



Invocation

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

P: Surely I will be with you always. . .

C: To the very end of the age. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn - *"On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"*

CW 173

Confession of Sins

P: Almighty God, we have come together to stand in your presence and to worship you.

C: But who may appear in your presence, heavenly Father, and who may call on you for help?

P: He who has clean hands and a pure heart: he shall receive blessings from the Lord. Knowing that our Lord Jesus Christ has fulfilled his purpose here on earth, and has confirmed every word of prophecy by his triumphant return to heaven; we confess our sins and ask God to pardon us by his grace.

C: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love. According to your great compassion blot out all our sins. Wash away all our iniquities and cleanse us from our sins.

P: The Lord in his grace and mercy has promised us forgiveness through the suffering and death of our Savior. This was confirmed by his resurrection and is now sealed by his ascension. Peace be with you. Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Sing:

CW170 vv 1 & 2 Text, Tune, Setting: Public Domain

**Draw us to thee, For then shall we Walk in thy steps forever
And hasten on Where thou art gone To be with thee, dear Savior.**

**Draw us to thee, Lord, lovingly Let us depart with gladness
That we may be Forever free From sorrow, grief, and sadness**

Prayer for the Day

The Ascension Narrative *Compiled from the last chapters of the Gospels, Acts 1, and 1 Corinthians 15*

P: After his suffering, Jesus showed himself to the disciples 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. He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

C: Later the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Jesus then led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

P: He gave instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 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." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

Response:

CW170 vv 3 & 4 Text, Tune, Setting: Public Domain

**Draw us to thee; Oh, grant that we May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way Lest we should stray And from thy paths be driven.**

**Draw us to thee That also we Thy heav'nly bliss inherit
And ever dwell Where sin and hell No more can vex our spirit.**

P: Then Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

C: While he was blessing them, Jesus was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. Jesus was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.

P: The disciples were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "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."

C: Then they worshiped Jesus and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. They preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word.

Sermon Hymn – “Christ High-Ascended”

CW 558

Sermon – Acts 1:1-11

COMING OR GOING?

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

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

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Offering and Signing of the Friendship Register

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Our church practices membership communion. We ask that only members of our church body, the Wisconsin Synod, partake of the sacrament.

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.

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and glory for ever and ever.

Sing:

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**Draw us to thee Unceasingly; Into thy kingdom take us.
Let us fore'er Thy glory share; Thy saints and joint heirs make us.**

Words of Institution

Distribution and Hymn – “Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”

CW175

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ascension Prayer

P: Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.

P: O ascended Prophet, equip your church to proclaim the precious Gospel message of God's love for all the world.

C: Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.

P: O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's rich blessings in our everyday lives.

C: Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.

P: O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your church.

C: You are our Lord, Master and King.

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

Silent Prayer

P: As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.

C: Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Song

"He Is Exalted"

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He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high, I will praise Him.

He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord; for - ev - er His truths shall reign. Heav - en and earth re -

- jice in His ho - ly name. He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high.

COR Calendar for the Coming Week

06/02	Today	9a Worship with Communion
06/04	Tuesday	6:30p – 8p Facility in Use
06/06	Thursday	8a Bible Study 7p Worship 7:45p Bible Study
06/08	Saturday	10a-2p Accreditation Meeting
06/09	Sunday	9a Worship 10a Town/Voter Meeting & Brunch

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOWN MEETING AND BRUNCH: Next Sunday, June 9, you are all invited to our Town/Voter Meeting following our service. Since meetings always go better with food, bring along a brunch type dish, fruit, etc. to pass. Thanks!

THANK YOU: Thank you to the congregation of Christ Our Redeemer for making Confirmation Day such a special day for our kids. From encouraging words and congratulations, to gift baskets, gifts, and cards. We are so appreciative. What a blessing to confirm our children where they are encouraged and supported in their lives of faith. We are so very grateful, thank you.

Sincerely, The Families of COR's 2019 Confirmands

NEW BIBLE CLASS: We will begin a study on the book of James today. It's titled "Real Faith for Real Life" and focuses on the nature of James to hit us where we live and make our faith come alive.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Summer Sunday School starts today. A hearty thank you to our teachers for their love for our kids and teaching them God's Word.

BOOKS: We've gone through and consolidated the books that were in the 3-5th grade room and the 6-8th grade room. Making one library. Duplicate and dated books were removed and are on tables in the fellowship hall. Please feel free to take some summer reading!

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Worship services Sundays at 8 &
10:30a (Summer Worship at 9a)
Thursdays at 7p, during Lent and
Advent Wednesdays at 7p

Bible Study and Sunday
School at 9:15a



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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website corchurch.com and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.corchurch.com and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.