



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Day

June 1, 2025

Ministering to All in the Heart of Superior

Introduction and Announcements

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of all and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen**

Gathering Song

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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Gathering

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The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all! **And also with you!**

Kyrie

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Canticle

This is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Readings

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Mary Houk

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The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

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Gospel Acclamation

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Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lujah!

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Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

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Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* **ELW 579**
The Nicene Creed ELW p.104
Prayers of the People P: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Peace

Offering

Offertory

Be Not Afraid!

ELW 388

Be not afraid! Sing out for joy! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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Offering Prayer

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving at the Table (*sung*)

The Lord be with you! **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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All are welcome at God's table of grace. Today we will receive communion via intinction.

At the usher's direction, come forward and receive the bread, then dip your wafer into the red wine or the white grape juice. Gluten free elements are available. You may also come for a

blessing – simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward.

Communion Music

Lamb of God

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By Your Hand You Feed Your People

ELW 469

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

ELW 697

Blessing of the Meal

Prayer after Communion

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world **Amen.**

Benediction and Dismissal

Sending Song

Go to the World!

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Following page

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship this morning! We're so glad you're here. If you are new or a visitor here today, please take a moment to fill out the info card in the pew and drop that into the offering plate as it comes by. You can also use this card to submit any prayer requests you have.

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We need your help! We have two new sign up sheets in the narthex. One is for Greeters and the other is for Worship assistants. Can you help? Thank you in advance!

Sunday, June 8

Join us for our next installment of Generous Together as together we explore our faith and call to generous living with all the gifts that God has given us. This month, Noah will lead us in a conversation about Equipping Households. Martin Luther was famous for his assertion that faith begins at home - so too does our practice of generosity. Join the conversation on Sunday, June 8th right after worship in the Chapel space.

Sunday Evening Prayer: Can't make Sunday mornings? A Sunday night service here at Pilgrim just for you. It's a great way to start your week with a calming and peaceful service to quiet your mind and talk to God. We are back to the 1st and 3rd Sunday's at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

PrayGround: Here at Pilgrim, everyone is welcome and wanted in worship. We love having children in worship, and we delight in their ability to see and experience all that is happening in the worship space. We invite you to sit anywhere you are comfortable. There is a special place in the front of the sanctuary on the right side that is our designated PrayGround, where kids can worship, wiggle, play, color, learn, and grow as part of our faith community. Adults are encouraged to sit where children can see them while they are using the PrayGround, in case they need assistance.

Coins for the Community. We are going to continue collecting spare change for The Ruth House for May. The needs there are great. Remember every little amount makes a big difference. Thank you for your support!

Also on the table by the coins we are collecting pop tops. They will be going to the Ronald McDonald house in Duluth. These go to the funding of having families stay with their kids while they are in the hospital. It means so much to be able to have your family with you when you are going through medical things. Let's fill up the jars.

Helpers Needed for VBS:

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We would like to have 2 people sign up for each day. Check out the sheet and see if there is an opening that works for you. Any and all help is very much appreciated. Any questions talk to Pastor Tanner.

Helpers for today Sunday, June 1

Ushers – **Team 1:** Ted Nelson, Capt.; Greg Elonen, Elaine Arnovich,
Dean & Katherine McCall

Sound system – Fred

Worship Asst. – Mary Houk

Altar Guild: Rachel & Colleen

Hospitality: Jamie Peterson

Greeter - Eileen Ward

Helpers for next Sunday, June 8

Ushers – **Team 2:** Tad Matheson, Capt.; Clyde Johnson, Mary Matheson and Joan Altman
Sound system – Greg
Altar Guild: Elaine & Mary
Greeter - ?? Anyone ??

Worship Asst. – Jan Cummings
Hospitality: Jenny Dudderar

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This week at a glance:

Tuesday - 11:00 – Pastor's Text Study
4:00-5:30 lessons by Teresa
6:15 Martial Arts Class

Wednesday – 7:00 Theology on Tap (At The Palace Bar, 1108 Tower Ave.)

Thursday – 10:00 Bible Study
5:45 Martial Arts Class

Saturday - 8:00-10:00 Martial Arts class

Next Sunday – 9:30 Worship
10:30 Generous Together Discussion
4:00 NA Group

4th of July Parade

We will be having the Navy band play here at Pilgrim from 10:15 – 11:00. They will be in front of the church on Belknap.

Watch here for more updates in regards for the 4th of July Parade and our food booth.



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June 16-20

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

[Luke writes:] 1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But 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.” 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 (read responsively)

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15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 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 age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please Read: Please stand for the Gospel as you are able

June 1, 2025

Pastor Tanner

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

44 [Jesus said to the eleven and those with 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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

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

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**