

Acts 1:1-11(ESV)

1 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."

Ephesians 1:15-23 (ESV)

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give

you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ 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 one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

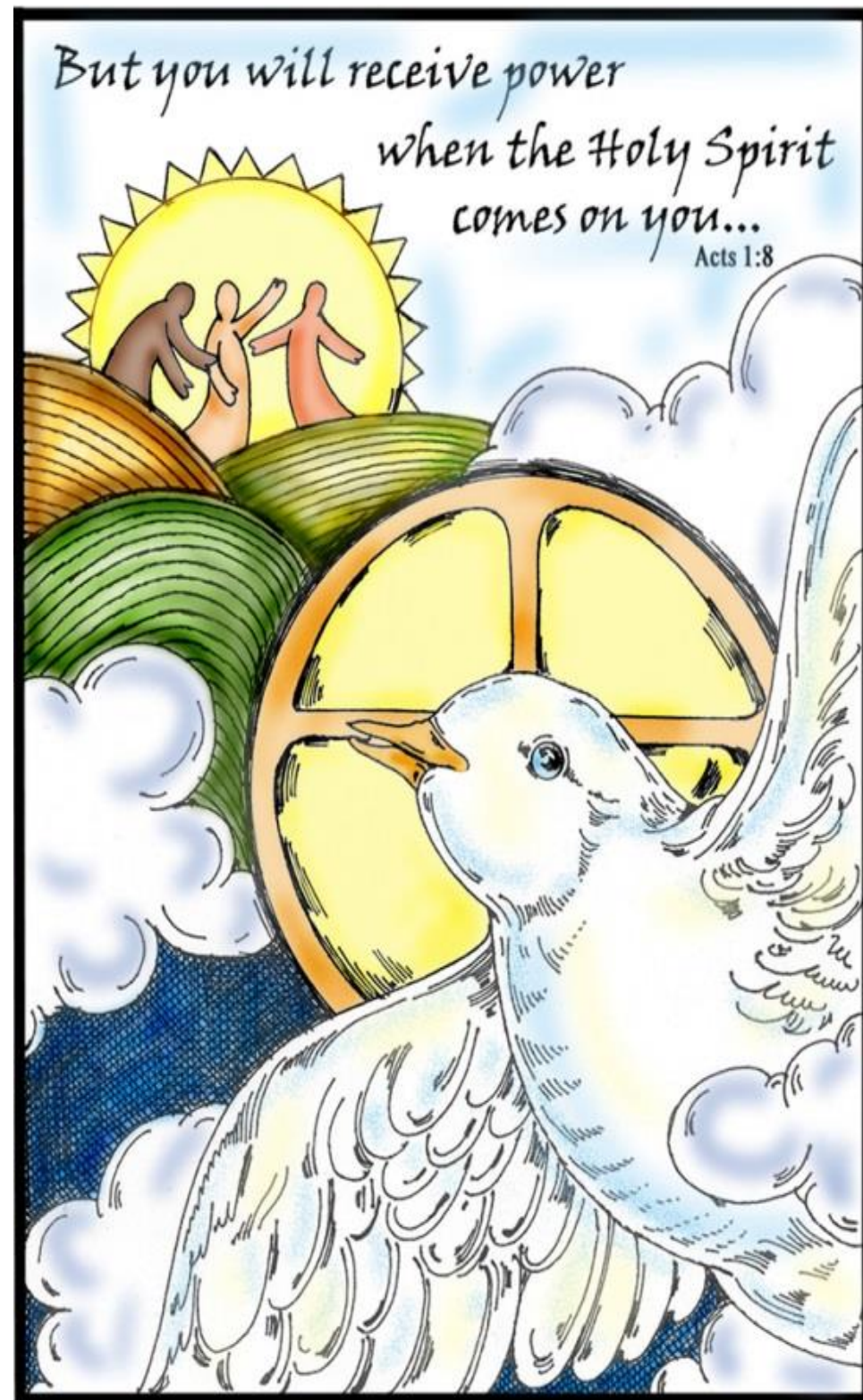
Luke 24:44-53 (ESV)

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.



May 26, 2019
6th Sunday of Easter

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✠ **In the Name of Jesus** ✠

Theme of the Day ~ Christ Ascended Is with You Always. In His resurrection, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, “appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3). Then He ascended to the right hand of the Father, not orphaning His Church, but filling all things in heaven and on earth, and giving gifts to His disciples. So today, He continues to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47) through “the apostles whom he had chosen” (Acts 1:2), even “to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Jesus comes among us today by His Word and Spirit, whom He pours out upon “the church, which is his body” (Eph. 1:22–23). In His Church, He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself “in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:20). This week is Ascension Day, so we remember Christ’s ascension today as our theme. On this Memorial Day weekend we also remember all who laid down their lives serving in the military for our God and our country.

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SERMON “Enlisted to Serve and Ascend in His Ranks?”	Acts 1, Eph. 1, Lk 24
CLOSING HYMN “God Bless Our Native Land”	LSB 965

Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
Elder/Reader	Frank Yell
A/V	Dave Hutfilz
Ushers	Dale Rohde & Kevin Ross
Greeters	Bud & Millie Parker
Altar Guild	Julayne Hutfilz & Sharon Hyatt

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 68 *Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$4,504 ~ *Received for the Lord’s Work* \$1,883 = Loose Plate \$104, Envelopes \$1,577, Mission \$20, Maintenance \$182.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: May 31- Nicholas Berger; Jun 2- Janet Pruitt, Avery Seeburger; Jun 3- Ryleigh Beyersdorf, Bernice Gudaitis, Pastor Hauser; Jun 4- Dustin Valliere.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.” Zephaniah 3:17

Vacation ~ Pastor Hauser will be on vacation May 28-June 1. Please contact Rev. Bert Eggers at 295-4863 for any pastoral emergencies.

Resources for Rachel ~ Door offering **will be taken next Sunday** following the worship service for our sponsored Missionary Rachel Meyer in Uganda.

Volunteer Opportunity ~ God’s Helping Hands is in need of strong, young helpers to help carry items to people’s cars. A great opportunity for those students who may need service hours for school or other organizations. Second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10 am -1 pm. Contact Paul Bohn if you or anyone you know may be interested.

Orphan Grain Train—Michigan General Call For Goods ~ In fewer than the first ten days of regular operations 423 boxes of humanitarian relief were assembled by Orphan Grain Train—Michigan. These include clothing, bedding, medical equipment, and hygiene and school kits. Early donations and gifts from individuals and congregations have made the opening work possible. Now is time for a general call for willingness throughout the church and community. Donations of clean serviceable clothing of all sorts (infant, children, adult) are welcomed. Medical supplies, bicycles in working condition, and blankets are also the kind of primary goods needed. A much fuller list can be found online at www.ogt.org under the “Donate” button. Donated items may be delivered to the OGT-Michigan Center Tuesdays or Thursdays (9:00 am—noon) or by special arrangement by calling 989-600-2264. The OGT-M Center is located at 126 E. Main, Sebawaing. Already volunteers are actively preparing desperately needed aid for people world-wide.

Service of Installation ~ Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wheeler, invites you to the installation of Rev. Michael Podeszwa who has accepted the call to be the next pastor of Immanuel. All are invited to gather for the installation service on Sunday, June 9, 2019 at 3:00 pm. A reception will follow the service in the fellowship hall.