all that you have first given us: our time, our resources, and our possessions. May we boldly trust that your providence, presence, and care are a never-ending reality in our lives. Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving p. 88

“Holy, Holy, Holy” p. 89

*The Lord’s Prayer **Grey Book #440**

Communion

“Lamb of God” p. 92

Distribution

“Thank the Lord” p. 92

Prayer after Communion

P: Gracious God, you have fed us at this holy meal with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. We praise you for the glorious resurrection of Christ which is a sign of your great love for your people. You have forgiven us through this sacrament and restored us to new and everlasting life.

C: Amen.

*The Blessing

P: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves have been born of God and knows God. Go now in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN *“It is Well With My Soul”* **Grey Book #495**

Go in peace and serve the Risen Christ.

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Ascension Sunday May 21, 2023

Mission: To proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all through worship, education, outreach, and fellowship.

Communion offered May 7th, 21st, and 28th.

Please be advised, the service is livestreamed and posted on the internet.

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Ascension Sunday

May 21, 2023

ORDER OF WORSHIP

(*Stand as you are able)

Prelude / Enter joyously to worship the Lord

Presentation of Graduate Quilts

L: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

C: He has risen indeed, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*OPENING HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" Grey Book #239

*Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed are those who call on the strong name of the risen Lord! As we gather in the victorious name of Christ, let us open our hearts to him and confess the ways in which we have failed to follow His will, and the ways in which we simply neglected our calling as his disciples.

(Silence for self-reflection and examination.)

P: Lord of heaven and earth, of the living and of the dead,

C: We come before you confessing our sins, asking for your gracious mercy. By our human nature we are sinful and unclean; we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. By your loving kindness, we implore you to grant us forgiveness and restore us to your salvation, that we might live holy lives here and now, and be with you in the final resurrection. Amen.

P: Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, God declares to all who believe and confess their sins, that we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship through Jesus Christ. We have been redeemed and renewed by Christ, our Passover Lamb. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit, let us walk in newness of life, following our Lord Jesus in holy obedience.

C: Amen.

*Greeting

L: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went to the cross for our sake; the love of the Father who put an end to the power of death through the resurrection of Christ; and the promised Holy Spirit who gathers us together; be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*The Kyrie

p. 78

*Hymn of Praise

"This is the feast"

p. 81

*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray

Almighty God, Jesus ascended to the throne at your right hand. Help us to trust in his never-ending presence, that we may bear witness to your grace until the day we celebrate with all the saints around your throne; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

PSALMS

Psalm 47

SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-16, 5:6-11

*Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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"Glory to you, O Lord"

p. 83

*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-4; 44-53

"Praise to you, O Christ"

p. 83

Children's Message

Song presentation by Sunday School Students

Sermon

Pastor Tony Scalisi

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Blessed Assurance"

Grey Book #67

*Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

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*Prayers

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

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them.

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

The first lesson is from the 1st Chapter of Acts

1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he presented himself to them 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. ⁴On 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. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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." ⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹"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."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray Psalm 47 (responsively)

¹ Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

² For the LORD Most High is awesome, the great King over all the earth.

³ He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.

⁴ He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.

⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.

⁸ God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

⁹ The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

Amen

The second lesson is found in the 4th and 5th Chapters of 1 Peter

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. ¹⁶ However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰ And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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Announcements & Activities

Prayer list: *New: Arlene Preston, Jacob Reupke*
Phyllis Disque, Irene Eide, Joyce Greer, Brittney Hawke, Ryan Mullins (in the military), Allen Peterson, Jean Peterson, LeAnn Peterson, Roger Peterson, our sister church in the LCMC, St Paul Lutheran Church, Hull, IA, and Morningside Lutheran, Sioux City, IA.

Please let me or Pastor Tony know of any prayer requests you may have. We will gladly list them. Cindy at csarver52@gmail.com or 319-931-3570.



**May God bless you in your future endeavors,
Madison and Trayce.**



**Pentecost Sunday 5/28/2023
Wear Red!**

**Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 28th after service**

We will be discussing and voting on the use of monitors in the sanctuary.



FC United Women in Faith
Salad Luncheon Tue., June 13th

11 am until the salads are gone or 1 pm

Pre-order take available:

Call Jean (641)740-2061 from 6/1 - 6/9

United Methodist Church, 305 S. Clark St.

Memorial Day Service
sponsored by VFW Post 6161
at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Leland
Mon., May 29 at 9:00AM.
Refreshments following ceremony.



This Week's Activities

Sun., May 28, 2023
8:30 am Worship with Communion,
fellowship following
9:45 am Congregational Meeting
9:45 am Adult Sunday School-CANCELLED

May / June Volunteers

Fellowship: May 28 — Cindy Sarver
June 4 —
June 11 —
Lector: *May:* Lisa Durby, *June:* Bristol Swanson
Usher(s):
Altar Flowers: *May:* Lisa Durby
Communion Prep & Clean-up: *May:* Lisa Durby

Happy Birthday: Kylie Holst (65/23), Joran Colby (5/24),
Betty Williams (5/24), Brett West (5/25)

Note: Bulletin Information can be sent to Cindy by email: csarver52@gmail.com or phone-319-931-3570. Entry deadline, Wednesdays at 5:00 pm.