

# Ascension Sunday

May 9, 2021

*This is the day that the LORD has made,  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

**Prelude**

*Selection by PM*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

Psalm 62:1-2

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

No. 441

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessing abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains;  
the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

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## **\*Prayer of Invocation**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Gen. 37:1-11**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, it is with heavy hearts that we come before you today to confess our sins to you, for we all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way. For all of us have fallen short this week of the glory of Almighty God. Forgive us, we pray; wash us clean from all of our sins and renew us in our innermost being. We praise you our God, that you have not left us to perish in all our sin and misery, for you have laid upon your only son, Jesus Christ, the iniquity of us all, and have thereby saved our souls from eternal damnation. Help us now to glorify you with every fiber of our being and continue to renew our hearts and minds after the image of your precious son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we now pray. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

Psalm 62:5-7

<sup>5</sup> Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. <sup>6</sup> He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. <sup>7</sup> My salvation and honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,  
then shall you better know His love, His heart,  
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.  
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay  
from His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## WSC 24-25

### Q. 24. **How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet?**

A. Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

### Q. 25. **How doth Christ execute the office of a priest?**

A. Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; and in making continual intercession for us.

## Prayer of Intercession

### Offering

*Selection by PM*

### \*Doxology

No. 731

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

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How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you: I only design  
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”

“E’en down to old age all My people shall prove  
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
like lambs they shall still in My bosom be borne.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;  
the soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”



**\*Hymn of Response**

*Jesus Lives, and So Shall I*

No. 706

Jesus lives, and so shall I.  
Death! thy sting is gone forever!  
He who deigned for me to die,  
lives, the bands of death to sever.  
He shall raise me from the dust:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives and reigns supreme;  
and, his kingdom still remaining,  
I shall also be with him,  
ever living, ever reigning.  
God has promised; be it must:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and by his grace,  
vict'ry o'er my passions giving,  
I will cleanse my heart and ways,  
ever to his glory living.  
Me he raises from the dust:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives! I know full well  
naught from him my heart can sever,  
life nor death nor pow'rs of hell,  
joy nor grief, henceforth forever.  
None of all his saints is lost:  
Jesus is my hope and trust.

Jesus lives, and death is now  
but my entrance into glory.  
Courage, then, my soul, for thou  
hast a crown of life before thee;  
thou shalt find thy hopes were just:  
Jesus is the Christian's trust.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Gloria Patri**

No. 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

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**\*Postlude**                      *Selection by PM*

**\* Congregation:** Please stand as able.

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Piano  
Intercessory Prayer

Paige Mecyssine  
Andrew Gretzinger

**Weekly Calendar**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<b>SUN 5/9</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Opening Exercises &amp; Sunday School</b> (New Members & Kingdom of God)
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> (available YouTube & Facebook)
	11:45 PM	<b>VBS Meeting</b>
<b>MON 5/10</b>	6:00 PM	<b>Hrivnak-Lindborg Care Group</b>
<b>TUE 5/11</b>	1:00 PM	<b>Senior Care Group</b>
	6:00 PM	<b>Session Meeting</b>
<b>WED 5/12</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Women’s Morning Bible Study</b>
<b>SUN 5/16</b>	9:00 AM	<b>Opening Exercises &amp; Sunday School</b> (Missionary Speaker for Adult SS)
	10:30 AM	<b>Worship Service</b> (available YouTube & Facebook)
	11:45 AM	<b>Picnic on the Church Grounds</b>
<b>MON 5/17</b>	6:00 PM	<b>Hrivnak-Lindborg Care Group</b>
<b>TUE 5/18</b>	6:00 PM	<b>Deacon Meeting</b>
<b>WED 5/19</b>	9:30 AM	<b>Women’s Morning Bible Study</b>
<b>THUR 5/20</b>	6:00 PM	<b>By the Hand Dinner</b>



## Serving the Lord

	5/9	5/16	5/23	5/30	6/6
<b>AM Nursery</b>	Cordie	Yon	Ashley	Lorrie	Felicia
<b>Greeters</b>	Alice	Phyllis	Dar	Martha	Lash Fam
<b>Treats</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Serve/Cleanup</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Audio</b>	J. Martin	B. Armstrong	B. Schoon	J. Martin	B. Armstrong
<b>Elder of the Week</b>	Gretzinger	Hrivnak	Nelson	Lindborg	Gretzinger
<b>Deacon of the Week</b>	Matt	Jim	Jason	Matt	Jim
<b>Communion Prep</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6/6 Yon

## Announcements

- **VBS:** Immediately following today's service we will be having a 10 minute meeting for roles, responsibility, and organization. Please join us if you want to help out at this year's VBS.
- **May 16 Picnic:** Our Church Picnic is next week! There is a suggested \$5 per person donation (to cover meat). But your presence is more important so come even if you can't donate.  
**Families with A-L last names please bring a side to share.**  
**Families with M-Z last names please bring a dessert to share.**  
 Can't wait to see you there!
- **By The Hand Celebration, May 20:** GSPC will host a gathering for the By The Hand Club for Kids Virtual Celebration of their 20th anniversary of ministry to youth in inner-city Chicago. Join us in celebrating this uplifting Christian ministry. Live streaming 7-8 pm, preceded by dinner at the church building, beginning 6 pm. A meal will be provided; please sign up today on the sheet on the welcome desk so we can have an accurate count (sign-ups end on May 16). Contact Lucy or Bruce Hrivnak with questions (219-628-1854).