

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## Closing Prayer

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and [✠] give you peace.



## Closing Hymn ..... "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (CW 341)

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*Service Theme for the Seventh Sunday of Easter: Live in eager expectation of glory! That glory is not dimmed by earthly suffering; rather, such suffering reminds us of the glory that awaits us. First the cross; then the crown. Our light and momentary troubles cannot mute the joy of living in eager expectation of glory. The week that falls between Ascension and Pentecost is one of waiting and expectation for the promised Spirit and the promised glory. The Prayer and Verse of the Day mark the impending nature of our departure and Christ's return.*

## Service of the Word

### Opening Hymn.....“Christ High-Ascended” (CW 558)

*The grace of our Lord [✠] Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.*

**And also with you.**

### Confession of Sins

*We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.*

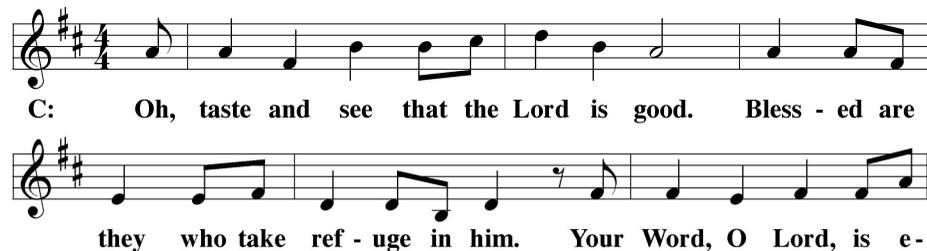
**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

*God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.*

**Amen.**

### Oh, Taste and See

*In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.*



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-

### Free-Will Thank-Offering

*These offerings are used to support the ministries of our church, both locally and worldwide. Our guests should not feel compelled to give an offering, but may do so if they desire.*

### Prayer of the Church

*Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.*

**We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

*You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.*

**We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

*Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.*

**Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

*Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.*

**Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

*Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.*

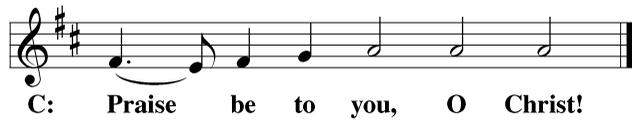
**Silent prayer.**

*We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.*

**We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

received them. They learned the truth that I came from you. They believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All that is mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. And I am glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>I am no longer going to be in the world, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you.”

...this is the Gospel of our Lord.



### Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day.....“I Walk in Danger All the Way” (CW 431)

Sermon ..... John 17:1-11

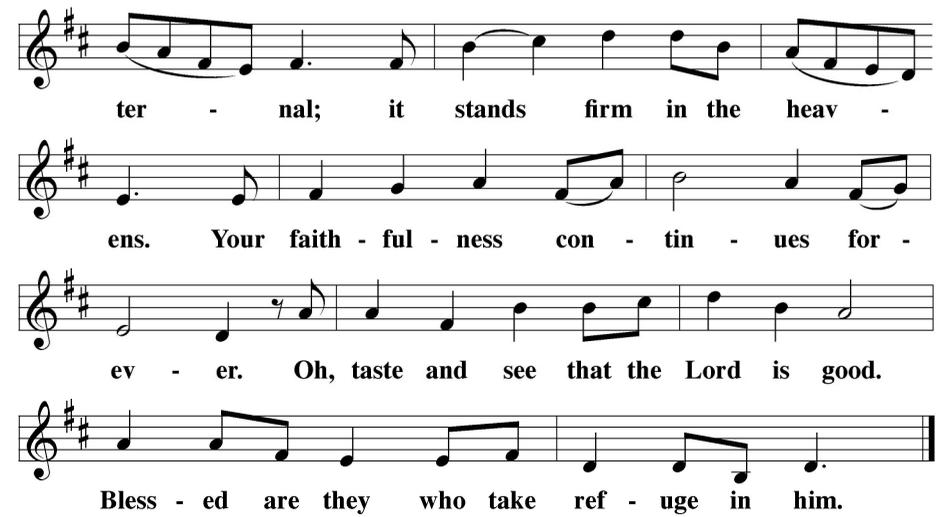
Jesus’ Pre-Ascension Petitions Provide Post-Ascension Peace.

### The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.



### Prayer of the Day

*Let us pray. 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 ..... 1 Samuel 1:21-28 (EHV)

*Afflicted by her rival, Peninnah, Hannah’s troubles seemed neither light nor momentary. Her barrenness brought suffering and sadness that embittered her life, but it did not shake her faith. At the house of the LORD she cast her cares on him and prayed, expectant of God’s grace and blessing. She humbled herself under God’s mighty hand, and he lifted her up in due time: the son she longed for would become Samuel, the leader of God’s people. On this Sunday of expectation, Hannah’s example shines: she did not focus her eyes on what was seen, on the troubles of this life, but on the unseen eternal glory that God had stored up for her.*

<sup>21</sup>This man Elkanah and his entire household went up to offer the yearly sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up with them, because she told her husband, “Not until the child is weaned. Then I will bring him, so that he can appear before the LORD and remain there permanently.” <sup>23</sup>Her husband Elkanah said to her, “Do whatever you think is best. Wait until you have weaned him. Yes, then the LORD will establish his word.” So the woman stayed at home, and she nursed her son until she was ready to wean him. <sup>24</sup>When she had weaned him, she took him up with her. She also took a three-year-old bull, twenty quarts of flour, and a container of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh. The boy was still young. <sup>25</sup>When they had killed the bull, they presented the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>She said, “Excuse me, my lord. As your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood next to you here, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup>I prayed for this child, and the LORD has

granted me what I asked for. <sup>28</sup>So now I have also dedicated him to the LORD. As long as he lives he is dedicated to the LORD.” Then he worshipped the LORD there.

**Psalm of the Day ..... Psalm 8**

*Refrain*



I will praise your name for - ev-er, my King and my God.

*Psalm tone*



**O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in • all the earth!\***  
**You have set your glory above the • heavens.**

**When I consider your • heavens,\***  
**the work of your • fingers,**  
**what is man that you are mind- • ful of him,\***  
**the Son of Man that you • care for him?**

**Refrain**

**You made him a little lower than the heavenly • beings\***  
**and crowned him with glory and • honor.**

**You made him ruler over the works • of your hands;\***  
**you put everything un- • der his feet.**

**Glory be to the Father and • to the Son \* and to the Holy • Spirit,**  
**as it was in the be- • ginning, \* is now, and will be forever. • Amen.**

**Refrain**

**Second Lesson .....2 Corinthians 4:13-18 (EHV)**

*Who thinks that their troubles are light or momentary? When we lose a loved one, when we face mortal illness or financial ruin—who could ever think those troubles insignificant or passing? Only people who have a perspective that stretches to the unbounded time of eternity and encompasses the unbounded joy that we eagerly expect there. We believe that one day Christ will present us to the Father for an eternity of glory. Therefore... therefore we fix our eyes not on all our problems that we know so well, but on the unseen glory, the eternal glory that we do not yet know, but eagerly expect.*

<sup>13</sup>Since we have that same spirit of faith, which corresponds to what is written: “I believed; therefore, I have spoken,” we also believe, and therefore we speak. <sup>14</sup>For we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and bring us (together with you) into his presence. <sup>15</sup>In fact, all this is for your benefit, so that as grace increases, it will overflow to the glory of God, as more and

more people give thanks. <sup>16</sup>Therefore we are not discouraged. But even if our outer self is wasting away, yet our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>Yes, our momentary, light trouble produces for us an eternal weight of glory that is far beyond any comparison. <sup>18</sup>We are not focusing on what is seen, but on what is not seen. For the things that are seen are temporary, but the things that are not seen are eternal.

**Verse of the Day .....John 14:18 (EHV)**

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. “I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you.” Alleluia.*



**C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**



**These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that**



**Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.**



**Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!**

**Gospel Lesson ..... John 17:1-11a (EHV)**

*Can you hear the certainty in Christ’s voice? Can you feel the authority resonate from his words? Stop for a moment and marvel at the words Christ speaks even as his enemies prepare to arrest him, to torture him, to kill him. Christ enters his passion as victor. We know the end of the story; we know this is Christ’s path to glory. But what would the disciples think in the next few hours as the blows landed, the whip bit, the nails pierced, and the blood flowed? This is glory? Just wait... these sufferings would not last. Just wait... glory is coming. Look at Jesus’ promise: he has been granted all authority—but he uses it to give, not to take. He gives us life eternal won by the glory of his completed work. On this post-ascension Sunday, Christ’s promise to return to his Father has proven true. What comfort, then, is his promised prayer for us who remain behind! We are in the world, but not as orphans, and so we bear our sufferings in eager expectation of the glory that’s coming.*

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these things, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you. <sup>2</sup>For you gave him authority over all flesh, so that he may give eternal life to all those you have given him. <sup>3</sup>This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. <sup>4</sup>I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>Now, Father, glorify me at your own side with the glory I had at your side before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>“I revealed your name to the men you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me, and they have held on to your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. <sup>8</sup>For I gave them the words you gave me, and they