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The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. A Joint Service with Our Savior, WFB

by Pastor Larson

What is the Ascension? It is the event in Christ's exaltation, forty days after His resurrection, which marked the beginning of His session at the right hand of God the Father as head over all things for the sake of His Church. Forty days after Jesus' resurrection He ascended into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. The Ascension marks His exaltation by God the Father for having redeemed us from sin, death, and the power of Satan. Victorious over death and hell by His sacrifice for our salvation, He now reigns with power at the Father's right hand.

It's very important to observe that when Jesus ascends into heaven He does not say "goodbye" or "good luck!" It's no farewell speech! Instead He gives us a wonderful message of consolation, "Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Mt. 28:10). How is the Lord with us always? Is He in our hearts? Do we simply cherish His memory? No!

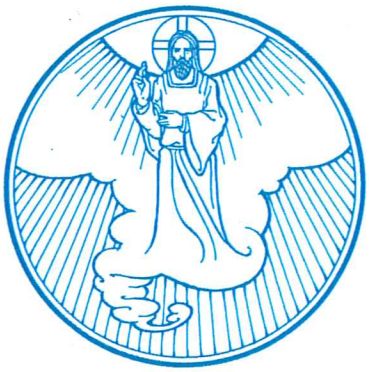
Listen to how Luke the Evangelist introduces the book of Acts: "In the first book (Luke's Gospel!), O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus <u>began to do and teach</u>, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen" (Acts 1:1-2). The key words here in reference to Luke's Gospel are the things "Jesus began to do," BEFORE His ascension. Alright, so what's the point? The Ascension is the beginning of something new and wonderful where Jesus promises to be with us in a yet more glorious way. The risen and ascended Lord promises to be with us wherever His Gospel is preached and His Sacraments are administered.

As the disciples gazed into heaven at His ascension, so all the faithful look forward to His Second Coming in glory when He will raise us up from the dead to share fully in the glory of His resurrection and ascension in the life everlasting.

Members of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Whitefish Bay, will be our guests for the Thursday evening service. Offerings will support the work of the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.

Serving Us

Michael C. Larson, *Pastor*
Jason Lane & Brian German, *Assisting Pastors*
Kathryn A. Hill, *Church Secretary*
Martha Galvin, *Director of Music*
John Wolck, *Interim iO Coordinator*
Alden Grasse, *USC Coordinator*



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When Does a Christian Receive the Lord's Supper for the First Time?

BY PASTOR LARSON

Candidates for admission to the Lord's Supper have learned the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. They have received instruction in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and what to expect in receiving and enjoying the Sacraments. Confessing their sin and trusting in their Savior, they desire to receive the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of their faith in Christ and their love toward others.

Who is worthy to receive the Lord's Supper? The Small Catechism teaches us: "That person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.' But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words 'for you' require all hearts to believe."

Baptized Christians are admitted to the Sacrament of the Altar when they have been examined and absolved by their pastor in accordance with the practice outlined in the Augsburg Confession (Article XXV, on Private Confession and Absolution). What does this mean? Catechumens are gently and lovingly examined by the pastor on the chief articles of the Christian faith. They are also absolved individually "from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven."

These Christians receiving the Lord's Supper for the first time are offered the opportunity also to publicly confess their faith before the congregation in the Divine Service, that all would be able to rejoice with them, pray for them, and encourage them, that they would remain present in weekly worship and live a holy life by faith in the Gospel.

Christian fathers and mothers are ultimately responsible for catechesis in the home and bringing their children to the pastor for examination and absolution. Remember, each of the six chief parts of the Small Catechism are addressed to the "head of the family." <u>If Christian parents believe their child is prepared to begin receiving the Lord's Supper, it is their responsibility to contact the pastor to set up a time for examination and absolution</u>.

The Feast of Pentecost: Sunday, May 20, at 9 A.M. *BY PASTOR LARSON*

What is Pentecost? Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the apostles in order that the Gospel might be proclaimed in all the earth. The signs and wonders associated with this day continued to accompany the ministry of the apostles, just as they accompanied the ministry of Jesus and bore witness to His authority from the Father. This event took place fifty days after the Resurrection of our Lord.

Peter's first Pentecost sermon makes it clear that the Holy Spirit was given for the preaching of Christ and Him crucified for the forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. This preaching converts the sinful heart and creates faith in Christ, and draws us to Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The view of the Spirit-filled Church we have in the Book of Acts involves the same daily activities that take place among us here at Luther Memorial Chapel and University Student Center. The risen Christ is truly among us and His ministry is ongoing! Praise be to

Dear Ladies of LMC,

Thank you for surprising us with a baby shower on Sunday, April 8. That was such a special day for us as a family! We give thanks for Lena Ruth's Baptism into Christ on Jubilate Sunday – truly a day of Christian joy! We are deeply appreciative of the many gifts, prayers, and words of support for us.

Pastor Larson, Kristina,
Lucia, Luther, Lazarus, Lorraine & Lena

Baptismal Birthdays

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Roxanne Tibbits	May
Kelly Clark	May 1
Caleb Fitzgerald	May 1
Andrew Brondos	May 2
Tristan Zirkle	May 2
Sophia Carlton	May 4
Anjelica Visgin	May 6
Richard Sovitzky III	May 10
Brittany Fremder	May 11
Alexis Rebholz	May 12
Susan Simon	May 13
James Walters	May 13
Teresa Staff	May 16
Catherine Andersen	May 17
Barbara Knetzger	May 17
Barbara Gregory	May 19
Magdalene Lane	May 22
Isabel Sovitzky	May 23
Lazarus Larson	May 25
Evelyn Kelm	May 26
Garrett Stevens	May 28
Rheanne Tibbits	May 28
Rachel Ploetz	May 30

Membership News

ADDRESS CHANGE
Deirdre Christiansen
PMB 129
361 Falls Rd
Grafton, WI 53024-2617

TRANSFERRED TO LMC
on March 14, 2018, from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Excelsior Springs, MO: Aaron Viets, *who resides with wife* Mary *at*

BAPTIZED *on April 22, 2018:*
Lena Ruth Larson, *daughter of Michael & Kristina Larson*

DEATH
Lois Johnson, *April 7, 2018*

Altar Guild for May

In May we finish the Easter Season, using white paraments for the Sixth and Seventh Sundays of Easter and for Ascension Day, Thursday, May 10. Red is the color for the Day of Pentecost, May 20. Then we return to white for The Holy Trinity, May 27.

The Sunday Gospels for May are:

May 6	John 16:23-33
May 13	John 15:26—16:4
May 20	John 14:23-31
May 27	John 3:1-17

A Hymn for Ascension Day:
See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph
Stanza 5

He has raised our human nature
On the clouds to God's right hand;
There we sit in heav'nly places,
There with Him in glory stand.
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;
Man with God is on the throne.
By our mighty Lord's ascension
We by faith behold our own.

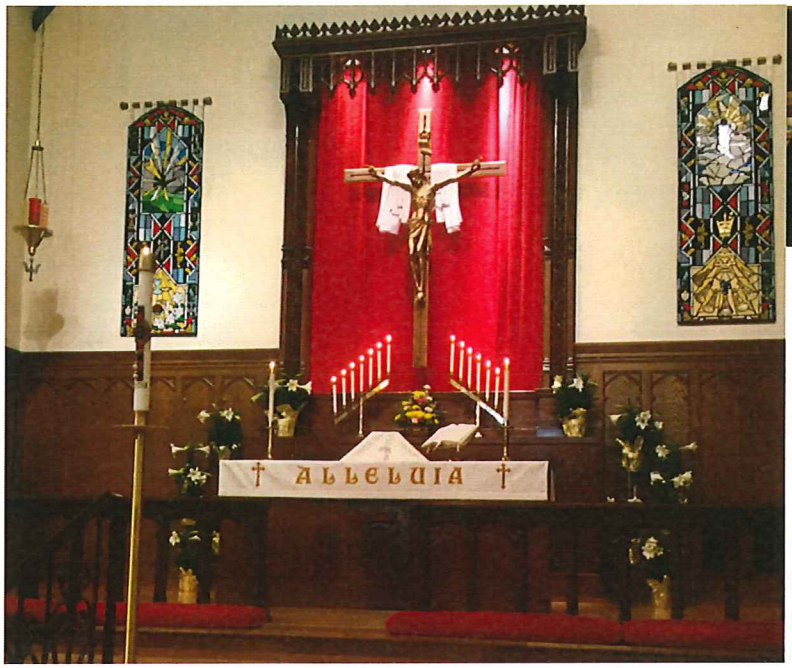
Mission Giving in March, April & May

The collection of offerings begun in March for ***Issues, Etc.***, a Lutheran radio program, continues. A member has pledged to match gifts up to $500 to help LMC remain a member of the **Issues 300 Club.**

In the last two weekends of April we are gathering gifts to support the work of **Dr. Cortright in Eurasia**, where he will build up other pastors in various mission settings. We aim to report the amounts collected for each of these recipients in our May issue of *Chapel News*.

LMC will host the Ascension Day Divine Service on **May 10**; for that day our designated mission gift supports the work of the **Siberian Lutheran Mission Society.** Please make out your offering check to "Siberian Lutheran Mission Society," and we will mail these checks to the proper address.

PICTURING EASTER AT LMC; SURPRISING THE LARSONS ON QUASIMODOGENITI



RIGHT:

Guests at LMC's Easter breakfast included international friends and university students.

LEFT:

Seasonal banners made by LMC members flanked the altar on Easter morning.

The ladies of LMC surprised the Larsons with a baby shower on April 8, a week after Easter Day.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC: *EASTER, SPRING BARBECUE, VOLUNTEER REPORT*

iO Easter Traditions Event March 22

Jennifer Grasse organized the particulars with many helpers. We hosted international guests from SEVEN nations!

Children (and their parents) decorated eggs, hunted hidden eggs, learned about Holy Week and Christ's work as the center of Easter celebrations, and enjoyed a traditional Easter treat of hot cross buns and Chinese tea eggs.

Thank you to all who helped with this great event that witnessed in so many ways to the love of Christ.

Annual Spring BBQ: LMC(i+U) = f/F

LMC + International Guests + University Students = Food & Fun!

Friday, May 4, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (sponsored by the iO volunteers)

EVERYONE JOIN US for a fun evening with food and fun with our international friends and our university students!

FOOD: burgers, brats, and dogs will be provided. Bring a side dish or desert to share!

Followed by **GAMES**: the return of TRIVIA NIGHT! We will have a shorter version of last year's Trivia game, designed for LMC members, internationals and university students to play together.

Meantime, children will have supervised fun in the gym or playroom.

Plan now to attend and connect with our wider community over food and fun!

For more information, contact Nancy Wolck or Judy Hessel.

Volunteer Martha Galvin's Story

A volunteer moved away. There was an opening for a Conversation Class Facilitator. I said yes.

In the almost two years since I said yes, I have had the pleasure of working with and learning from the international scholars who have come to LMC for conversation, friendship, and insight into life in the United States, especially Milwaukee. In my class they have astounded me with their grasp of English and their ability to quickly learn nuance, inside humor, idiomatic phrasing, and 21st-century lingo. It has been a pleasure to share with them facts about our culture, history, and ethnic backgrounds, holidays and celebrations. It has been fun to compare ours to theirs, noting both differences and similarities. We often use a textbook and a newspaper designed for internationals; however, some classes are geared toward their requests, and our discussions flow accordingly.

These scholars have welcomed us at LMC as much as we have welcomed them, befriending us, cooking for us, and sharing with us. There is always gratitude expressed, and smiles abound! Thanks be to God for establishing the iO programs that welcome visitors from other lands and give them the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR MAY 2018

WEEK ONE *May 1-5*

Tuesday Lev 23:1–22
Luke 12:13–34

Wednesday Lev 23:23–44
Luke 12:35–53

Thursday Lev 24:1–23
Luke 12:54—13:17
Lev 25:1–55

Friday Lev 26:1–20
Luke 13:18–35

Saturday
Lev 26:21–33, 39–44
Luke 14:1–24
Num 1:1—2:34

WEEK TWO *May 6-12*

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Num 3:1–16, 39–48
Luke 14:25—15:10
Num 4:1—8:4

Monday Num 8:5–26
Luke 15:11–32

Tuesday Num 9:1–23
Luke 16:1–18

Wednesday Num 10:11–36
Luke 16:19–31

Ascension Day
Num 11:1–23, 31–35
Luke 17:1–19

Friday Num 11:24-29; 12:1-16
Luke 17:20–37

Saturday Num 13:1–3, 17–33
Luke 18:1–17

WEEK THREE *May 13-19*

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Num 14:1–25
Luke 18:18–34

Monday Num 14:26–45
Luke 18:35—19:10
Num 15:1–41

Tuesday Num 16:1–22
Luke 19:11–28

Wednesday Num 16:23–40
Luke 19:29–48

Thursday Num 16:41—17:13
Luke 20:1–18
Num 18:1—19:22

Friday Num 20:1–21
Luke 20:19–44

Saturday Num 20:22—21:9
Luke 20:45—21:19
John 8:1–20

WEEK FOUR *May 20-26*

Pentecost Sunday
Num 21:10–35
Luke 21:20–38

Monday Num 22:1–20
Luke 22:1–23

Tuesday Num 22:21—23:3
Luke 22:24–46

Wednesday Num 23:4–28
Luke 22:47–71

Thursday Num 24:1–25
Luke 23:1–25

Friday Num 27:12–23
Luke 23:26–56

Saturday Num 32:1–6, 16–27
Luke 24:1–27

WEEK FIVE *May 27-31*

Holy Trinity Sunday
Num 35:9–30
Luke 24:28–53
Acts 1:1—7:60

THE TIME OF THE CHURCH

May 28 Eccl 5:1–20
John 8:1–20

May 29 Eccl 6:1—7:10
John 8:21–38

May 30 Eccl 7:11–29
John 8:39–59

May 31 (Visitation)
Eccl 8:1–17
John 9:1–23

LUTHER MEMORIAL'S OFFICERS & STAFF IN 2018

President:	John Burfeind
Treasurer:	Andrew Brondos
Assistant Treasurer:	Laine Scott
Secretary:	Bethany Bratz
Chair of Elders:	Mark Paterson
Vice-Chair of Elders:	Don Toll
Secretary of Elders:	Jon Hagedorn
Chair of Trustees:	Paul Hessel
Chair, Bd. of Christian Ed.:	Jennifer Grasse
Sun. Schl. Superintendent:	Janelle Galvin
Chair of Dorcas Guild:	Marie Zimmerman
Chair of Altar Guild:	Judy Hessel

Geographical Elder Areas

Don Toll – North 53211

John Galvin – South 53211

M. Paterson – Riverwest/East Side

Jon Hagedorn – Near North

Adam Scott – Far North

Jeff Hagedorn – South

Joe Bratz – Wauwatosa/Near West

John Wolck – West/Far West

The members of the **Board of Trustees** give attention to the financial responsibilities of the congregation and the church's physical properties. Concerns about budgets, maintenance of the church, or similar items should be addressed to the Trustees.

The members of the **Board of Christian Education** give attention to education programs. Concerns about Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Classes, or similar items should be addressed to the Board of Christian Education.

The members of the **Board of Elders** are to work closely with Pastor for the spiritual well-being of the congregation. Concerns about the Divine Service, service times, pastoral care, church membership, or similar items should be addressed to Pastor or the Elders.

SCHEDULES FOR MAY 2018

USHERS

Tom Rebholz, *Head Usher*
Jim Genthe
Paul Hessel
John Kretsch
Carl Schramm
Aaron Siegmann
Prince Solomon
Rachel Swanson
John Swanson
Aaron Viets

Anyone interested in helping usher on Sundays, please contact Tom Rebholz.

ALTAR GUILD

Piera S.
Wendy Pelsis

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

May 6
Concordia Students

May 13

May 20
Wolcks & Wu

May 27

ELDERS ON SUNDAYS

May 6 Mark P, Jeff H

May 13 Joe B, Don Toll

May 20 Jon H, Aaron Viets

May 27 Jeff H, John Wolck

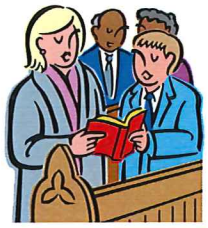
ELDERS ON MONDAYS

May 7 John Wolck

May 14 John Galvin

May 21 Adam Scott

May 28 *SERVICE CANCELLED*



HYMN OF THE DAY & PSALM OF THE WEEK

May 6 Ps. 107:1-9
LSB **766** *Our Father, Who from Heaven Above*

May 13 Ps. 51:1-12
LSB **539** *Christ Is the World's Redeemer*

May 20 Ps. 143
LSB **497** *Come, Holy Ghost, God & Lord*

May 27 Ps. 29
LSB **498** *Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest*

LMC's VBS Needs You!

We're looking for volunteers who love children and want to teach and encourage them in the faith.

Training and mentoring will be provided.

If interested, please talk to Ruth Gaba, or email

Volunteers Meeting is Thursday, July 19, at 6 p.m.

VBS is July 30-August 3
Monday -Friday, 9:00-11:45 a.m.