

Emanuel First Evangelical Lutheran Church



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Service Times: Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM - Wednesday 7:00PM

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

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Notes for Visitors:

- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway north of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Room:** If you need a quiet place for your children, we have a room near the church offices. If you need help finding the room, please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Hymnals:** Use the red hymn books in the rack ahead of your pew to follow along in the service. If you need help or guidance, please ask someone nearby to assist you.

May 16, 2021

The Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension

The Pastors' Notes

We bask in the glory of Jesus' resurrection for several weeks following Easter. The Sundays of Easter are colored white to remind us of that glory. During these weeks, the Old Testament lesson is replaced with a lesson from the book of Acts, showing the advancement of the gospel through the Church.

This final Sunday of Easter we consider Jesus' ascension—40 days after his resurrection. Jesus' ascension into heaven makes it clear to us his earthly work is finished. Now he lives and reigns in heaven as our eternal priest and king. There he continues to be the everlasting sacrifice for our sins and pray on our behalf. For these reasons, we may go about our earthly work in joy. We know that our place in heaven is secured by our risen and ascended Lord Jesus.

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The liturgical songs will be omitted (Oh, Taste and See; Verse of the Day). Liturgical responses (Amen, etc.) will be spoken.

HYMN: 173 (On Christ's Ascension I Now Build)

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Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON (Acts 1: 1-11)

I wrote my first book, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began doing and teaching ²until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After 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.⁴ 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. ⁵For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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." ⁹After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. ¹¹They 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."

PSALM 8 (pg. 67)

EPISTLE LESSON (Hebrews 7: 11-27)

¹¹ So if everything could have been brought to its goal through the Levitical priesthood (for the people received the law on the basis of that priesthood), what further need was there for another priest to arise who was like Melchizedek, yet not said to be like Aaron? ¹² For when the priesthood is changed, by necessity a change in the law also happens. ¹³ Yet these things are said about the one who belonged to another tribe, from which no one had served at the altar. ¹⁴ It is certainly clear that our Lord is descended from Judah. Moses said nothing about priests in connection with that tribe. ¹⁵ And this becomes even clearer if another priest arises like Melchizedek, ¹⁶ who became a priest, not on the basis of a legal requirement about physical descent, but on the basis of the power of an endless life. ¹⁷ For it has been testified in Scripture about him: You are a priest forever, like Melchizedek. ¹⁸ To be sure, the former requirement is annulled, because it was weak and useless— ¹⁹ for the law did not bring anything to its goal—but now a better hope is introduced, by which we approach God. ²⁰ And something like this did not happen

without an oath. Indeed, others who became priests did so without an oath,²¹ but this one became a priest with an oath, through the one who said to him: The Lord has sworn an oath and will not change his mind: “You are a priest forever.”²² In this way, Jesus has become the guarantor of a better covenant.²³ There were many who became priests because death prevented any of them from continuing to remain in office.²⁴ But because this one endures forever, he has a permanent priesthood.²⁵ So for this reason he is able to save forever those who come to God through him, because he always lives to plead on their behalf.²⁶ This is certainly the kind of high priest we needed: one who is holy, innocent, pure, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices on a daily basis, first for his own sins and then for the sins of the people. In fact, he sacrificed for sins once and for all when he offered himself.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia. (Matthew 28:20b)

GOSPEL LESSON (John 17: 11-19)

¹¹Holy Father, protect them by your name, which you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept those you gave me safe in your name. I protected them and not one of them was destroyed, except the son of destruction, so that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³“But now I am coming to you, and I am saying these things in the world, so that they may be filled with my joy. ¹⁴I have given them your word. The world hated them, because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I am not asking that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the Evil One. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷“Sanctify them by the truth. Your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I also sent them into the world. ¹⁹I sanctify myself for them, so they also may be sanctified by the truth.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN 359 (Jesus, My Great High Priest)

SERMON Goal Accomplished (Hebrews 7: 19-27)

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HYMN 411 (What a Friend We Have in Jesus)

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