

*Easter Series*

# WHERE IS JESUS?

May 17

8:30 & 11:00

Jesus  
in our  
Witness



*Prelude*    *Shall We Gather by the River*

*Entrance Hymn*    *Oh, Love, How Deep*    322 (vs. 1, 5-7)

O, love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
beyond all thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

For us by wickedness betrayed,  
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us he gave his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore  
forever and forevermore.

## *Easter Greeting*

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

**C: Amen.**

*A: Christ is risen!*

**C: Christ is risen indeed!**

*P: The grace of our victorious and risen Lord, the love of our God who raised him and the communion of the Holy Spirit which they give to us be with you all.*

**C: And also with you.**

## *Prayer of the Day*

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: God of earth and heaven, we celebrate the ascension of Your Son to Your right hand of power. Looking with anticipation for His return in glory, we hope in His coming reign of peace, abundance and wholeness. Empower us to manifest this future through our works in the present, transforming the world in His name for Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## *First Lesson*

## *Acts 1*

### *The Ascension of Jesus*

The first narrative that I wrote for you, Theophilus, covered everything that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until that day when, after he gave instructions through the Holy Spirit to his chosen disciples, he was taken up. With a lot of hard evidence Jesus had proven that he was alive after his suffering, appearing to the disciples over the course of 40 days and speaking about the Kingdom of God. Getting the disciples together, Jesus commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, "which you heard from me. For John, on the one hand, once baptized with water, but you, on the other hand, will be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days from now." Then, when they had come together, the disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you are in the process of restoring the kingdom to Israel?"



even from those who rebel against  
the Lord God's abiding there.

*Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;  
God is our salvation.*

## *Second Lesson*

## *Ephesians 1*

I, Paul, have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, and for this reason I continually give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation - all in his knowledge - enlightening the eyes of your heart and enlightenment in knowing what is the hope to which he has called you - what is the wealth of the glory of his inheritance among the saints, and how unsurpassable is his great power in us, those who believe in the dominating energy of the strength of God which energized in Christ, raising Christ from death and seating Christ at the Father's right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name being named, not only in this age but also in the coming age. And the Father subjugated all things under Christ's feet and made Christ head over all the church, which is Christ's body, the fullness of Christ which fills all things completely.

*L: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!*

### *Verses*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give  
thanks to the ris - en Lord; Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give - praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the - earth;  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - sen!

### *Gospel Acclamation*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

### *Gospel*

*Luke 24*

Then Jesus completely opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "This is what is written - the one who was anointed by God as the Christ suffered and then rose from death on the third day, and repentance for the liberation from sin was proclaimed in his name into all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You all are Witnesses for this Christ. And behold, I send the promise of my Father to you. But, sit here in the city until you may be clothed with power from on high."

Then Jesus led the disciples out as far as the town of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them. And they, worshipping him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

### *Sermon*

#### *Hymn of the Day*

[tune: *Von Himmel Hoch* ELW 268]

Lord Jesus Christ, raised from the dead,  
 arises now to paradise.  
 Disciples whom He washed and fed  
 rejoice as heavenward He flies.

With Moses and Elijah dwell;  
 Love joins Just Law with Mercy's Grace.  
 The King who knew the death of hell  
 Alive in glory takes His place.

Ascended Lord your presence here  
The Mystery your Word makes clear,  
Our debt for sin by faith you paid.  
Around the table you have laid;

In joy and hope we raise to you  
Uplifted voices, hearts and eyes.  
All honor, glory, praise is due  
O Holy God who fills the skies.

O Savior now at God's right hand,  
Come key the gate to holy ground.  
Jerusalem, our promised land!  
Cry out our hearts at trumpet sound.

### *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### *The Prayers Church & Passing of the Peace*

*Choir Anthem    Communion Meditation*

# Offertory

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

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Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;  
joyfully your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praises everlasting ring!

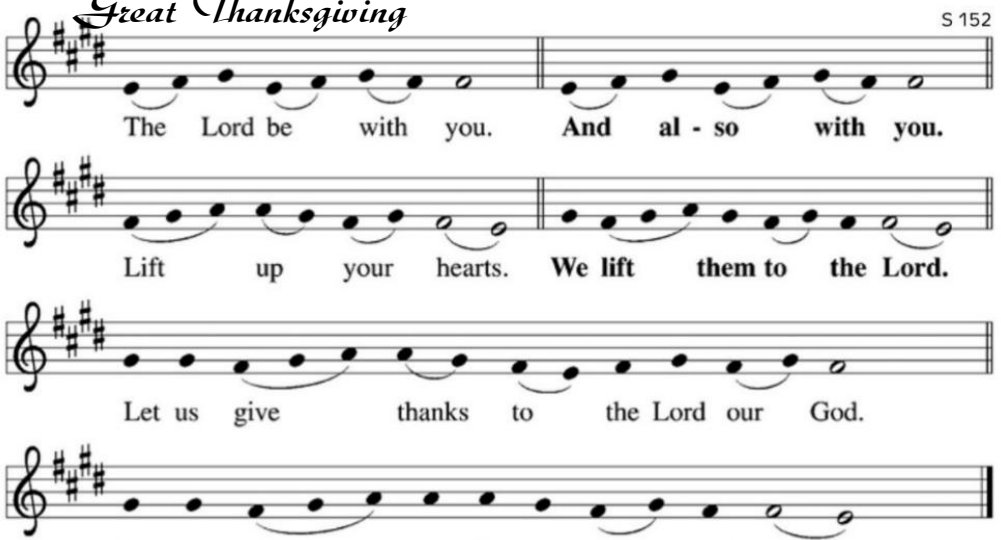
Angels sing in adoration,  
in God's presence, face to face.  
Sun and moon and all creation,  
all who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

## Offertory Prayer

*A: Let us Pray*

**C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

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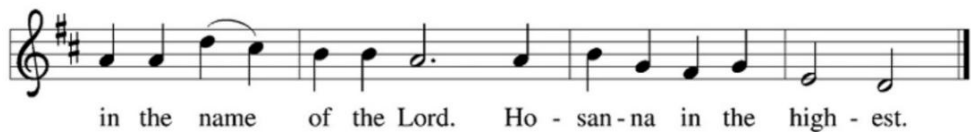
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*P: It is indeed . . .*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

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### *The Lord's Prayer*

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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

### *Distribution Hymns*

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1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives  
3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the  
4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the  
5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l'wers  
sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they  
sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall  
cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.  
 say, "this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty."  
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound - ed feet
- 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound - ed side,
- 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound - ed hand
- 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



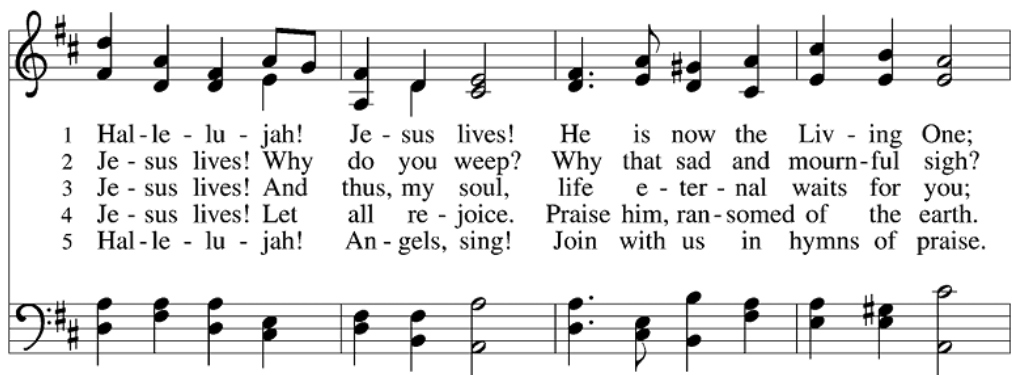
from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,  
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
 with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



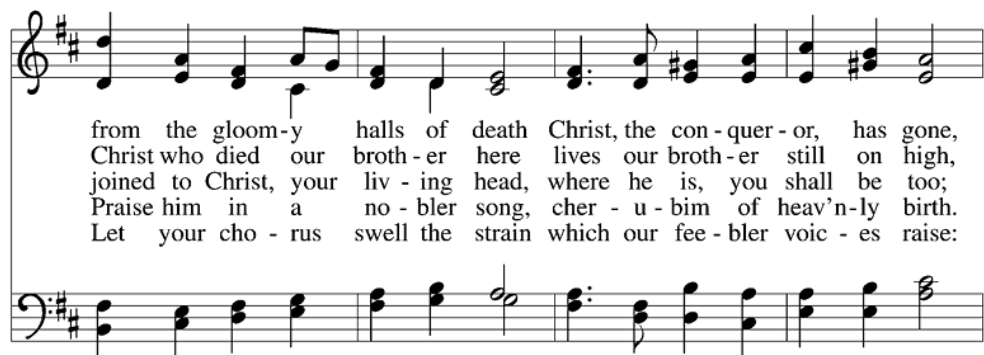
un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
 till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



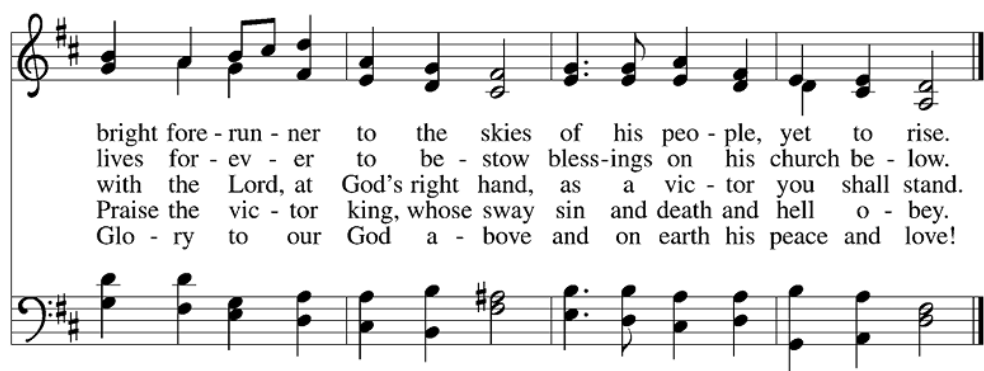
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?  
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;  
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.  
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,  
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,  
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.  
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.  
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.  
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

*Dismissal A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!*



**Sunday, May 17**

*Ascension*

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class & Post-Confirmation Student Group Meeting

**Tuesday, May 19**

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast

7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting

11:00 a.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - hybrid

3:00 p.m. Bible Study 101 Lite - w/ Pastor Chris

4:30 p.m. Confirmation class

7:00 p.m. Bible Study w/ Pastor Chris - online

**Wednesday, May 20**

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

**Sunday, May 24**

*Pentecost*

*Last Day to RSVP for May Dining Out*

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. No Sunday School

9:45 a.m. No Confirmation Class

9:45 a.m. No Post-Confirmation Student Group Meeting