

ASCENSION SERVICE

May 28, 2017

OPENING HYMN 171 vs. 1-4

Please stand for the 4th verse.

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

GREETING

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

ASCENSION DIALOGUE

The minister's statements are from Jesus' words in John 13-16 (NIV).

The congregation's statements are from Psalm 47 (NIV).

M: I am going away and I am coming back to you.

C: **God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.**

M: In my Father's house are many rooms. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

C: **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

M: Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.

C: **How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!**

M: I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

C: **God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.**

M: I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.

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

M: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

C: **God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, you have 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.

C: **Amen.**

LESSON

Acts 1:1-11 (NIV)

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. ³ After his suffering, he showed himself to these men 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. ⁴ On 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. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶ So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But 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."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They 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."

After the Lesson:

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Luther's Explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed from the Small Catechism

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood, and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY 173

“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”

STAND

SERMON

Luke 24:44-53 (NIV)

Worship your Ascended Lord with Great Joy

1. Everything is Fulfilled

2. You are His Witnesses

⁴⁴ [Jesus] said to [his disciples], “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.”

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I 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.”

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

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: **We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.**

M: O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious gospel message of God's love for all the world.

C: **Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.**

M: O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's rich blessings in our everyday lives.

C: **Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.**

M: O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your Church.

C: **You are our Lord, Master, and King.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.

C: **Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

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

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

175 Hail The Day that Sees Him Raise

214 Jerusalem the Golden

169 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Just a reminder that Nursery help is available for your little ones during communion. If you'd like to use this free service, please come to the back of church during distribution to drop off your child(ren). Of course, all parents are welcome to bring their children to the front with them while they commune – if they so choose.

PRAYER OF THANKS

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

BLESSING

M: 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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 171 vs. 5-6

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Organist: Joan Hohenstein

Pastor: Paul Schupmann

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## Announcements:

**Vacation Bible School:** Our church will host a “Creation Vacation” VBS this summer, June 19-22, from noon-3:30pm. Lunch will be provided for the children. Please register online at [www.stjohnsjuneau.org](http://www.stjohnsjuneau.org).

**Summer Worship Time Change Begins Next Week:** St. John’s has a new worship schedule for the summer months. We will continue to have our regular Thursday evening Worship Services at 6:30pm. On Sundays from June 4<sup>th</sup> -September 3<sup>rd</sup>, our worship times are at 8:00am and **9:30am**. Please help us spread the word regarding these new worship times. Thank you!

**New Pastor coming this summer!** Pastor David Brandt has accepted the call to serve our congregation as our Associate Pastor. Pastor Brandt’s installation is July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4pm. ***The adult choir and school children are invited to sing for the installation.***

**Share the Hope Golf Tournament:** Our annual Share the Hope Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 15 at Horicon Hills Golf Course. More information is found online at [www.stjohnsjuneau.org/members.html](http://www.stjohnsjuneau.org/members.html) Registration forms are available online or in the narthex. St. John’s is accepting donations for a silent auction. Please contact the church office by July 1st if you have an item(s) to donate. All dollars raised go to Good News Lutheran Church in Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, one of the newest mission startup congregations in the WELS.

### Statistics for May 21<sup>st</sup>

Attendance: 517 (53, 274, 190)

#### Offerings:

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| General     | \$11,902.89 |
| Missions    | \$1,043.75  |
| Improvement | \$74.81     |
| Debt        | \$804.86    |
| Lakeside    | \$168.64    |
| Organ       | \$498.06    |
| Total       | \$14,493.01 |

## St. Johns Weekly Schedule

### May 28-June 4

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| Sunday    | Worship 8:00 & 10:30am<br>Bible Class 9:15am, no Sunday School                                    |
| Monday    | Board of Education 7pm                                                                            |
| Wednesday | Faith & Fitness – gym 6:30pm<br>Choir 7pm                                                         |
| Thursday  | Worship 6:30pm<br>Ladies Aid 6:30pm<br>Early Childhood Committee 7:30pm                           |
| Sunday    | Pentecost Worship 8:00 & <b>9:30am</b><br>No Sunday School or Bible Class<br>during summer months |