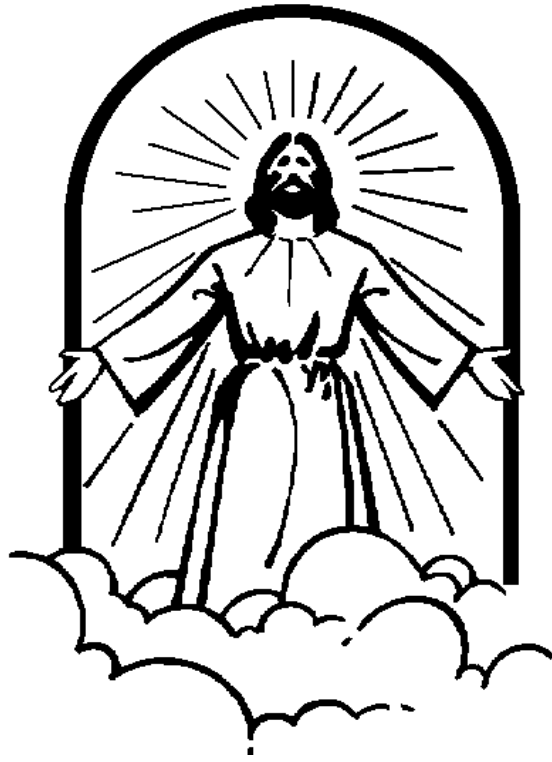


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Ascension is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

Fourth Sunday After Easter

“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 121, p. 152 (The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 206:1-4, 7-8 (TLH) *“Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense”*

Service Of Word And Sacrament, setting 2, p. 12 (Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O LORD, You know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your Word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; for I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand, for You have filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain perpetual and my wound incurable, *which* refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, as waters *that* fail? ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: “If you return, then I will bring you back; you shall stand before Me; if you take out the precious from the vile, you shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, but you must not return to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; and they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you; for I *am* with you to save you and deliver you,” says the LORD. ²¹ “I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible.”

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – Psalm 126

M: When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion, we were like those who dream.

C: THEN OUR MOUTH WAS FILLED WITH LAUGHTER, AND OUR TONGUE WITH SINGING.

M: Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

C: THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US, AND WE ARE GLAD.

M: Bring back our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the South.

C: THOSE WHO SOW IN TEARS SHALL REAP IN JOY.

M: He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing,

C: SHALL DOUBTLESS COME AGAIN WITH REJOICING, BRINGING HIS SHEAVES WITH HIM.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Peter 5:6-11 rise

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. ¹⁰ But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. ¹¹ To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Apostles' Creed, page 15 (Worship Supplement)

HYMN 192:1, 3, 6-8 (TLH) *“Awake, My Heart, With Gladness”*

SERMON: John 11:17-27

GOD KNOWS WHAT'S BEST FOR US

1. He cares about us
2. He knows what we need
3. He helps us in His own way and in His own time
4. He has given us the greatest blessing in Jesus

¹⁷ So when Jesus came, He found that [Lazarus] had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. ¹⁹ And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰ Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. ²¹ Then Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.” ²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴ Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” ²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. ²⁶ And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷ She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

Offertory, page 16 (Worship Supplement)

Offerings from grateful hearts

HYMN 732 (WS) *“Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds”*

Prayer Of The Church

Lord's Prayer, page 17 (Worship Supplement)

Benediction, page 21 (Worship Supplement)

HYMN 47 (TLH) *“Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise”*

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the entryway.

TODAY our USHER is Greg Suwanski. After church we continue our BIBLE STUDY at Revelation 2:12ff. NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE: 3:00 PM; BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE: 4:00 PM.

FRIDAY: NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 AM.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL and BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our USHER is Tyler Louderman.

OUR ASCENSION DAY SERVICE is THURSDAY, MAY 25, at 7:30 PM.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Last Sunday's attendance was 21, and our offering was \$551.00.

INSTALLATION: Pastor-Elect Stefan Sonnenfeld will be installed as the new pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, St. Louis County, MO, on Sunday, July 2, at 10:00 A.M.

SUMMARIES of the SPRING CLC COORDINATING COUNCIL REPORT are in the entryway by our guest book.

THE APRIL CLC FINANCIAL REPORT is in your MAILBOX.

CLC NEWS: Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN. Heidi Nelson of Grace Lutheran Church, Fridley, MN, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI. Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY. Mrs. Collette Krause has accepted the one-year call to teach Kindergarten at Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD. PULPIT VACANCIES: Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MI; St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD; and a second pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN.

To our mothers: **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**