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**WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE** May Christ's rule be strengthened in our hearts and extended into the hearts of others.

*Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.*

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**SERVICE THEME** Power from Heaven marches victorious to the ends of the Earth

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Setting One* | **154**

**HYMNS**

812, 758, 476, 762

*Hymn 812 the soloist will sing stanza 1. The congregation joins in 2-4.*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

Acts 1:1-11

*Jesus ascends to rule over all things as his Church serves as his witnesses.*

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the

Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After he had suffered, he presented himself alive to the apostles with many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and told them things about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>Once, when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for what the Father promised, which 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 were together with him, they asked, “Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

<sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

<sup>9</sup>After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*God Has Gone Up with a Shout | 47A*

*The soloist will sing the verses & the congregation will join in the refrain & the Gloria Patri*

## SECOND LESSON

Revelation 19:11-16

*St. John sees the ascended Lord as a warrior riding on a white horse fighting against all those who oppose Christ’s gospel and his church.*

I saw heaven standing open, and there was a white horse! Its rider is called Faithful and True, and he judges and makes war in righteousness. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are like blazing flames, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him, which no one knows except he himself. <sup>13</sup>He is also clothed in a garment that had been dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. <sup>14</sup>The armies in heaven, which were clothed with white, clean, fine linen, were following him on white horses. <sup>15</sup>Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. He will shepherd

them with an iron staff. He himself is going to trample the winepress of the fierce anger of the Almighty God. <sup>16</sup>On his garment and on his thigh this name is written: King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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## GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

*Before he ascends, Jesus promises to send the disciples power from heaven to carry out his mission.*

He said to them, “These are my words, which I spoke to 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 to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: 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 from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## “Ascension Means Not Having to Say Goodbye”

*Pastor Boehringer*

**ORGANIST:** David Koepsell

**GREETERS:** 8:00 ~ Eric & Tracy Freiberg

10:00 ~ Sue Repp

*The special bulletin covers for Memorial Day are given by Dick & Bev Putz thanking God for the brave men & women who have made the ultimate sacrifice.*