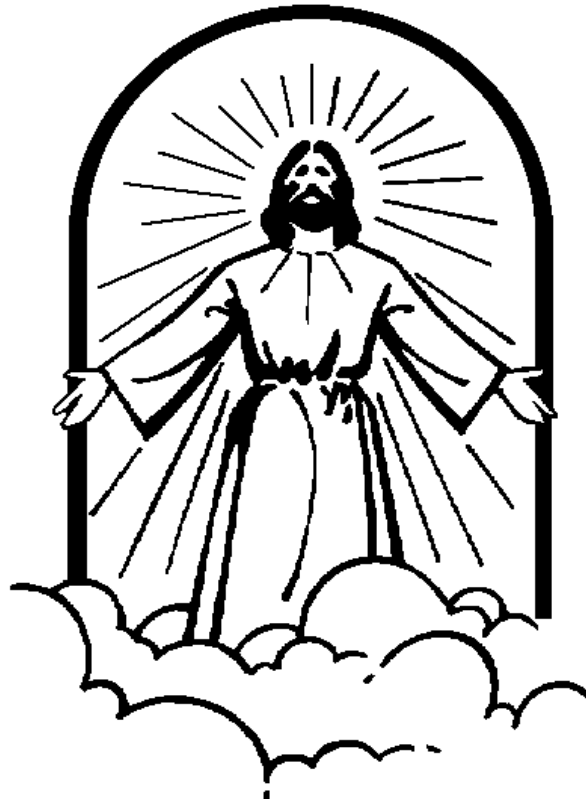


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians
intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 8 (page 124 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 296 (The Lutheran Hymnal) “Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth”

A Service Of Word & Sacrament, setting 2 (page 12, Worship Supplement)

FIRST LESSON: Acts 1:15-25

¹⁵ And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, ¹⁶ “Men *and* brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; ¹⁷ for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry. ¹⁸ (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, Akel Dama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ For it is written in the book of Psalms: ‘Let his dwelling place be desolate, and let no one live in it’; and, ‘Let another take his office.’ ²¹ Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.” ²³ And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen ²⁵ to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – Psalm 100

M: Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!

C: SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS;

M: come before His presence with singing.

C: KNOW THAT THE LORD, HE IS GOD;

M: it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

C: WE ARE HIS PEOPLE,

M: and the sheep of His pasture.

C: ENTER INTO HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

M: and into His courts with praise;

C: BE THANKFUL TO HIM AND BLESS HIS NAME.

M: For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting;

C: AND HIS TRUTH ENDURES TO ALL GENERATIONS.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 4:13-21 *rise*

¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love Him because He first loved us. ²⁰ If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? ²¹ And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God *must* love his brother also.

The Apostle's Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 285 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*How Precious Is The Book Divine*"

SERMON: John 17:11b-19

WE ARE GOD'S SANCTIFIED PEOPLE

- 1. We belong to God**
- 2. The world hates us**
- 3. We are Christ's witnesses to the world**
- 4. We are not of the world**
- 5. We remain faithful to God's Word**

¹¹ **Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We *are*.** ¹² **While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.** ¹³ **But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.** ¹⁴ **I have given them Your Word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.** ¹⁵ **I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one.** ¹⁶ **They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.** ¹⁷ **Sanctify them by Your truth. Your Word is truth.** ¹⁸ **As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.** ¹⁹ **And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.**

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalms 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 292:1-4, 7, 9 (tune: #447) (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide*"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, and THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (page 21, Worship Supplement)

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 283 (STANDING) (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*"

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex. TODAY our usher is Greg Suwanski. In our Bible Study we'll continue our discussion of The CLC General Pastoral Conference's response/recommendation to this summer's Convention regarding the Joint Statement. NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE: 3:00 PM, BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE: 4:00 PM.

FRIDAY: No North Aurora Care Center Bible study this week.

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

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Tyler Louderman.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$793.75, and last Thursday (Ascension Day) was \$360.00 (needed each week:

\$1,157.00); our attendance last Sunday was 16, and last Thursday was 6. Our General Fund balance as of last Sunday was \$2,320.00.

ASCENSION DIRECTORY: There is a ROUGH DRAFT of our UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY on the TABLE IN THE NARTHEX. Please look it over and make any necessary additions and corrections.

THE APRIL CLC FINANCIAL REPORT is in your MAILBOX.

CLC NEWS: Teacher Kirsten Gullerud of St. Stephen Lutheran School in Mountain View, CA, has returned the call from Redeemer Lutheran School in Cheyenne, WY.

Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has returned the call to Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac WI, and to Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN. Mrs. Erin Radichel has accepted the call to teach Kindergarten afternoons at Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN. Graduate Michaela Winters has accepted the call to teach at Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI.

CHURCH WORK DAY on SUNDAY, JUNE 10, immediately following our church service (no Sunday School or Bible Class that Sunday).

FAREWELL/RETIREMENT PROGRAM for Pastor Dave Schierenbeck at Berea Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, on Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 4:00 P.M. (program followed by a meal). RSVP by May 26 to Mikki Aymond, mikkiaym@yahoo.com, 651-280-7105. Cards may be sent to: Berea Lutheran Church, 9308 Rich Valley Blvd., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077, Attn.: Farewell Program.

To our mothers: Happy Mother's Day!