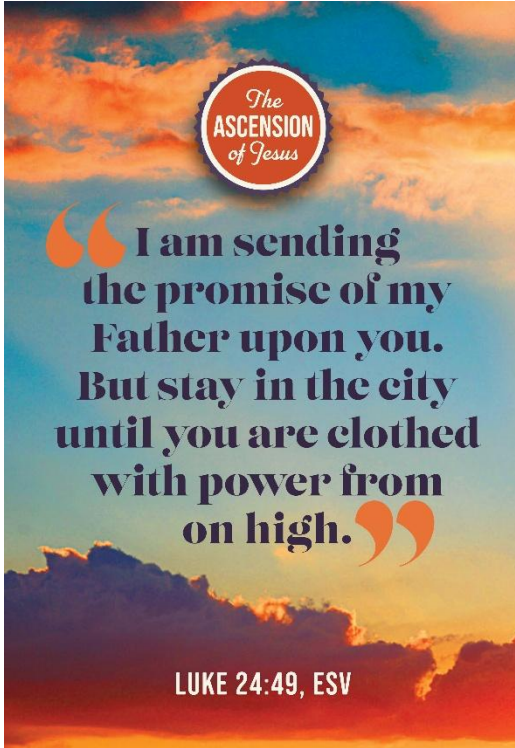


ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ascension Sunday



WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Mark 16:20 ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

Prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, Your Ascension into heaven is one of the greatest blessings You have given to Your Church. By Your Ascension, You assure us that You go to prepare a place for us. Also, by Your Ascension, You show Your power and authority by working directly with Your Church to proclaim the Gospel message throughout the world. Be with us, as we are Your ambassadors of Your Gospel. Through Your saving name, even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever, world without end. Amen.

Service of the Word

Opening Hymn

TLH 212 A Hymn of Glory vs 1-4,7

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

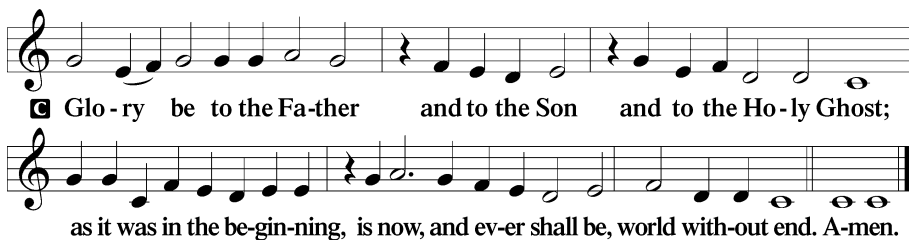
P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

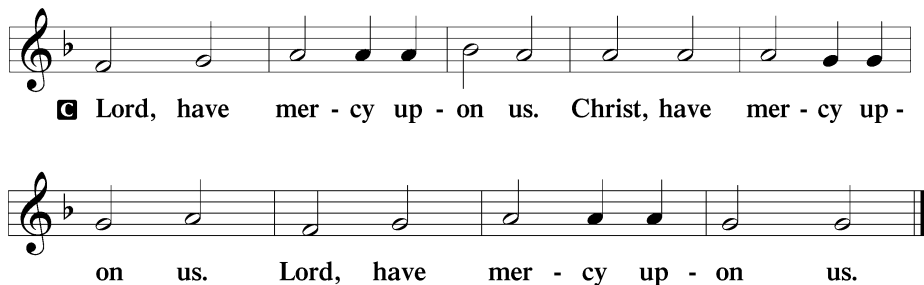
C: Amen.

Gloria Patri TLH pg 6



G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie TLH pg 7



G Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

. . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

WS 742 Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To His feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

2 Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Epistle Lesson:

Acts 1:1-11

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."

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 47 [Selected Verses]

P Clap your hands, all peoples!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

C For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.

P God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

C Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

P For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

C God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 4:7-14

⁷ The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of

God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies-- in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

Confession of Faith:

Apostles Creed

☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from
the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to
judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: **TLH 222 Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious**

Sermon

Mark 14:16-20

¹⁶ Afterward he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." ¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and

preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.]

The Authority of Christ Empowers Our Ministry

Offertory:

Create in Me 🎵🎵

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

Hymn

TLH 216 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

☞ 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
Forever and ever. Amen

Benediction

☞ Amen.

Hymn

Δ WS 737 Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels

Silent Prayer

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Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Pastoral Conference:** June 17th – 19th I will be attending General Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI. We will have a lay-service on the 22nd.
- **Work Day:** Saturday, June 7th, we will be having a church work day. Work starts at 9:30, arrive when you are able.
- **Spokesman & Daily Rest Renewal:** Signup sheet is on the table in the narthex if you’d like to continue receiving the Lutheran Spokesman/Daily Rest in the mail, or if you’d like to signup. Please make a point to look at it as soon as you can.

Call News:

- Pastor Mark Tiefel of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI ***is considering the call*** to Messiah Lutheran Church of Eau Claire, WI
- Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church of Loganville, GA ***is considering the call*** to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Fruits of Faith at Ascension:

DATE	NEEDED	RECEIVED
5/4/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 650.00
5/11/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 850.00
5/18/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 740.00
5/25/2025	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 975.00

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, June 8th Ascension Communion Service at 11:30
Sunday, June 15th Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30
Sunday, June 22nd Ascension Sunday Service at 11:30