



St. Timothy's  
Episcopal Church

# The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day

A Service of Holy Eucharist  
Sunday, May 17 | 10:15 am

Childcare for infants through 4 years old is available on Sunday morning on the lower level, near the north entrance.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome

Choral Introit

**Rejoice This Day**

**Patterson**

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

**Hail The Day That Sees Him Rise**

**Hymnal 214**

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 \*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 lift your heads, c - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Wide un - fold the ra - dant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Liturgical Greeting

Priest Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Gather 233**

Refrain

Glo-ri-a! Glo-ri-a! Glo-ry to God in the high-est!  
Glo-ri-a! Glo-ri-a! And peace to his peo-ple on earth!

### Verses

1. Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.
2. Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy upon us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer, receive our prayer.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father, of God the Father.

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## The Collect of the Day

Deacon The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
Deacon Let us pray

**Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

## Children Living the Word Commissioning

*Children ages 4 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are invited downstairs to Children Living the Word, returning before communion.*

**Loving God, who told us that whoever welcomes a child welcomes Jesus himself, bless these children. Guide us as we encourage them in your ways, so that they might become disciples who are your hands and feet and voice in this world. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## The First Reading

**Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But 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." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They 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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 47

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
**shout to God with a cry of joy.**

2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; \*  
**he is the great King over all the earth.**

3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
**and the nations under our feet.**

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

5 God has gone up with a shout, \*  
**the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.**

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
**sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

7 For God is King of all the earth; \*  
**sing praises with all your skill.**

8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
**God sits upon his holy throne.**

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered  
together \*  
**with the people of the God of Abraham.**

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
**and he is highly exalted.**

### The Second Reading

### Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to 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 as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Hymn

**See the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph**

Hymnal 215

We will sing v. 1-2 before the Gospel; v. 3 following



1 See the Con - queror mounts in tri - umph; see the King in  
2 He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the  
3 Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to



roy - al state, rid - ing on the clouds, his  
grave a - rose, he has van - quished sin and  
God's right hand: there we sit in heaven - ly



char - iot, to his heaven - ly pal - ace gate!  
Sa - tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.  
plac - es, there with thee in glo - ry stand.



Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful  
While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, he is  
Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with



al - le - lu - ias sing, and the por - tals  
part - ed from his friends; while their ea - ger  
God is on the throne; might - y Lord, in



high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.  
eyes be - hold him, he up - on the clouds a - scends.  
thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Deacon  
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Deacon            The Gospel of the Lord.  
People            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Sermon

“Ascension: Moving Up or Moving In?”  
The Rev. Jeanie Smith

*Please stand as you are able.*

## The 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, 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.**

## Prayers of the People

Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially Emily Shea, Larry Shea, Deb Krueger, Frank Harrison, Dan Lovett, and Stephen Arnold;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

For those in service to our country, especially Scott, Jack, Marshall, and Parker;  
For those seeking ordination, especially Alex and Kate;  
For those in discernment for ministry, especially Joe;  
For our Re-Entry Partner Becca and her Re-Entry Team of Amy, Annie, Larry, Bill, and Jeanie;  
For St. John's by the Campus in Ames, St. John's in Glenwood, St. John's in Shenandoah, and our Youth and Young Adult Ministry Teams in the Diocese of Iowa;  
For the clergy and all people of our companion Dioceses of Brechin, Nzara, and Eswatini;  
For all victims of gun violence; and  
For the victims of war and oppression, especially in Iran and the Middle East, and for all who seek a just peace.

For the blessings of this life:

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Priscilla, Rosemary, Redgie, Milton, Calvin, Sebastian, and Clarence;  
For those to be married, especially Katie & Ben, Abigail & Garth, and Lucy & Lena;  
For those celebrating an anniversary, especially Annie & Bill and Dena & Dave;  
For those expecting the birth of a child, especially Callie & Eric;  
For our Ministry of the Month, the Yard Birds; and  
For our 2nd Offering partner in May, the Faith & Grace Garden.

*Deacon adds a concluding collect.*

## The Peace

Priest     The peace of Christ be always with you.  
People     **And also with you.**

## Announcements

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## The Offertory

*Soon and Very Soon*

*Crouch*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Doxology

*All Creatures of our God and King*

*Hymnal 523, v. 7*

**Let all things their creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Oh praise the Father, Praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in one!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*EOW Prayer 3*

Presider     The Lord be with you.  
People     **And also with you.**  
Presider     Lift up your hearts.  
People     **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Presider     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People     **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**Sanctus**

**Gather 235**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Presider and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Presider continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*Presider and People*

**Blessed are you now and for ever.**

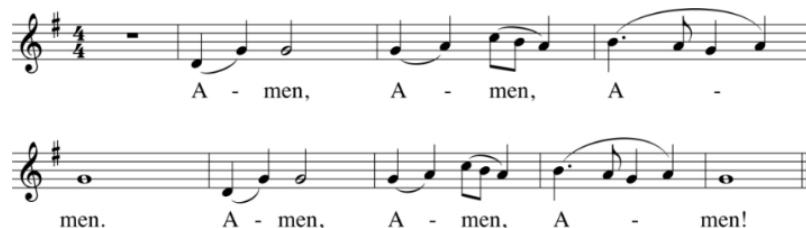


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**The Great Amen**

**Gather 240**

**AMEN.**



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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. And 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
 People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion

You do not need to be a member of this church or of any church to receive communion.

To receive the sacrament, come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The wine is received by intinction, by dipping the bread into the chalice. Please let the clergy know if you require a **gluten-free wafer**. To indicate that you would prefer a **blessing only**, cross your arms across your chest. **If you are unable to come forward**, please notify an usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

Hymnal 313

1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious  
 2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou  
 3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound  
 4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -

Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,  
 cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give  
 and the nail - ing; by the pain and death, I now  
 tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

*Refrain*  
 of thy bound-less love the to - ken.  
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -  
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.  
 of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859-1925). Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863.

Please stand as you are able.

## Prayer after Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

## The Blessing

## Closing Hymn

### Crown Him with Many Crowns

Hymnal 494

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!  
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and  
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who  
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -  
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who  
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his  
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now  
5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and  
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and  
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who  
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their  
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.  
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King,  
5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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## Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth to be the resurrection people in the world, doing life-giving work to bring justice to God's people.

People **We will with God's help. Alleluia! Alleluia!!**

## Postlude

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Please join us for our Annual Block Party  
following our service today!

# MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

### Presider

The Rev. Kyle Carswell

### Deacon/Preacher

The Rev. Jeanie Smith

### Music Director

Don Agee

### Acolytes

Ashlyn Rounceville, OPEN, OPEN,

### Chalice Bearers

McB McManus, Bill Smith

### Lector/Litanist

Annie Waskom, Lillie McManus

### Oblation Bearers

Wade Kramer, Marley Kramer

### Ushers

OPEN, OPEN

### Altar Guild

Kelly Pettit, Lynn Pettit

### Live Stream Coordinator

Colleen Krantz

### Vestry Representative

Mary Bartusek

# 2<sup>nd</sup> OFFERING



## THE FAITH + GRACE GARDEN

The Faith + Grace Garden has been in operation since 2001 and in the years since has grown to its current 2.3-acre size, producing a record-breaking 36,692 pounds of donated food in 2024. In 2025, we donated 32,370 pounds of fresh, organic fruits and vegetables to feed hungry people in Polk County.

If you would like to help support this ministry financially, give using our 2<sup>nd</sup> Offering baggies in our weekly bulletins or visit [sttimothyiowa.org/donate](http://sttimothyiowa.org/donate)

## COMING UP

### THE COMING WEEK

#### Monday, May 18

5:30 pm Finance Team Meeting  
6:30 pm Scouts

#### Tuesday, May 19

6:30 pm EfM

#### Wednesday, May 20

11:30 am Men's Lunch at Palmer's  
6 pm Vestry Meeting

#### Thursday, May 21

9:30 am Bible Study  
11:30 am Ladies Who Lunch  
5 pm YJI  
6 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays @ Hi Fi Brew Lounge

#### Friday, May 22

10 am BBB

#### Saturday, May 23

9 am Centering Prayer  
5 pm Holy Eucharist

#### Sunday, May 24

#### PENTECOST

9:45 am Childcare Available  
10:15 am Holy Eucharist  
NO CLW – Memorial Day Weekend  
11:30 am Coffee Hour

# PRIDE

**PRIDEFEST: JUNE 12-14**

**PRIDE WORSHIP SERVICE: JUNE 14 | 10 AM**

**PRIDE PARADE: JUNE 14 | Noon to 2 PM**

It's time for PRIDE! Again this year, we plan to staff a booth, march in the parade, and hopefully be a presence at the Pride worship service on Sunday morning!

Join us! Sign up to help staff the booth and/or march in the parade.



**Booth Sign Up**



**Parade Sign Up**

# VBS



**AUGUST 2-6 | 5:30 PM to 8 PM**

**Compassion Camp:  
What Every Living Thing Needs**

The Des Moines area Episcopal Churches are joining together to hold our summer Vacation Bible School. The theme for the week is "Compassion Camp: What Every Living Thing Needs," as we invite kids to explore the elements all living things need to survive, incorporating Bible stories, crafts, music, and games. Dinner is provided for the children each night.

All students in Pre-K through 5th Grade (based on coming school year) are welcome! Those in 6th grade and up can serve as volunteers.

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Registration fee is \$20 per child. Please let us know if the fee is a barrier. We want all children to be able to participate, regardless of financial situation.

**For more info & to register use the qr code at left.**