

Saturday



# ASCENSION





## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

## THE FOUNDATION

- P** The Bible, we hold, is God’s Word from cover to cover;
- C** it makes me wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ;
- P** it is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training us how to live;
- C** I need to read, listen, and learn from this foundation of truth laid forth by God.

## EPISTLE

Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they met together, they asked Him, “Lord, are You at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority.

<sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>“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.”



*(stand)***HOLY GOSPEL**

Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, “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.”

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

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

**NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(sit)***SERMON HYMN***“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”*

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OFFERING *(See page 7 for offering information.)*

*(stand)*

PRAYERS

*(After each petition:)*    **P** Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.  
    **C** His steadfast love endures forever.

*(The prayer concludes:)*

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**C** 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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**P** Our LORD Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”  
 In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** And also with you.

*(sit)*

DISTRIBUTION (See page 8 for communion information.)

HYMNS

“The Church’s One Foundation”  
 “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness”

LSB 644

LSB 636

(stand)

BENEDICTION

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord lift His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”

LSB 912

**P** We enter to worship;

**C** We exit to witness.

## Regarding Thank Offerings

**To our Guests** – Your gifts to the LORD are deeply appreciated, but please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

**To our Members** – Our offerings and tithes are our acknowledgment that God has given us all that we have. We return to Him a portion that helps build His Kingdom on earth through the ministries of this congregation.

**Offerings can be given in the following ways:**

- Place in the box found by the sanctuary door as you exit;
- Drop off or mail to the church office;
- Go to [oursaviorbett.org](http://oursaviorbett.org) and click on “Give” at the top of the page for more options.

## Regarding Holy Communion

Holy Communion is a very special time in our worship service. The Bible teaches that distribution of the Lord's Supper is an important ministry of the church, and that loving care should be practiced so as to guarantee that all who partake receive Christ's body and blood to their spiritual benefit. (See 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Pew Bible, p. 812-813.) Members and guests please read the explanation below before attending communion today. If you have any doubts or questions, we respectfully ask you to refrain from participating until you've had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors. ***If you will not be receiving communion, please feel free to come forward to the communion rail to receive a blessing; indicate this desire by folding your hands.***

In accordance with Holy Scripture, and out of loving concern for all, we believe in the biblical practice of Close Communion. This means, those are welcome to the Lord's Table who believe the basic teachings of the Lutheran church listed below:

1. *Have been instructed in God's Word, especially the Apostles' Creed, Ten Commandments and Holy Sacraments;*
2. *Confess and repent of all their sins;*
3. *Believe that in and with the bread and wine, they receive in a miraculous way, not merely a symbol, but the true body and blood of Christ, for the forgiveness of their sins and the strengthening of their faith;*
4. *Recognize that participation at His table indicates a public agreement with the Biblical teaching of the Sacrament as we teach and confess, and a oneness in faith with fellow communicants.*

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