

Offering

Organ Offertory

Offering Hymn No. 186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
 spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
 not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
 your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Prayers of the Church

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The 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.

Benediction

C: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, bless you now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn No. 825 "You Servants of God"

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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Radio: 1230 AM - 11:00 a.m.

Good Samaritan Village: Ch. 3

Sun. 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 12:30 p.m.

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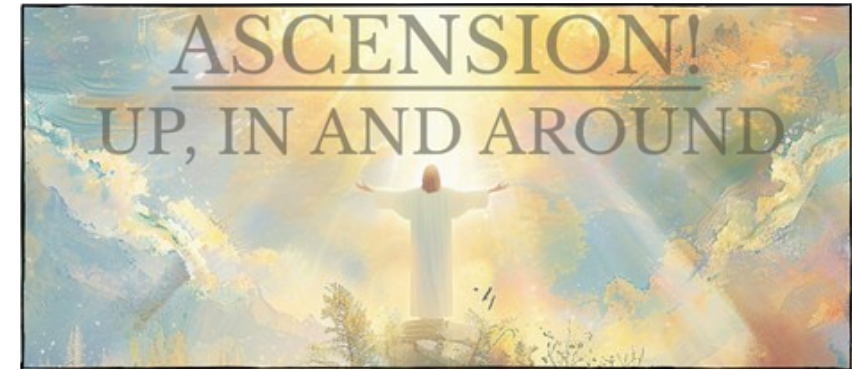
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**Welcome to Worship**



**7th Sunday of Pentecost – May 16 & 17, 2026**

**United We Live God's Will**

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Peace**

*L: The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.*

**Silence is kept for reflection.**

*L: Most merciful God,*

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

*L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn No. 855

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

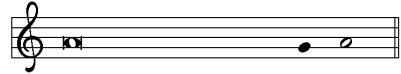
Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



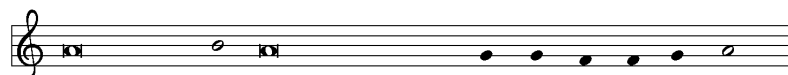
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

C: 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.

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11 – Page 884

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23 – Page 949

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

L: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 24:44-53 – Page 861

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn No. 393

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Joel Remmers

Hymn No. 392

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Apostles' Creed

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C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.