



Pilgrim Lutheran Church

Ascension of Our Lord

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

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 were 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.**

Merciful God, you lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us: Lake Superior and the St. Louis River. The falls at Amnicon and Manitou. The estuary and bay. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

Christ is Alive! Let Christians 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

Glory be to God

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Prayer of the Day

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

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Kid's Message

Readings

First Reading: Acts 1:1-16

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Psalm 47

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³ who subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet;

⁴ **who chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.

⁶ **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

⁷ For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with a song.

⁸ **God reigns over the nations; God is enthroned on high.**

⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.

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

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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

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

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

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

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Thine the Amen

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The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People

P: Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Peace

Offering

Offertory

Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord!

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Praise, praise, praise the Lord! Praise God's holy name. Alleluia! (x2)

Praise God's holy name. Alleluia (x4)

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

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, 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! 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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Day by Day

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I Come With Joy

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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

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Prayer Tree

Throughout this Easter Season you are invited to use our Prayer Tree in the narthex. Fill out one of the prayer cards near the tree with your prayer request, and use a paperclip to hang it on the tree. You are also invited to take prayer requests from the tree to pray for throughout the week.

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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Eliza's Violin/Viola Studio Recital - May 31st at 3:00

On Sunday, May 31st, come to PLC's sanctuary to see a free performance of Eliza's violin and viola students. You will hear music from Cuba, Russia, Germany, Romania, Ireland, and the US, played by students of all ages. The Warner Pagsisihan family will be playing an original string quartet. The recital is open to the public, will last under an hour, and has reception to follow.

Confirmation Sunday – May 31st at 9:30 a.m. Congratulations to our Confirmands: Michael Olson, Ava Walrath and Ashley Owskey.

Next Sunday – May 24th is Pentecost. Wear Red!

Rummage Sale: THE DATE IS SET!! Mark your calendars for June 27 for the Pilgrim 2026 rummage sale. Monies this year will go to the general fund. Like last year, bring your items to the room to the right of the basement stairs. We don't have a lot of space to store furniture, so if you can hang on to your bigger items (furniture) until the week before the sale, that will be great. If you need to get it out of your house now, let the office know. I will be chairing the sale again this year and will be putting up sign up sheets for help as we get closer to the event.. People were great bringing things in and helping out last year, so thank you all in advance for this summer's sale! Jan Lippitt

Newsletter News!! Hey . . . Did you get your May Newsletter. If you didn't you need to get signed up for it. There are sign up sheets in the Narthex for either email or post office. If you still prefer to get a newsletter by mail please sign up for this. We are asking for a \$25.00 donation to cover the cost. This will be a yearly donation. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Looking for Ushers!! We are looking to get a few more people on a team and even enough to start a 5th team. Then it is a 5 week rotation. If you have any questions talk to any of our ushers. There is a sign up sheet by the calendar in the narthex. Thank You for considering doing this.

Small Groups

Small groups kick off the week of June 7th, and sign-ups are available in the narthex or by calling or emailing Pastor Tanner for more information. If you would like to be part of an online small group, we're also looking for folks to join a Zoom gathering – email tanner@plcsuperior.org to sign-up. There is much more about this in the May Newsletter.

The Lutheran Message books are available for anyone to take. They are located on either end of the Kiosk. Take one for yourself and a friend too.

Coins for the Community. We are going to continue collecting spare change for The Seafarers Center from April - June. Remember every little amount makes a big difference. Thank you!

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.

The Archives Committee is looking for your help! We are looking for pictures from events here at Pilgrim from 2000 to the present. Baptisms, weddings, meals, activities, trips - anything that involves Pilgrim People together! If you have any that you'd be willing to donate, you can drop them off in the box in the chapel or in the office. Please include dates and names if you can. There is also an online folder that you can upload pictures to on the archives page of our website. Scan the QR code to see the pictures and add your own!



Car Rides to Church: We are looking for people that would be willing to pick someone up that may need a ride to church. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex if you are interested.

Did you know? Pastor Tanner has a trained therapy dog named Piper who loves to make new friends! She is hypo-allergenic and non-shedding, and is available to visit you at home and in some of the assisted and independent living facilities in the area. So if you need a pup-pick-me-up, let Pastor Tanner know!

First Sunday Suppers – We will be having a free Community Meal on the first Sunday of every month at 5:30 here at Pilgrim. The next meal will be on June 5. **Plan to come and join us!**

A reminder: If you or someone you know is in the hospital and you'd like Pastor Tanner to visit or call, please let the church office know. Federal law prohibits hospitals from calling the church and letting us know that you are ill, even if you've indicated who your church is on your forms. Thank you!

Have you connected with us online? Be sure to 'Like' us on Facebook and 'Subscribe' to our YouTube channel. Just jump on those platforms and search for 'Pilgrim Lutheran Church, Superior'. You can also visit our website for updates and events: www.plcsuperior.org

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.

Remember to Check out the bulletin boards for all events going on.

This week at a glance:

Monday - 1:15-5:30 - Eliza's Lessons
5:45 Girl Scouts

Tuesday - 2:15-6:30 - Eliza's Lessons
6:15 Martial Arts Practice

Wednesday - 11:00 Lessons, Teresa
3:00 - 7:00 - Eliza's Lessons
7:00 Theology on Tap

Thursday - 8:00-8:45, 4:30-7:00 - Eliza's Lessons
No Bible Study
6:15 Martial Arts Class

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

Next Sunday - 9:30 Worship - Pentecost ~ Remember to wear red!
9:45 Sunday School
10:30 Confirmation Class
1:30-- 2:30 - Eliza's Lessons
4:00 NA Group

Progress Articles are always due by the 15th of each month

Check the bulletin board to see who is signed up for helpers. Or it is also in your newsletter. For those we have email addresses for we will send out a reminder too.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-16

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 began to do and teach 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.”

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

(read responsively)

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Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we are given the wisdom to know the power of the risen Christ and the empowering hope that the knowledge of this inheritance provides.

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 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 perceive 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

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Pastor Tanner

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. **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.**