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8 & 10:30 a.m.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Since Jesus is all this, you and I can have certainty in Him. On this Sunday after the Ascension of our Lord, we might well ask what blessings are ours because of His ascension



to the right hand of the Father. Even as we have already spoken of the blessings and assurances of the ascension of our Lord, this morning's Gospel reading reminds us of yet another blessing: He prays for us! Be blessed this morning as Pastor preaches on 1 TIMOTHY 4:5-6 on the theme: "YES! HE HEARS YOUR PRAYERS, AND . . . !" ✠

✠ **Pre-Service Music**

✠ **The Ringing of the Bells & Lighting of the Candles**

✠ **Pastoral Welcome & Announcements**

✠ **The Call to Worship**

WELCOME, GUESTS! We are delighted to have you

join us for worship this morning. Please avail yourself of the chance to "sign in" on our attendance pad. The people around you, and Pastor, look forward to meeting you! Please come worship with us again — and often!

P Our questions sometimes reveal our needs: Does God really hear our prayers? And, does God really answer our prayers?

C Because we are sinful and because we do not always love as we ought or care for one another as we ought, we wonder if God is truly loving and if God truly cares for us.

P Does God really hear our prayers? Yes. Does God really answer our prayers? Yes, His answers to Christians' prayers are: Yes, No, and Wait.

C We are comforted to know that the ascended Lord Jesus Christ is before our heavenly Father's throne, and that He prays for us.

P We always flee to Christ knowing that "there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all" (1 Tim. 4:5-6)

We are:

"A Family of God's People Dedicated to Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Everyone!"

OUR WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Sunday School & Bible Classes: **Sundays, 9:10 a.m.**

DIVINE WORSHIP: Sundays, 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Many other worship, Bible study, and fellowship opportunities.

Worship Services BROADCAST LIVE: Sundays, 10:30 a.m. on Radio KYMO FM 105.3

THE LUTHERAN HOUR — Sundays, 8:00 a.m. on Radio KSIM AM 1400

† **The Hymn** — “Christ, the Eternal Lord” — LSB 829

† **The Divine Service, Setting Three** — LSB 184 †

† **The Invocation, Confession, and Absolution** — LSB 184

† **The Introit** — (Ps. 61:3, 5–8; antiphon: Ps. 61:1)

- P** *Hear my cry, O God,* **C** **listen to my prayer.**
P *for You have been my refuge,* **C** **a strong tower against the enemy.**
P *For You, O God, have heard my vows;*
C **You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.**
P *Prolong the life of the king;*
C **may his years endure to all generations!**
P *May he be enthroned forever before God;*
C **appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!**
P *So will I ever sing praises to Your name,*
C **as I perform my vows day after day.** (Please remain standing.)

† **The Gloria Patri, Kyrie, and Gloria in Excelsis** — LSB 186-189


† **The Salutation and Collect of the Day** — LSB 189

A L L (spoken) **O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.** (sing) **Amen.** (Here all may be seated.)

† **The First Reading** — **Acts 1:12–26** — *The disciples in the days after Pentecost.*

<p>¹² Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.</p> <p>¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by</p>	<p>the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸ (Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ “For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it”; and “Let another take his office.” ²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from</p>
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the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection.” ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostle.

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*  **C** **Thanks be to God!**

† **The Gradual**

P *Christ has risen from the dead.*

C **[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

P *He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;*

C **He has put all things under His feet.** (adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6)

† **The Second Reading — Revelation 22:1–6, 12–20** — *One last glimpse into the heaven which awaits all believers in Christ.*

¹ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His servants will worship Him. ⁴ They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

⁶ And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show His servants what must soon take place.”

¹² **“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing My recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.**

¹⁴ **“Blessed are those who wash their**


robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ **“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”**

¹⁷ The Spirit and the Bride say, Come. And let the one who hears say, Come. And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, **“Surely I am coming soon.”** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

P *This is the Word of the Lord.*  **C** **Thanks be to God!**

† **The Alleluia and Verse** (At Pastor’s invitation, please stand.)

P *Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.* (Rom. 6:9; John 14:18)

ALL (sing) **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**


✝ **The Holy Gospel — John 17:20–26** — *Our Lord in prayer for His disciples.*

P *The holy Gospel written in the Gospel according to St. John, the 17th Chapter:*

G (sing) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

²⁰ [Jesus prayed:] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word,²¹ that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.²² The glory that You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one even as We are one,²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved

Me.²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, may be with Me where I am, to see My glory that You have given Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world.²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You have sent Me.²⁶ I made known to them Your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You have loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.* 

G (sing) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

✝ **The Creed — The Nicene Creed** — LSB 191

✝ **The Hymn of the Day** — “*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*” — LSB 770


✝ **The Sermon** — Text: 1 TIMOTHY 4:5-6


Theme: “YES! HE ALWAYS HEARS YOUR PRAYERS, AND . . . !”

✝ **The Offertory** — LSB 192-193

✝ **The Offering** — DURING THE OFFERING, WE INVITE ALL OUR WORSHIPERS TO PLEASE PASS AND AFFIX THEIR NAMES TO THE ATTENDANCE PAD (located at the center aisle end of each pew), passing it down the pew for others to sign, and then returning it to the center aisle end again. Be sure to note those who are worshiping with you and greet them in the Lord! ***Those who will attend the Lord’s Supper at this worship service are invited to please mark the appropriate column/space for that.*** Visitors, we especially delight in your presence with us here — if you will kindly include your full mailing address, Pastor will send you a personal note. Do you desire a pastoral visit? Kindly check the appropriate column and include your telephone number, and Pastor will contact you. Members, please use this as a way to update your mailing address, telephone number, and/or e-mail address. Thanks to all for their help and cooperation!

✝ **The Offering Hymn** (stand to sing) — “*Come, My Soul, With Every Prayer*” — LSB 779:1, 5

1.  COME, MY SOUL, WITH EV’RY CARE,
JESUS LOVS TO ANSWER PRAYER;
HE HIMSELF HAS BID THEE PRAY,
THEREFORE WILL NOT TURN AWAY.

5.  WHILE I AM A PILGRIM HERE,
LET THY LOVE MY SPIRIT CHEERR;
AS MY GUIDE, MY GUARD, MY FRIEND,
LEAD ME TO MY JOURNEY’S END.

(Please remain standing.)

✝ **The Prayers** — after each petition:

P *Lord, in Your mercy . . .*

G **Hear our prayer.**

✝ **The Service of the Sacrament** — LSB 194ff.

✠ **The Communion Distribution** — *Both the individual cups and the common cup are offered to our communicants. One of our elders will distribute the bread; he will be followed by another elder with the individual cups; those who desire the common cup may simply let the elder with the individual cups pass by, and Pastor will follow with the chalice.*

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE is that we ordinarily offer the Lord's Supper only to those who are communicant members of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod or of congregations which are part of a church body which is in altar & pulpit fellowship with the LCMS. Scripture teaches that Holy Communion is to be a confession of a common faith (1 Cor. 10:17; Acts 2:42) and that those who are unprepared may do themselves spiritual harm (1 Cor. 11:23-32). We do not thereby presume to question another's faith in Christ, but hold this historic position out of love for God's Word and in care for souls. Inviting all Christians to Communion would imply a oneness which does not yet exist but for which we must all pray. Even as we try to respect the practices of other Christian denominations, so we ask others to please respect our practice. If there are some whom we do not commune who would like to come forward, they may do, crossing their arms over their chests — then the elders who distribute Communion will pass them by, but our Pastor will speak a blessing over those persons. Any who would like to discuss this practice at more length may make an appointment with our pastor to do so. ✠



✠ **The Distribution Hymns** — Some or all of the hymns will be sung as time and the number of communicants present permit.

† **HYMN:** "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" — LSB 623

† **HYMN:** "O Lord, We Praise Thee" — LSB 617

✠ **The Post-Communion Service** — p. 199ff.

✠ **The Sending Hymn** — "Almighty Father, Bless the Word" — LSB 923

✠ **The Postlude/Recessional**

S **Vivit!** S
(He lives!)

8 and 10:30 a.m. **THE ORGANIST** James Hailey

THE SERMON
INTRO.: What everyone wants to know, and the two main reasons why we want to know . . .
I. On this Sunday after the Ascension, we especially remember that Christ is . . . _____
II. What "prayer" is NOT . . . _____
III. How to understand the "heart" of God (Luke 11:1-13, Luke 13, et al.) _____
IV. What makes God that way? _____
V. His great mercy! One of the "gifts" of the Holy Spirit is . . . _____
CONCLUDING . . . _____
