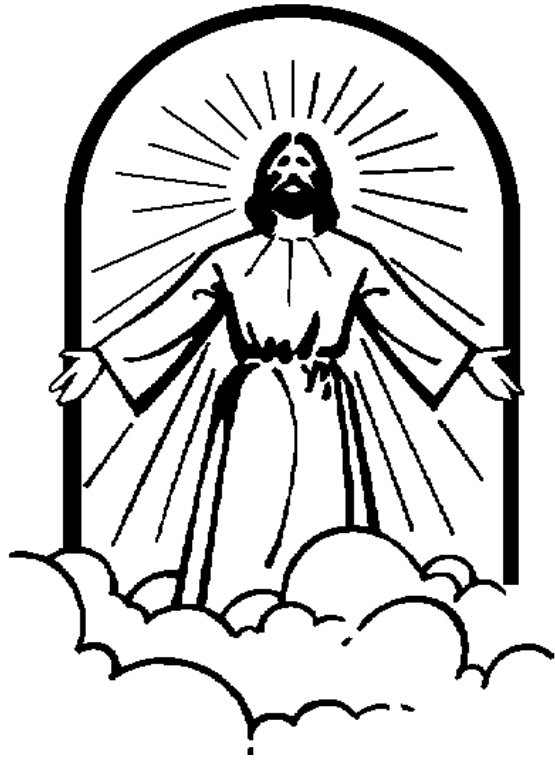


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**Ascension is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of  
Jesus Christ and His victory over death**

**The Sunday After Ascension**

*“Come now, and let us reason together,’ says the LORD, ‘though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” (Isaiah 1:18)*

**PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 130, p. 153 (The Lutheran Hymnal)**

**HYMN 207:1, 4-6 (TLH) *“Like The Golden Sun Ascending”***

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

**FIRST LESSON: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

<sup>1</sup> For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, <sup>3</sup> if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. <sup>6</sup> So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – from Psalm 25**

**M: Show me Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.**

**C: LEAD ME IN YOUR TRUTH AND TEACH ME, FOR YOU ARE THE GOD OF MY SALVATION; ON YOU I WAIT ALL THE DAY.**

**M: Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your loving-kindnesses, for they have been from of old.**

**C: DO NOT REMEMBER THE SINS OF MY YOUTH, NOR MY TRANSGRESSIONS;**

**M: according to Your mercy remember me, for Your goodness sake, O LORD.**

**C: GOOD AND UPRIGHT IS THE LORD, THEREFORE HE TEACHES SINNERS IN THE WAY.**

**M: The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way.**

**C: ALL THE PATHS OF THE LORD ARE MERCY AND TRUTH.**

**SECOND LESSON: John 8:12-20** *rise*

<sup>12</sup> Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." <sup>13</sup> The Pharisees therefore said to Him, "You bear witness of Yourself; Your witness is not true."

<sup>14</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Even if I bear witness of Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going; but you do not know where I come from and where I am going. <sup>15</sup> You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. <sup>16</sup> And yet if I do judge, My judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I *am* with the Father who sent Me. <sup>17</sup> It is also written in your law that the testimony of two men is true. <sup>18</sup> I am One who bears witness of Myself, and the Father who sent Me bears witness of Me." <sup>19</sup> Then they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" Jesus answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also." <sup>20</sup> These words Jesus spoke in the treasury, as He taught in the temple; and no one laid hands on Him, for His hour had not yet come.

**Apostles' Creed, page 15 (Worship Supplement)**

**HYMN 376 (TLH)** *"Rock Of Ages, Cleft For Me"*

**SERMON: Isaiah 55:6-9**

**REPENT, AND BE FORGIVEN**

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. <sup>7</sup> Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."

**Offertory, page 16 (Worship Supplement)**

**Offerings from grateful hearts**

**HYMN 388 (TLH)** *"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"*

**Prayer Of The Church**

**Lord's Prayer, page 17 (Worship Supplement)**

**Benediction, page 21 (Worship Supplement)**

**HYMN 777 (WS)** *"Amazing Grace"*

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**WELCOME, VISITORS!** Please leave a record of your visit in our guest

book in the entryway.

**TODAY** our USHER is Glenn Libby. After church we continue our BIBLE STUDY at Revelation 3:1ff. 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 Rick Louderman.

**ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH:** Last Sunday's attendance was 17, and our offering was \$635.50.

**BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL** will not be held June through August; both resuming in

September.

**THE APRIL CLC FINANCIAL REPORT** is in your MAILBOX.

**CLC COORDINATING COUNCIL:** Copies of the full SPRING CLC CC REPORT are available on

the TABLE in the ENTRYWAY. This report gives us the latest news on what is happening in our synod's activities here and around the world.

**CLC NEWS:** St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD, has called Pastor emeritus David Koenig, West Columbia, SC. St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA, has called Mrs. Rebecca Lillo, member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, to be the second teacher in its school. Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, has called Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND, as co-pastor.

ASCENSION DAY is the coronation celebration of our Lord as He is proclaimed to be King of the universe. Jesus' ascension to the Father is His entrance to the greater existence beyond the confines of time and space, being no longer bound by the limitations of His state of humiliation. Jesus now sits at the right hand of God, which Luther correctly taught is everywhere, having again taken up the power and authority that were His since before time. Yet our Lord is present with us who remain bound by time and space. He is with us as true God and true man, exercising His rulership in the Church through the means of grace which He established: His Word and His Sacraments. We mortals in those means of grace can grasp the King of the universe and receive a foretaste of the feast to come. (from the Treasury Of Daily Prayer)