



ASCENSION SUNDAY

Order of Worship

May 6, 2018 10:00 am

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Welcome to God's House today!!!

A special welcome to visitors and guests; we are pleased that you have joined us today! If you have no church family, and if we can be of any help to you, please speak with the pastor after the service. We invite all guests to sign the Guest Register. We pray you will feel God's love for you and be empowered to live as God's child this week.

Today's Focus – Jesus Ascends to Heaven

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 and 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 1:23). In His Church, He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands, and seats us with Himself “in the ... places” (Eph. 1:20).

Children are welcome in worship! If childcare is needed, an unattended nursery is open during worship services. It is located across from the restrooms next to the Church Offices.

Is there something you'd like us to pray for today? “Prayer Request” cards are in each pew. Please hand your request to an usher before the service or during the offering. They will give them to the pastor to include in the prayers for today.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. We joyfully share our conviction that this is The Lord's Table. We receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, together with the bread and wine in a manner our human reason cannot understand. (Real Presence) By communing together with our Lord:

- we express the belief that Jesus is the Son of God and Son of Man;
- that Jesus is our Savior and only way for salvation;
- that Jesus offers us His Body and Blood in a mysterious yet real way;
- that Christ's sacrificial death grants the forgiveness of our sins;
- and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a more godly; life and to amend with the help of the Holy Spirit, those areas not in conformity with God's will.

We declare these statements because it is our concern for people to not be hypocritical between their faith and celebrate the blessings of God's Table at the Altar. Persons unable to approach the Altar may be communed in the pew, please notify the Pastor or Elder if you wish this service.

The white wine is denatured (alcohol removed)

ASCENSION SUNDAY

AS WE GATHER: The Ascension of Our Lord is truly a Festival! This coming Thursday we celebrate the truth that Jesus ascended from earth to heaven. This is not only good news for those of us who dwell on earth at this time but for God's people of all time and places. The Festival of the Ascension reminds us that we have an eternal destination---that we, by faith, will follow joyfully where our Lord has gone.

✠ WE ENTER TO WORSHIP AND BE BLESSED ✠

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" **LSB 493 v1-3**

INVOCATION

Psalm 47

OUR CONFESSION OF SIN

GOD'S FORGIVENESS

HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

LSB 155

PRAYER OF THE DAY

✠ THE LORD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

ESV

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

ESV

GOSPEL ANTHEM

"Majesty"

Jack Hayward

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53

ESV

OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH

Tune: America the Beautiful

SERMON

"Not Left Behind"

Acts 1:1-11

✠ OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

OFFERTORY

"Create in Me"

LSB 192

OFFERING of GOD'S PEOPLE

2 Corinthians 8:7

OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI **Tune: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"** **LSB 702**

THE DISTRIBUTION - Distribution Hymns

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

LSB 618

"All People That On Earth Do Dwell" **LSB 791 v.1-4**

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Go My Children With My Blessing" **LSB 922**

+ Silent Prayer +

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ POSTLUDE

✠ WE DEPART TO SERVE ✠

TODAY'S LUTHERAN HOUR

May 6

"Love One Another as I Have Loved You"

(John 15:9-17)

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer

Jesus calls His followers to be different as they deal with difficult people.

NEXT WEEK ON THE LUTHERAN HOUR

May 13

"Keep Them"

John 17:14-17

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus

There are times Christians might readily wish the Lord would airlift them out of this world. Because we have some work to do, the Lord Jesus prays we be kept safe. So, how's that working for you?

On Sunday mornings, listen on 830 AM WCCO AM at 6:05 am, or 1110 AM, Omaha, at 6:30 am, or XM 170 Satellite Radio on Sundays at noon or listen anytime at www.lutheranhour.org

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: May 6 "Young women within our churches are watching how we as the Christian community treat unplanned pregnancy within our own four walls. Yes, it is very important to educate our people on the dangers of abortion and the value of life. But we will fail as life advocates if we do not demonstrate compassion for those among us who find themselves caught in the web of unplanned pregnancy." *Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

STEWARDSHIP: May 10: The Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:11 – "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."

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended – and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus – and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach our stewardship and how we care for the things of this world.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

2 Thessalonians

DISCIPLESHIP

OUR WEEKLY CALENDAR

5/06 Sun	The Ascension of Our Lord
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship w/HC
	11:00 am Fellowship
	6:00 pm NA
5/07 Mon	10:30 am Memorial Service for Rosalina Ehnes
	6:30 pm AIAnon 1
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon 2
5/08 Tues	6:30 pm All Boards Meeting
5/09 Wed	10:00 am BIBLE STUDY
	6:30 pm TLWCC Bible Study
5/10 Thurs	Ascension Day – No service
5/11 Fri	5:00 pm TLWCC Music Practice
	8:00 pm AA/AIAnon
5/12 Sat	10:00 am TLWCC Worship
	6:00 pm TLWCC Worship & Fellowship
5/13 Sun	7th Sunday After Easter
	8:45 am Education Hour
	10:00 am Worship
	6:00 pm NA

SERVING TODAY

Elder: Karmon Christopherson

Ushers: Morellis

Counters: Derald & Chris Hadrath

Altar Care: Verlayne Sather

Attendance: 4/29/2018: 38

Offerings -- Regular \$1,425; Loose Plate \$115; Kayla

Hoem (Mission) \$100; Holiday Offerings \$60; Candles

\$26; Lutheran Witness \$26.70; Bethesda \$20; Rental \$50

Total: \$1,822.70

Needed each week for 2018: \$3,477.59

**Fellowship Following Today's Service
Hosted by Lori Sharbono and Verlayne Sather
Thank you!**

BIRTHDAYS: 2nd Bill Woll, 3rd Kevin Morelli, 3rd Sandra Bauer,
7th May Lenzen, 8th Sophie Edwards, 11th Karmon Christopher,
11th Tom Lyrenmann

ANNIVERSARIES: 3rd Mike & Deb Panning

ETERNAL CANDLE: None

FLOWERS: None

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jean Brede, Karmon Christopherson,
Millie Demcho, Millie Eckhardt, Deb Forsberg, Harriet Harris, Robert
& Delores Kluwe, Margaret Maxwell, Ada Samson, Dorothy Woll

REQUESTED PRAYERS:

Larry Derksen (Shirley's brother) – recovery from surgery

Dr. Lori Ongeri (Debra Forsberg's niece) – for a baby boy

Jeffrey Lucero (Debra Fosberg's nephew) – Ulcer

Vera Gade (Pastor's mother) recovering at home in Shakopee

John Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

Dick Gillund (Patty & Meridel's brother) medical issues

Elaine Gillund – surgery and radiation

Brandon Johnson (son of Lori Sharbono) continued good results

Roxie Johnson (Morelli's niece) heart issues

Steve Kaiser (friend of Patty Lyrenmann's brother) – COPD

Amy Price (Morelli's niece) – treatments for stage 4 cancer

Jimmy Royal & Dave (friends of Dick Gillund)

Marvin & Norma Thor – poor health/stomach cancer

Mary Phillips and Dan Crocker – Chronic Illness

Nancy Tousant (Krystal Kruse's co-worker) – Cancer

“IN OUR PRAYERS” AND “REQUESTED PRAYERS”

If you have family members or friends who require our prayers, please use the prayer request cards found in the pews or at the Ushers' counter and give to the office. They will be added to the Prayer list. Any updates to the current list? Let the office know.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE for Rosalina Ehnes will be held on Monday, May 7th at 10:30 am. A light luncheon will follow and a private family inurnment at Fort Snelling after the luncheon.

**REMINDER: KOA+ May 17 at 12 Noon. Sign Up Now!
“Mothers & Daughters” with Lasagna Lunch served.**

Counter's Training

If you are an active counter and need a refresher on the basics of counting, OR if you have any questions, you're in luck. A refresher course will be held on Monday, May 14 at 2 pm at the church.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Nanc Rixe.

Spring Flower Show at Bachman's

Bachman's Garden Center, 6010 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis will host an upcoming flower show. On May 20, the Daylily Society of Minnesota presents its annual daylily sale. The event is free.

Minneapolis street sweeping begins April 24

Street sweeping **usually takes about four weeks to complete.**

Drivers should watch for temporary "No Parking" signs to avoid a ticket and tow. For information, including an interactive map that shows when each area is scheduled for sweeping, visit:
minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/streetsweeping/.

99 pounds of food was donated by Gloria Dei to the Salvation Army Minneapolis NE Central Ave location for the month of April. Thank you for your generous donations!

Tai Ji Quan: Moving For Better Balance | May 7-July 30

This Tai Chi class reduces risk of falls by improving balance, muscle strength, flexibility, and mobility through mindful movements in a slow, flowing motion. The class meets twice a week on Monday and Thursday mornings for 12-weeks from 9:30 – 10:30 am.

To register, call 612-787-4045 or email TeamEVA@esns.org.

Classes are held at East Side Neighborhood Services (1700 Second St NE, Mpls). The cost of these classes is based on ability to pay.

Evidence Based health and wellness workshops/classes are sponsored by the Metropolitan Area Agency of Aging (MAAA) in the 7 county metro area

Living Well Support Group for those diagnosed with early dementia and mild cognitive impairment

Tuesdays, May 7 & 22, 10:00-11:30am

Are you someone living with early dementia or mild cognitive impairment and are looking for a network of support from others living with this disease? This support group provides a connection with others and a safe place to gain support and learn about other resources and education. There is no cost to participate. Contact Sara Tucker to pre-register and learn more about this group and availability: 612-787-4007, stucker@esns.org. This program is supported, in part, by a grant from the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Catechesis Note for the Week

Why is the Ascension of Jesus Christ important?

Acts 1:9-11 tells us what happened to Jesus after 40 days of appearances following His resurrection. The other direct reference to Christ's ascension is made in Luke 24:50-53. From these passages, several observations can be made.

First, the ascension clearly marked the end of Christ's earthly ministry. What began in a manger in Bethlehem ended with His return to heaven.

Second, the ascension marked the success of His earthly mission. Jesus completed all the Father had designed for Him to accomplish. His birth, miracles, teaching, death, resurrection, and appearances had proven His divine nature and had fulfilled the Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah's first advent.

Third, the ascension marked the time when Jesus once again enjoyed His heavenly glory. During His time on earth, with the exception of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9), Christ limited any expressions of the heavenly glory that He enjoyed prior to His earthly birth. His ascension began a new period during which Jesus would once again reign without limiting Himself to His earthly role.

Fourth, the ascension marks the beginning of the time when Jesus is preparing a place for His followers. John 14:2-3 teaches, "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

Fifth, it indicated the beginning of His work as High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16) and Mediator of the New Covenant (Heb 9:15)

Finally, the ascension established the pattern for Christ's return. As the angels in Acts 1 told the disciples, Jesus will return just as He left (see also Daniel 7:13-14).

Jesus Christ currently reigns in heaven. His ascension marks the beginning of the time in which the Church actively communicates the message of Jesus to bring many to faith who will live with Christ for eternity in the place He has prepared for us.

Today's Scripture Readings

ACTS 1:1-11: The visible ascension was not necessary for Jesus personally, as his glorification and exaltation was in effect actually from after his death and in his resurrection. It showed the disciples though, and the church, the logical culmination of his ministry which commenced in the humble process of a human birth. Now he concludes his work of salvation and earthly appearances in the supernatural ascension of his human person, thus demonstrating his exaltation and heavenly glorification. The cloud which took him from their sight is strongly reminiscent of the cloud which surrounded visibly the special presence of God among his people during his dealings with Israel. The heavenly messengers appeared consistently at other key points of our Lord's earthly ministry and will appear with him when he comes.

EPHESIANS 1:15-23: There is a power which God works to make Christians what they are as their faith interweaves with their visible love. God further gives wisdom, revelation, enlightenment and the hope of their inheritance by that power. Again, that same power has exalted Christ in his resurrection and enthronement at the right hand of God. Ascended far above all power and dominion, our sovereign Lord Jesus, both fully divine and fully human, knows our human experiences, problems and needs. He directs his rule of all things for the benefit of his church.

LUKE 24:44-53: In this last teaching session with His disciples, Jesus alludes to the importance of all His redeeming activity in God's sweeping plan carried out over thousands of years. The revelation of law through Moses and prophecy through especially inspired men all had fulfilment in Jesus' redemption. Therefore His work needs proclamation in terms of repentance and forgiveness of sin. The church will continue this work. The disciples returned with joy after their Lord's separation, for they knew that what was taken from them was merely his visible presence. He was, in reality, with them always.

Lessons for the 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-15; John 17:11b-19

Springtime!

Your message of hope
to a world tiring of winter's starkness,
longing for that first crocus
to push through snow's icy blanket
and spread its leaves,
like arms outstretched,
to its creator.

Springtime!

Our yearly reminder, if we needed one,
that to a world that was dark and cold,
a world devoid of love's sweet warmth,
You sent your Son
to break through sin's icy blanket,
and, arms outstretched
on a cross,
He brought us
forgiveness and hope.