

Welcome! We are happy to share God's peace with everyone. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have any questions, the ushers are ready to help. Feel free to visit after the service.

- Aids to assist with hearing (Williams Sound System) are available from the ushers.
- Large Print Hymnal Binders are available on the tract desk for those with vision difficulties.
- Personal prayers for use before church or during the week are printed on p. 255-258 in the hymnal.

Please note: the Sunday service is being recorded and streamed on YouTube.

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Ascension Sunday and LES Graduation

Upcoming Events

Sunday 06/01/2025.....9:00 AM Graduation Service
 Monday 06/02/202.....7:00 PM Worship Service
 Sunday 06/08/2025.....9:00 AM Communion Service
 Monday 06/09/202.....7:00 PM **No Worship Service**
 Mon. 06/09 – Wed. 06/11, Michigan District Study
 Conference @ BCSU

Attendance

Sunday Service Attendance: 82: Monday Service: 9

Our **Time** to Our Lord

Meditations: If you ordered Meditations, they are now available on the table under the mailboxes. Make your payment to the church office.

Used Meditations: Do you know what St. Luke's does with collected used meditations? They are given to our prison ministry. What a blessing for the prisoners who get to know God's love and blessings through this opportunity. There is a small container under the mailboxes where your booklets can be placed.

Volunteers Needed: Thank you to those who have signed up to mow!!! There are still many opportunities for others to sign up. Mower, gas, and trimmer will be provided. If you are interested or have questions, please see Josh Denniston.

Our **Talents** to Our Lord

JUNE SERVERS

June Sunday Ushers: Ron Nichol, Erik Kern, Justin Whitney, Jay Newcomer

June Communion Elder: June 1st Jay Newcomer

June Finance: Jeremy LaPratt, Nick Hubbard, Ed Newsome

June Altar Guild: Cori Einhardt, Beth Arnold

Organist: Olivia Marker

Our **Treasures** to Our Lord



Budgetary Gifts: \$4,010.75 (This total is from our 05/25 service)

Scholarship Fund: \$20.00

Sunday School: \$5.00

472 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

CW 472

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!
New songs throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia, alleluia!
and with his followers they see
their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 To them the shining angels cry,
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”
Alleluia, alleluia!
“This is the Savior,” thus they say.
“This is his glorious triumph day.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 “You see him now, ascending high
up to the portals of the sky.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see

returning in great majesty.”

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
and be our future great reward.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Then, throned with you forever, we
shall praise your name eternally.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Please rise for the final stanza

6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count
against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**We have followed what we have devised and
desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your
holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not
have done,**

**and we have not done those things that we
should have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection

from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen.

Refrain

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Be seated)

First Reading Acts 1:1–11

¹I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching ²until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

⁴Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which 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 were together with him, they asked, “Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently into the sky as he

went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

47 All Peoples, Clap Your Hands

Psalm 47

- 1 All peoples, clap your hands,
and shout with joy and sing.
The LORD Most High is to be feared;
he is the earth's great King.
He brings the nations down,
subdues them in our sight;
he chooses our inheritance;
his love is Jacob's might.
- 2 God has gone up on high,
with shout and trumpet voice;
sing praise to God, our glorious King,
sing praise to him, rejoice!
For God is King of all.
Sing praise with all your skill;
he sits upon his holy throne
and rules the nations still.

3 Nobles from all the earth
 are joined with Abram's seed;
 the rulers of the world are God's;
 he's lifted high indeed!
 So to the Father raise,
 with his ascended Son,
 and Holy Spirit endless praise,
 eternal Three in One.

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Second Reading

Revelation 19:11–16

¹¹I saw heaven standing open, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war in righteousness. ¹²His eyes are like blazing flames, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him, which no one knows except he himself. ¹³He is also clothed in a garment that had been dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴The armies in heaven, which were clothed with white, clean, fine linen, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will shepherd them with an iron staff. He himself is going to trample the winepress of the fierce anger of the Almighty God. ¹⁶On his garment and on his thigh this name is written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:20

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
 Surely I am with you always,
 to the very end of the age.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to 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 to understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up

into heaven. ⁵²So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

869 Onward, Christian Soldiers

CW 869

LES Student will sing vs. 1-2. The congregation will sing vs.3-4.

1 Onward, Christian soldiers,
 marching as to war,
 with the cross of Jesus
 going on before.
 Christ, the royal master,
 leads against the foe;
 forward into battle
 see his banners go! (Refrain)

Ref **Onward, Christian soldiers,
 marching as to war,
 with the cross of Jesus
 going on before.**

2 Like a mighty army
 moves the Church of God;
 brothers, we are treading

where the saints have trod.

We are not divided,
all one body we,
one in hope and doctrine,
one in charity. (Refrain)

3 Crowns and thrones may perish,
kingdoms rise and wane,
but the Church of Jesus
constant will remain.

Gates of hell can never
'gainst that Church prevail;
we have Christ's own promise,
and that cannot fail. (Refrain)

4 Onward, then, ye faithful,
join our happy throng,
blend with ours your voices
in the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor
unto Christ the King;
this through countless ages
saints and angels sing. (Refrain)

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Sermon

Luke 24:44-53

Ascension Blessings on Your Graduation Day

I. Jesus has taught you (44-48)

II. Jesus sends you out with his blessings (49-53)
(Stand)

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From there 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.

(Be seated)

Prayer of the Church

Offering

909 O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand

CW 909

- 1 O Lord, our God, your gracious hand
 has crowned our lives with blessing;
 your goodness has enriched our land
 with gifts for our possessing.
 Our homes, our food,
 and ev'ry good
 for earthly work and living,
 abundant wealth
 and life and health
 your faithful love is giving.
- 2 For ev'ry earthly grace and gift
 we thank you, dearest Father;
 now teach us, Lord, our thoughts uplift
 that heav'nly fruit we gather.

Our fathers knew
 and kept in view
 true wisdom's worth and pleasure;
 they prized as jewels
 their Christian schools
 and left a lasting treasure.

3 We thank you, Lord, and sing your praise
 for blessings you have given;
 be with us still in future days
 to guide our youth to heaven.

Lord, grant that we
 may clearly see
 the worth of Christian training
 that youth may grow
 your love to know,
 eternal riches gaining.

4 Your Word alone, great God of pow'r,
 can feed our soul and spirit.
 Christ's love gives strength for ev'ry hour
 without our deeds or merit.

Grant schools that teach
 and men who preach
 true Christian education;
 let youth grow strong
 by Word and song
 in ev'ry land and nation.

Graduation

(Stand)

Lord's Prayer

**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**

Blessing

**The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to
you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.**

476 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

CW 476

- 1 On Christ's ascension I now build
the hope of my ascension.
This hope alone has always stilled
all doubt and apprehension,
for where the head is, there as well
I know his members are to dwell
when Christ shall come and call them.
- 2 Since Christ returned to claim his throne,
great gifts for me obtaining,
my heart will rest in him alone,
no other rest remaining,
for where my treasure went before,
there all my thoughts will ever soar
to still their deepest yearning.
- 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,
recalling your ascension,
that I may serve you faithfully,
in thanks for my redemption;
and then, when all my days will cease,
let me depart in joy and peace
in answer to my pleading.

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