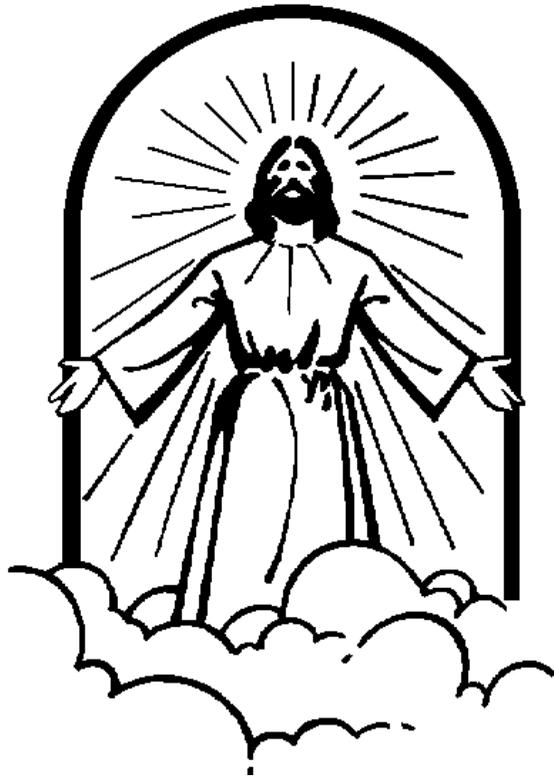


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Ascension Lutheran is a family of Christians intent on sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ and His victory over death

“For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!” (Job 19:25-27)

PRESERVICE MEDITATION: Psalm 48 (page 134, The Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 210 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“The Strife Is O’er, The Battle Done”*

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

FIRST LESSON: Acts 13:15-16, 26-33

¹⁵ And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, “Men *and* brethren, if you have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.”¹⁶ Then Paul stood up, and motioning with *his* hand said, ... ²⁶ “Men *and* brethren, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to you the Word of this salvation has been sent. ²⁷ For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled *them* in condemning *Him*. ²⁸ And though they found no cause for death *in Him*, they asked Pilate that He should be put to death. ²⁹ Now when they had fulfilled all that was written concerning Him, they took *Him* down from the tree and laid *Him* in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised Him from the dead. ³¹ He was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are His witnesses to the people. ³² And we declare to you glad tidings – that promise which was made to the fathers. ³³ God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You.’”

PSALM OF THE DAY (*responsively*) – Psalm 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: HE MAKES ME LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES; HE LEADS ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS, HE RESTORES MY SOUL.

L: He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.

C: THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH ME;

L: Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

C: YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMIES. YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP OVERFLOWS.

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

C: AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

SECOND LESSON – the Gospel: John 10:22-30 *rise*

²² Now it was the Feast of Dedication in Jerusalem, and it was winter. ²³ And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon’s porch. ²⁴ Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, “How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name, they bear witness of Me. ²⁶ But you do not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My

Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. ³⁰ I and *My* Father are one."

The Apostles' Creed (page 15, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 371:1-4 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Jesus, Thy Blood And Righteousness*"

SERMON: Revelation 7:9-17

WHO ARE THESE, CLOTHED IN WHITE ROBES?

⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *be* to our God forever and ever. Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴ And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore they are before



the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. ¹⁶ They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 371:5-8 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Jesus, Thy Blood And Righteousness*"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION (page 21, Worship Supplement)

Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 656 (The Lutheran Hymnal) "*Behold A Host, Arrayed In White*"

WELCOME, VISITORS! Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex. **TODAY** our usher is Glenn Libby. In our Bible Study we're on Revelation 12:11. **NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE: 3:00 PM; BATAVIA REHAB CENTER SERVICE: 4:00 PM.**

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Rick Louderman. We have a **RESCHEDULED VOTERS**

MEETING (we didn't have enough voters for a quorum last Sunday) immediately following our church service. We'll eat lunch during our voters meeting, then have a **CHURCH WORK DAY.**

WE HAVE our **ASCENSION DAY SERVICE** on **THURSDAY, MAY 30, at 7:30 PM.**

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$2,267.27 (needed each week: \$1,157.00), and our attendance was 18. Our general fund balance as of last Sunday was \$1,413.00. Our expenses are currently all paid.

CLC NEWS: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO, has called Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD. ILC teacher graduate Nathan Buck has accepted the call to Valley Bible Academy (St. John's Lutheran Church), Clarkston, WA. ILC teacher graduate June Schmid has accepted the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI. Immanuel Seminary graduate Samuel Naumann has accepted the call to Resurrection Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, TX. Berea member Christy Moen has received and accepted the call to teach Preschool and Kindergarten next fall at Berea Lutheran Church of Inver Grove Heights (Minneapolis area), MN. Pastor Caleb Schaller and Mrs. Jennifer Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, have received a call from the Board of Regents to serve part time in the new "Immanuel On-Campus Counseling/Mentoring Program."

PASTOR EMERITUS ARTHUR SHULZ was called to his heavenly home this past

Wednesday, May 8. His victory service was this past Friday at Trinity Lutheran Church in Millston, Wisconsin. "O Death, where is your sting? O Grave, where is your victory?" ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:55, 57)

"Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! ... Christ is risen, and death and hell are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen." (John Chrysostom)

To our mothers: HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!