

He was  
taken up  
before their  
very eyes ...

Acts 1:9

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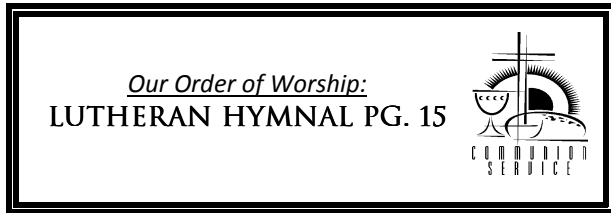
Pre-service Meditation Psalm 51 pg. 134-135



### Morning Prayer for a Communicant:

O Lord Jesus, because of Your great goodness, this morning I rejoice in being privileged to go to your house together with my fellow Christians, there to partake of Your body and blood in, with, and under the consecrated bread and wine. Oh, how my soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord and His altar! *“As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You,”* My Redeemer. You are my Shepherd; I shall not want. O Lord Jesus, even as You have begun the good work of salvation in me, a poor wretched sinner, so also mercifully perform it, by the gracious aid of Your Holy Spirit, to Your honor and the welfare and salvation of my soul. O dearest Redeemer, *“I am not worthy that You should come under my roof.”* May Your grace which is able to do all things render me worthy and well prepared, so that the priceless nourishment of Your true body and blood may refresh my soul in this heavenly feast of love and joy. Array me in the robes of salvation and in the garments of righteousness of faith. Thus I may not be found among the guests without wedding garments, but may be a worthy guest at Your Table and partake of all the treasures of grace you have provided. May Your grace, O Lord Jesus, be and remain with me; even as my hope is continually in You. May Your providence preserve my spirit, my life, and my being. And do bestow, O faithful God, whatever else I may be in need of in this world and the next.

*Thou, who feedest us below!  
Source of all we have or know!  
Grant that with Thy saints above  
We may share Thy feast of love. Amen.*



**PSALM OF THE DAY:**

*(from Psalm 8)*

**P:** O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth,

**C: Who have set Your glory above the heavens!**

**P:** Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, Because of Your enemies,

**C: That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.**

**P:** When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,

**C: The moon and the stars, which You have ordained,**

**P:** What is man that You are mindful of him,

**C: And the son of man that You visit him?**

**P:** For You have made him a little lower than the angels,

**C: And You have crowned him with glory and honor.**

**P:** You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;

**C: You have put all things under his feet,**

**P:** O LORD, our Lord,

**C: How excellent is Your name in all the earth!**

**P:** Glory be to God!

**ALL:** *♩* “Glory be to the Father...”

**- THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS -**

**"All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended.**

**God showeth His good will to men,  
And peace shall reign with us again;  
Oh thank Him for His goodness! Amen."**

*(TLH 237:1 adapted)*

**- THE COLLECT -**

**P:** Let us pray - O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, we pray, leave us not without consolation, but send us the Spirit of truth, whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL:** *♩* "A - - men"

**Scripture Readings**

*“These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” - John 20:31*

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ~ 1 PETER 4:12-17; 5:6-12** Beloved, think

it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. 14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters. 16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: 7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. 11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

**P:** Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. Hallelujah! I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Hallelujah! *(Rom 6:9; Jn 14:18)*

**ALL:** *♩* Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

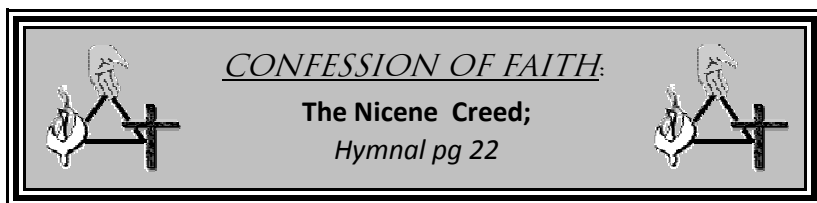
**P:** Our Gospel lesson for today is from the gospel according to Mark, chapter sixteen, beginning with the thirteenth verse.

**C:** *♩* Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

**GOSPEL LESSON ~ MARK 16:13-20** Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

**P:** *So far the Word.*

**C:** *♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ!*



Hymn 738

*“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”*

**~ THE SERMON ~**

**Acts 1:1-14** In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, (2) until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. (3) He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. (4) And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; (5) for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." (6) So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (7) He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. (8) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (9) And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. (10) And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, (11) and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand

looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (12) Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. (13) And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. (14) All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. (ESV)

**WE ARE HIS WITNESSES**  
*- Witnesses who must never speculate about the unknown  
 - Witnesses of what Jesus did and taught*

**~ THE OFFERTORY ~**

**P:** *Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. (1 Cor 15:20-22)*

*♪ He is arisen! Glorious word!*

**Now reconciled is God, my Lord; The gates of heaven are open.**

**My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie,**

**Destroyed hell's direst weapon.**

**Oh, hear What cheer!**

**Christ victorious Riseth glorious, Life He giveth--**

**He was dead, but see, He liveth! Amen. (TLH 189)**

Hymn 765

*“Christ High-Ascended”*

*~ Offering of Thankful Hearts and Prayers ~*

Communion Preparation Hymn 308

*“Invited, Lord, by Boundless Grace”*

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Closing Hymn 309

*"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"*

**WELCOME TO YOU ALL!** We rejoice at the opportunity to share with you the hope that is within us. We pray that you might ever desire to learn more about the glorious Son of God, our Savior from sin, Jesus Christ. If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, our teachings, or today's service please speak with the pastor. We hope you may be able to join us again! We ask that our visitors record their visit by signing our guest register.

**NEW HYMN OF THE MONTH** This morning we begin a new hymn of the month. It comes from the "Worship and Praise" section of our Worship Supplements, hymn 743, "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise." The tune is a Welsh Folk tune and the words were written by a Scottish minister, Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908).

The Scriptural text for this hymn is 1 Timothy 1:17, where Paul writes, **"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."** How can we ever praise and glorify enough, the God who saved us. He is *IMMORTAL*, that is, He will never die. He is *INVISIBLE*, that is He is spirit, whom we cannot see. He alone is *WISE*.

He writes of God dwelling in *"light inaccessible, hid from our eyes."* This is taken from 1 Timothy 6:16, where Paul writes that God is **"dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen."** Only cleansed in the blood of Christ can we approach the most holy God.

The hymn-writer heaps adjective upon adjective to describe the Triune God. *"Most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise."* "Ancient of Days" is a name that we will run across in our study of Daniel 7. While the kings of this world may come and go, our God is the Ancient of days, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. Praise be to our great Savior God!

**PASTOR OUT-OF-TOWN** This afternoon Pastor and family will be headed out of town for vacation and Pastoral Conference. This week he will be helping his brother, David, move and then participating in his installation and ordination at Ascension Lutheran Church in Batavia (Western Chicago-land), IL. Next week he will be in Eau Claire, WI for CLC General Pastoral Conference. Pastor should be back in Hecla by the afternoon of Friday, June 17. Next week our service will be conducted by Scott and Steve Hansen.

**TIPS ON GIVING TO BEGGARS** *The following comes from Missionary Koenig in India -*

"Over the years our mission helpers to India have become acquainted with a phenomenon rarely seen anymore in the USA, truly destitute beggars. Travelling about, it isn't long before they are met. Since there are unscrupulous thieves who use beggars to get money, there is call for caution in giving. I have a standard 10 rupees that I give which is about 20 cents. At first you might think it seems stingy, until you look into the beggar's cup and see only coins of 1, 2, or 5 rupees. When we 'white' people give to a beggar it can't help but be viewed as a Christian act.

"Recently, I had an ethical dilemma in beggar giving. While in Kadapa for our district meeting I went into the market. As I went down the rows of stalls I hadn't seen the condition of the four beggars at the entrance, as their backs were turned to me. In coming back out I slowed my pace to size them up. Feeling in my pocket, I had a ten rupee bill, 7 rupees in change, a couple one hundred rupee bills and some 500's. A five hundred would have been a bit ostentatious. It wasn't hard to give the ten rupee bill to one beggar. But then I had three beyond her: one man standing with no arms which was a likely birth defect, one old lady sitting with two stumps where her feet should have been, and one man between them who seemed to have most of his limbs intact. Unfortunately for him he was also wearing a Muslim skull cap. I figured fast that he wasn't as bad off and could likely get the Muslim zakat charity help. I gave him the 7 rupees in coins. But before that you should have seen the eyes of the man with no arms light up when I put a hundred rupee bill in his cup. The eyes of the lady with two stumps didn't light up when I did the same for her cup. And I am not too sure she could see much of anything. We want to do good to all men whether they see it or not out of the love of our Lord. And He sees."

**This week at Prince of Peace...**

**Today -**

10:25 Fellowship Hour

**Wednesday -**

8:30 Softball in Aberdeen

**Sunday, June 12 PENTECOST SUNDAY -**

9:00 Worship Service

10:15 Bible Class and Sunday School Video

**"The Bread of Life"**

*Daily Bible readings for home devotions.*

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