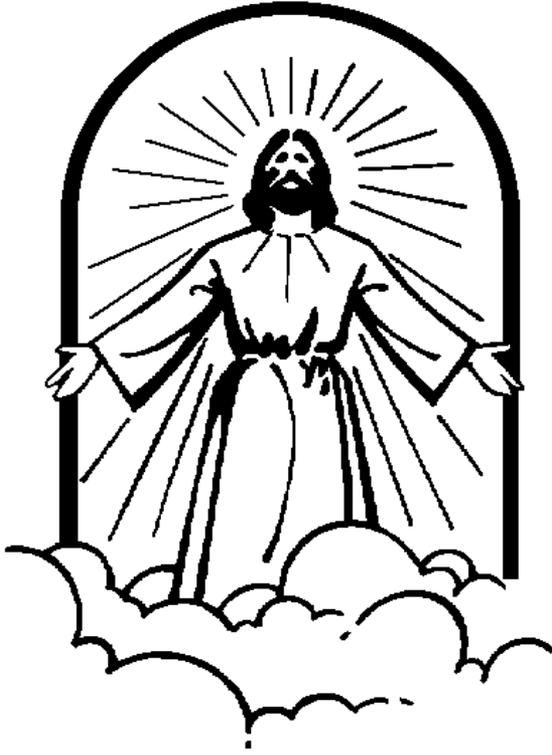


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Ascension is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of
Jesus Christ and His victory over death

Reminiscere – The 2nd Sunday In Lent

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.”
(Isaiah 53:5)

Setting from Worship Supplement, page 12, Service of Word and Sacrament, setting 2. The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH) (hymns 1-660) is the RED book. Worship Supplement (WS) (hymns 701-800) is the TAN book. (If you have difficulty standing, please feel free to remain seated as needed.)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 25 (page 128 in TLH)

HYMN 140:1-3, 5 (TLH) *“Jesus, I Will Ponder Now”*

INVOCATION (PAGE 12, WS)

M: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen.

**C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.**

Glory to God In the Highest – *Gloria In Excelsis*
5:8-14

Luke 2:14; Rev.

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,**

**Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high;
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY (page 14, WS)

M: Let us pray ...

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

C: Amen.

PASSION HISTORY, part 2 – Trial And Denial

Then the detachment of troops and the captain and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. And they led Him away and brought Him into the high priest's house. They led Him to Annas first; for he was high priest that year. Now it was Caiaphas who gave counsel to the Jews that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

And Simon Peter followed Jesus at a distance, and so did the other disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest. But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to her who kept the door and brought Peter in, right into the courtyard of the high priest.

And the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals in the midst of the courtyard stood there, for it was cold. And they warmed themselves. And Peter stood with them and warmed himself at the fire. And after they had sat down together, Peter sat down with the servants to see the end.

The high priest then asked Jesus about His disciples and His doctrine. Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly to the world; I always taught in the synagogues, and in the temple, where the Jews always meet, and in secret I have said nothing. Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard Me what I said to them; indeed, they know what I said."

And when He had said these things, one of the officers who stood by struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, "Do You answer the

high priest like that?" Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?"

Then Annas sent Jesus bound to Caiaphas the high priest; and with him were assembled all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes. And the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death; and found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. For many bore false witness against Him, but their testimonies did not agree. But at last two false witnesses came forward, and bore false witness against Him, saying, "This Fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'" But not even then did their testimony agree.

And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You answer nothing? What is it that these men testify against You?" But Jesus kept silent, and answered nothing. And the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, "I adjure You by the living God that You tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am. It is as you said. Nevertheless I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! What further need do we have of witnesses? What do you think?" They answered and said, "He is deserving of death!"

Then some began to spit in His face. And the men who held Jesus mocked Him. They blindfolded Him and struck Him in the face and asked Him, "Prophecy to us, Christ; who is the one that struck You?" And many other things they blasphemously spoke against Him.

Now Peter was sitting outside, below in the courtyard. And a certain servant-girl, one of the servant-girls of the high priest, the one who kept the door, saw Peter warming himself as he sat by the fire. She came to him, and said, "You are not also one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." She said, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." She looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him." But Peter denied it before them all saying, "Woman, I do not know Him, I neither know nor understand what you are saying." And he went out on the porch. And a rooster crowed.

And after a little while, when he had gone out to the gateway, another servant-girl saw him and began to say to those who stood by, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth. This is one of them." And again he denied it with an oath. He said, "Man, I am not. I do not know the Man."

Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "Surely this fellow also was with Him; for he is a Galilean." Those who stood by said to Peter: "Surely you are one of them; for you are a Galilean, and your speech shows it." One of the servants of the high priest, a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with Him?" Peter therefore denied it again. He began to curse and swear, saying "I do not know this Man of whom you speak!" And immediately, while he was still speaking, a rooster crowed a second time.

And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter called to mind the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny Me three times."

And when Peter thought about it, he went out and wept bitterly.

M: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Alleluia (sung) (page 14, WS)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
These words are written
that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – Psalm 130

M: Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD;

C: Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

M: If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared.

M: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His Word I do hope.

C: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning – yes, more than those who watch for the morning.

M: O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy.

And with Him is abundant redemption.

C: And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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.

HYMN 143:1-5 (TLH) “*O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken*”

SERMON: Isaiah 53:3-6

**SURELY HE HAS BORNE OUR GRIEFS AND CARRIED OUR
SORROWS**

³ He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, *our* faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

M: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philipians 4:7

OFFERTORY (sung) (page 16, WS)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from Your presence.
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.
Uphold with Your Spirit free.**

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 151:1-3, 6-7 (TLH) “*Christ, The Life Of All The Living*”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE 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.**

THE BENEDICTION (page 21, WS)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN 367 (TLH) “*Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*”

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TODAY our USHER is Greg Suwanski. There is a NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE at 3:00 PM, and a BATAVIA REHAB SERVICE at 4:00 PM.

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY our USHER is Tyler Louderman.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Offerings: February 26: \$1,170.00, Ash Wednesday: \$45.00, last Sunday: \$1,061.00. Attendance: February 26: 22, Ash Wednesday: 5, last Sunday: 20.

CLC NEWS: Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has called Amy Mielke of Messiah Lutheran Church, Hales Corners, WI, to teach grades 3-4 at its school. Kristen Friedrichs has returned the call to teach social studies at Immanuel Lutheran School, Mankato, MN. The congregation has called Sherman Carstensen of Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI, to serve as counselor at its schools.

SAMANTHA BARTHELS, daughter of Pastor Ted and Denise Barthels of Austin, MN, entered eternal life this past Tuesday. While the Lord had brought Samantha through a stem cell transplant, she had been battling related health complications for some time. The victory service will be held tomorrow morning at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Austin (time TBD). "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of one of his saints." (Ps. 116:15)