

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, Greeley, CO

7th Sunday of Easter – May 17, 2026 – 10:00 A.M.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Introduction: In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church worldwide. In today's gospel, Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

GATHERING

WELCOME

*SONG: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

SONG: "Holy Spirit"

All children are welcome in worship! Children (birth - 3) are also welcome in the nursery, located on the west hallway and staffed by two adults during the 10:00 a.m. service.

WORD

READING: Acts 1:6-14

CFJ Reader

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods 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." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "Amazing Grace"

CFJ Ringers

*GOSPEL: John 17:1-11 (The Message)

Response after the announcement: "Glory to you, O Lord!"

¹⁻⁵Jesus said these things. Then, raising his eyes in prayer, he said: Father, it's time. Display the bright splendor of your Son so the Son in turn may show your bright splendor. You put him in charge of everything human so he might give real and eternal life to all in his care. And this is the real and eternal life: that they know you, the one and only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you sent. I glorified you on earth by completing down to the last detail what you assigned me to do. And now, Father, glorify me with your very own splendor, the very splendor I had in your presence before there was a world.

⁶⁻¹¹I spelled out your character in detail to the men and women you gave me. They were yours in the first place; then you gave them to me, and they have now done what you said. They know now, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that everything you gave me is firsthand from you, for the message you gave me, I gave them; and they took it, and were convinced that I came from you. They believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I'm not praying for the God-rejecting world but for those you gave me, for they are yours by right. Everything mine is yours, and yours mine, and my life is on display in them. For I'm no longer going to be visible in the world; they'll continue in the world while I return to

you. Holy Father, guard them as they pursue this life that you conferred as a gift through me, so they can be one heart and mind as we are one heart and mind.

Response after the reading: “Praise to you, O Christ!”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON:

“In the Footsteps of Jesus”

Pastor Cindy Wolf

Silence for reflection

*SONG:

“O Praise the Name (Anástasis)”

PRAYERS (*each petition concludes:*)

CFJ Reader

... Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Prayers for healing and strength for: Debbie Murphy, Virginia Kinney

Prayers of sympathy for the families of: Rose Schmeeckle, Ralph Giardino, Cadence Nield (friend of Laurel LaBonde), Norma Munson (Midge Parkos’ sister)

MEAL

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

*NOISY OFFERING/OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD’S PRAYER

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DISTRIBUTION SONG: “What a Beautiful Name”

BLESSING AND PRAYER

SENDING

*THE BLESSING (*sung*)

*SONG:

“Even So, Come”

*ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISMISSAL (*response: “Thanks be to God!”*)

Assisting in worship

Pastor: Rev. Deb Abbott

Rev. Cindy Wolf

Guitar/Leader: Mike Korth

Tony Archer

Vocals: Jeanece Kieselstein

Bass: Kirk Vogel

Keyboard: Kevin Peffer

Sound technician: Grey Conderman

Video production: Jason Gentry

Projection: Coen Gentry

Communion assistants: Linda Carey, Jean Morrell, Tracey Riley

Ushers: Rhonda Coon, Arlene Geary

Altar Guild: Alan & Kathy Berryman

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Scripture readings next Sunday: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23

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