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**Ascension (obs)/ Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 17, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.**

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**Welcome!** We extend a warm welcome to all who worship with us and especially to those who may be visiting. We pray that as you worship, you will be strengthened by our Lord's love and grace. If you are our guests, please introduce yourself to the Pastor after the service.

**Our Mission:** "Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to reach the lost and to provide for spiritual growth and nurture of our family of believers through education and ministry of Word and Sacraments."

**Education Programs:** We offer a Pre-K program, ages 3-5, September through May, here in Peace's education wing. Along with Bethlehem, Mt. Calvary and Zion Lutheran churches, we operate Lutheran South Unity School (K-8) located at 5401 South Calhoun Street.

**Holy Communion:** If you are a communicant member of an LCMS congregation, we welcome you to receive Christ's body and blood at this altar. If you are unsure of your beliefs or are of another confession, you are also welcome to kneel at the communion rail for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to receive God's blessing of Peace from the Pastor. If you are unable to approach the Communion rail, please let an usher know and Pastor will serve you at your seat. We offer gluten free wafers for those who need them. Please notify the Elder at the Communion rail.

**Hospitalization:** If you or a family member is hospitalized or scheduled for surgery, please notify the church office or Pastor Mann at 320-295-0082. Even though you mention a church affiliation at check in, hospital staff rarely contact the churches.

**Nursery and Children's Bulletins:** A nursery for small children is available in Room 222 (The Nursery/Playroom). Children's bulletins may be obtained from an usher.

**Large Print Bulletins Available:** If you need a large print bulletin, let the ushers know.

**LISTEN Personal Sound System** is available for people who struggle to hear the service. They are hanging on the display wall in the narthex. Ask the Elder or an Usher for help.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP CREATIVE WORSHIP



## Lighting of the Candles

### Welcome

*(For those who are able, please stand for the portions of the service that are marked with an \*.)*

### Ascension Observation

On the fortieth day of Easter, we celebrate the ascension of Jesus into heaven where he sits at the right hand of God the Father. Because Ascension Day falls on a Thursday each year, we observe that day over the following week, reminded of the joy and bewilderment the disciples experienced on that day.

### Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

**P** God has gone up with a shout,

**C** **the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. (Psalm 47:5)**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### The Ascension Reading

*Acts 1:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

<sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **The Ascension Epistle**

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **\* The Ascension Alleluia**

(Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b)

**P** Alleluia! We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

**C** death no longer has dominion over him.

**P** Alleluia. Behold, I am with you always,

**C** to the end of the age. Alleluia.

### **\* The Ascension Gospel**

*Luke 24:44-53*

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup> Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ

\* **Responsory** (adapted from Matthew 28:7, Hebrews 2:7, Psalm 8:6)

**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.**

\* **Opening Hymn** "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

*Hymnal page 493*

**Baptism of Madalyn Joy Clovis**

*Hymnal page 268*

Born November 6, 2025

Daughter of Dave and Laura Clovis

Sponsors are: Jacob Clovis, Makenna and Jonathan Landrey, Amelia Clovis, and Simeon Roberts

\* **Invocation**

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

**C** **Amen.**

\* **Opening Sentences**

*John 3:16; 17:3*

**P** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,

**C** **that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

**P** And this is eternal life,

**C** **that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.**

\* **Confession and Absolution**

**P** Holy and gracious Lord, the earth was made to be filled with Your glory. Despite Your love and care, we have not lived lives worthy of being called Your people.

*Pause for silent reflection*

**P** Forgive our sins and shortcomings. Overcome our inability and inaction. Replace our selfish and faithless nature with hearts that glorify You.

**C** **O Lord, be gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Amen.**

**P** Having accomplished the work given Him to do, Jesus Christ has paid for all of your sins, has risen for your justification, and has claimed His seat at the Father's right hand to intercede on your behalf. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

\* **Salutation**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

## \* Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

*Acts 1:12–26*

## Choral Anthem “Sing and Shout Together, Children”

*Parish Choir*

Swing low, sweet chariot; comin’ for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot: comin’ for to carry me home.

Sing and shout together, children.

Heaven has a place for you!

In His house are many mansions, and He has a home for you!

Sing and, sing and shout, the day is comin’

When the Lord will call us home,

And the trumpet will be calling children of God to heaven’s home.

Swing low, sweet chariot: comin’ for to carry me home!

Sing and, sing and shout, the day is comin’

When the Lord will call us home,

And the trumpet will be calling children of God to heaven’s home.

Swing low, sweet chariot: comin’ for to carry me home.

Swing low, sweet chariot: comin’ for to carry me home, comin’ for to carry me home.

Child of God, He’ll carry you, you home!

## Epistle

*1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11*

## \* Verse

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

**C** death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

**P** I will not leave you as orphans;

**C** I will come to you. Alleluia.

## \* Holy Gospel

*John 17:1–11*

## Sermon Hymn “Up through Endless Ranks of Angels”

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## Sermon

## \* Apostles’ Creed

*Hymnal inside back cover*

## \* Prayer of the Church

### Offering

### “Let Everything That Has Breath”

*Parish Choir*

Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord;  
lift up you voices and sing: “Rejoice, the Lord is King!”  
We bring thanksgiving and praise; alleluias we raise.  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord, praise the Lord.  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord in the heavens above.  
Praise the Lord praise the source of endless love.  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord with the sounding of the trumpet.  
Let everything that hath breath, let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!  
O worship the King, all glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love:  
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord;  
lift up you voices and sing: “Rejoice, the Lord is King!”  
We bring thanksgiving and praise; alleluias we raise.  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord, praise the Lord.  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

## +SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

### \* Preface

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### \* Prayer of Thanksgiving

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### \* The Words of Our Lord

### \* Pax Domini

### \* Agnus Dei

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### Distribution

### “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

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### “What Is the World to Me”

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\* Post-Communion

"Nunc Dimittis"

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- C** Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry  
people:  
A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

\* Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.  
Most glorious Father, we thank You for feeding our faith through this Holy Supper,  
strengthening us to live as those who know and believe Your truth. Keep us in Your  
name and make us one through our ascended and reigning Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

\* Benediction

*John 3:16; 17:3*

- P** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,  
**C** that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.  
**P** And this is eternal life,  
**C** that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.  
**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with you and abide with you always.  
**C** Amen.  
**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

\* Closing Hymn

"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

*Hymnal page 492*

Announcements



**SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE**

**Preacher: Rev. Kevin D. Mann**

**Field Workers: Dave Clovis, Jonathan Bernau**

**Communion Assistant: Mike Strasen**

**Organist: Krista Koch**

Lesson Reader: Mart Erickson

Greeters: Jim and Nancy Herber Chuck and Jeri Miller

Ushers: Dick Rutkowski Todd Hollman Bob Michael  
Adam Ramsey Ben Mann

Altar Server: Cheryl Erickson

Prayers: Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

<b>FOR HEALING:</b>	Ruth Ann Schimmel, Brenda Gensic, Diana Gotsch, Richard Burkholder, David (Katrina's brother), Adam Bloomfield (Carol Miller's son), Connie Glavin (Brenda's sister), and all those confined at home. <i>Prayers continue for 2 weeks. Notify the office to add or repeat names.</i>
<b>PRAYER FAMILIES:</b>	Larry and Teresa Bower, Mart and Cheryl Erickson, Nancy Thieme
<b>IN SYMPATHY:</b>	Family of Robert Ward ( Jillian's father-in-law) who passed away recently.
<b>PRESCHOOL:</b>	Audie/ Nancy Becker, Leon/ Kasey Hapner, Ariel/ Margaret Doell
<b>SCHOOLS:</b>	Lutheran South Unity School, Peace Lutheran Preschool, Concordia Lutheran High School and Concordia Theological Seminary
<b>SHARING PEACE:</b>	That God would provide the needed financial and human resources, and help us work together to carry out his will.

**Attendance and Stewardship Summary**

Worship Attendance for May 10/13:	61/11
Amount needed for the month of April:	\$28,428.00
Our response for the month of April:	<u>\$24,821.50</u>
Difference:	(\$3,606.50)

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