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Ascension Day: *Just the Beginning?*

by Pastor Larson

I just love the first verse of the Book of Acts! The writer Luke writes, *"In the first book [Gospel of Luke], O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up...."* Luke is saying, in my first book (the Gospel bearing his name) I recorded for you the birth, teaching, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ up through His ascension. But that wasn't the end of the ministry of Jesus. According to this first verse in Acts, Luke is saying the Ascension is just the beginning of the ministry of Jesus!

On the fortieth day after His resurrection, our Lord ascended to the right hand of the Father, Jesus' position of authority from the Father to reign over all things for the sake of His Church. Therefore, Christ is ascended but by no means absent! He now fills all things in heaven and on earth. He continues "to do and to teach" (Acts 1:1), through altars and pulpits the world over, preaching repentance and forgiveness of sins through those sent in His name (Mark 16:14–20; Luke 24:44–53), giving you His true body and blood in the Supper.

He is Lord over all things for the sake of the Church, and He whom heaven cannot contain has raised your human nature to share fully in the glory of God. You are baptized in Christ and are therefore already sitting in the heavenly places because you are in Him who is at the Father's right hand. When Jesus comes again in the clouds on the Last Day, you also will appear with Him in glory.

We will have an Ascension Service here at Luther Memorial Chapel on Thursday, May 26, at 6:30 p.m. Members of Our Savior, Whitefish Bay, are invited. Elders will host an ice cream social in the fellowship hall after the service.

Serving Us

Michael C. Larson, *Pastor*
Jason Lane & Brian German, *Assisting Pastors*
Kathryn A. Hill, *Church Secretary*
Martha Galvin, *Director of Music*
Julie Wohlrabe, *iO Director*
Anna Young, *USC Coordinator*

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You Are Cordially invited to the

Second Annual May Day 10k Run/Walk Along the Milwaukee River (With 5k Option)

Saturday, May 7, 2022
(*Bad weather make-up day is May 21*)

Runners will meet in the USC room promptly at 9 a.m. for brief instructions and prayer. The 10k run/walk will take 1-2 hours depending on your speed. You can opt for a shorter course with the 5k turnaround. You will see a red 5k sign which will indicate that you may turn around and head back to the church. Please see the attached map for details.

Before entering into Hubbard Park you will run past the Rebholz residence on Menlo Blvd. I'm pretty sure someone will be ringing a cowbell there.

When you cross the footbridge over the river on the southernmost part of the course a water station will be set up. Once you reach the Capitol bridge, just head back to church.

All finishers can expect some fancy race swag. Upon returning, runners and their families will be treated to brats, hot dogs, chips, and refreshments. Suggested free will donation is $5. Fans/supporters of runners + children eat free.

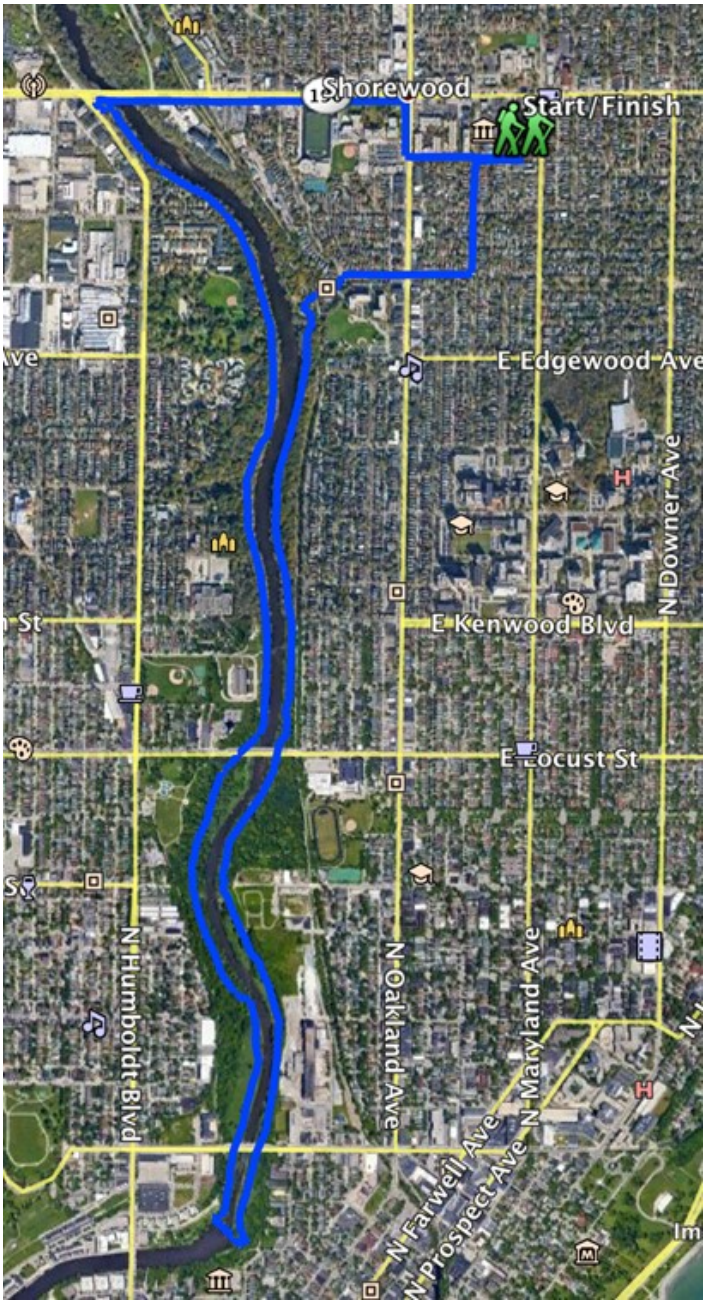
During the run/walk the children can watch *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* in the USC room.

RSVP to me by Thursday, May 5. Indicate also how many fans/supporters/children will be joining you for the adventure. That way we can make sure there is plenty of food for all.

Suggested free will donation is $5 per runner to help offset costs. Supporters/children eat free. Donation basket will be by the brats on race day. Any gifts exceeding cost of event will go to the capital improvement fund and new roof going up this fall!

The aim of this run is to do something new, challenging, and fun! Also gives you the opportunity to meet someone new in the congregation. I hope you will consider participating!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Larson



Baptismal Birthdays

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Roxanne Tibbits	May
Kelly Clark	May 1
Caleb Fitzgerald	May 1
Tristan Zirkle	May 2
Sophia Carlton	May 4
Richard Sovitzky III	May 10
Alexis Rebholz	May 12
Susan Simon	May 13
James Walters	May 13
Teresa Staff	May 16
Allison Doying	May 17
Barbara Knetzger	May 17
Barbara Gregory	May 19
Maggie Fox	May 20
Magdalene Lane	May 22
Andrew Bender	May 24
Lazarus Larson	May 25
Garrett Stevens	May 28
Rheanne Tibbits	May 28
Levi Frusti	May 29
Rachel Ploetz	May 30

Membership News

BAPTIZED *April 3, 2022:*
Jack Owen Stevens, *son of Garrett & Shelby Stevens*

TRANSFERRED TO LMC
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The King of Love

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

— *Lutheran Service Book,* 709

Preparation for the Lord's Day in May

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
May 1	Third S. of Easter (Misericordias Domini)	*LSB* 709	Ezek. 34:11–16	Psalm 33	1 Peter 2:21–25	John 10:11–16
May 8	Fourth S. of Easter (Jubilate)	*LSB* 483	Is. 40:25–31	Psalm 66	1 Peter 2:11–20	John 16:16–22
May 15	Fifth S. of Easter (Cantate)	*LSB* 556	Is. 12:1–6	Psalm 98	James 1:16–21	John 16:5–15
May 22	Sixth S. of Easter (Rogate)	*LSB* 766	Num. 21:4–9	Psalm 100	1 Tim. 2:1–6 *or* James 1:22–27	John 16:23–33
May 29	Seventh S. of Easter (Exaudi)	*LSB* 539	Ezek. 36:22–28	Psalm 27	1 Peter 4:7–11 (12–14)	John 15:26—16:4

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC

HOPE, PATIENCE, PRAYER

JULIE WOHLRABE, IO DIRECTOR

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

2022 SCHEDULE FOR LMC'S FIGHTING SHEEP

Come and cheer your church team on!

Thursday evening games @ Sijan Field (about 2800 S. Kinnickinnick, across from Outpost Foods Co-op).

Parking on KK or California St. by the tennis courts.

May 12 @ 9:15 p.m.	vs. Club Paragon Gators
May 19 @ 6:15 p.m.	vs. Free Agents
May 26 @ 7:15 p.m.	vs. 414 Chicken Bombers
June 2 @ 7:15 p.m.	vs. Softballers
June 9 @ 7:15 p.m.	vs. Red Bar
June 16 @ 6:15 p.m.	vs. The NVL Crew
June 23 @ 9:15 p.m.	vs. BrewerFan.net
June 30 @ 8:15 p.m.	vs. Club Paragon Gators
July 7 @ 6:15 p.m.	vs. Free Agents
July 14 @ 8:15 p.m.	vs. 414 Chicken Bombers

ONLY JESUS

BY MATTHEW C. HARRISON, PRESIDENT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

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"And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). Celebrating 175 years is important. But it's a rather brief period compared to the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. It's less significant still compared to the 2,000-year history of the Lord's Church, and it pales in comparison to the 4,000 years since the call of Abraham and the promise of the Savior given by the Lord to him.

In the past decade of serving the congregations of the Synod, I've learned that I am not that significant, either, especially in the history of the Synod. Nevertheless, God works what He wills despite our insignificance. If a new Lutheran church body began today with 12 congregations, it would be the butt of unending jokes, as was the Missouri Synod in 1847. If it were to claim that its constitution was the restoration of the authority of the inerrant Scriptures, the Lutheran Confessions and authentic New Testament Christianity, it would be ignored, laughed at and scorned. If it claimed the Bible and Luther's catechism are absolutely true and that there is no other God than the Holy Trinity and no salvation outside of faith in Christ and His blessed cross and resurrection, its founders would be accosted as kooks by contemporaries.

How insignificant were 14 congregations and a handful of pastors 175 years ago? They knew they were numerically insignificant. They knew they were the object of ridicule in a world awash in agnosticism, especially in the church. They lamented the state of their mother churches back in Europe where the Gospel had largely been supplanted by mere morality. Even pastors no longer believed the Word of God.

Like ours, their world was in chaos. Revolutions shook all of Europe in 1848. Atheism was rife among German immigrants to America. A cholera epidemic raged in the U.S. in 1849 and killed thousands. The liberal Germans in St. Louis attacked the Saxons from the moment they stepped off the boat. The LCMS was poor, small, weak, and they knew it. And because they were far flung from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Buffalo and St. Louis, they were lonely. But they were certain of one thing: Luther's Reformation had rediscovered and re-asserted the truth of the free forgiveness of sins in the blessed Gospel of Christ, delivered by the Word and distributed in Baptism and Christ's body and blood in the Sacrament. They came from various backgrounds. Some had been theological liberals (Wilhelm Sihler), many had been pietists (overemphasizing religious feelings as the ground of faith and certainty over the objective teachings of the Bible and catechism). Personal crises had driven a number of them to believe the Bible, read the Lutheran Confessions and confess the old teachings of the Lutheran Church as the teachings of Scripture.

Through Dr. C.F.W. Walther's "The Lutheran" newspaper (*Der Lutheraner*), they discovered each other. They corresponded. They hatched a plan for a Lutheran Synod (*synod* means "together on the same road" in Greek), crafted a constitution (which still survives, mostly word for word in the present LCMS constitution), and officially brought the church body into existence in Chicago on April 26, 1847. The Missouri Saxons brought their log cabin seminary, after Wilhelm Loehe gave the Synod a seminary in Fort Wayne. They embarked on a mission to share the Gospel far and wide, and were keenly aware of their divine mandate to "seek and save the lost." They educated pastors and sent them to shepherd the thousands upon thousands of German-speaking immigrants spreading across

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the wide reaches of America. They planted churches for Germans who had left their homeland for economic promise and had come from weak churches in the old country. In New York and Boston, they met the immigrants as they came off the boats and sent them to German communities served by pastors across the fruited plain. Walther and others spoke English, but they concentrated on German-speaking communities because of the enormous opportunity and volume of work. Eventually, they were only too happy to help found an "English Synod," which became the "English District" of the LCMS (1911).

Just like 175 years ago, war has returned to Europe. We've suffered a global pandemic. The church is in grave decline in the West. Just google "Decline of the Church in the West" for the shocking statistics, particularly in the U.S. The "woke" culture ubiquitous on university campuses all around the world has created a culture of sexual ambiguity. In some ways, the LCMS is doing slightly better than many churches, but we, too, are heavily affected. Easy fixes are mythical. Our children are bombarded from the earliest age with the lies of a morally adrift culture. For 60 years, the sexual revolution has taught that sex is subjective, a personal choice, and one may be one's own creator. Our governments support "sex change" operations even for minors. The abortion of a child as an inconvenient by-product at odds with one's own self-determination is one of the greatest indicators of the denial of our Creator and His will for His creatures, created male and female. (Read Carl Trueman, *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self*.) Apocalyptic times indeed. Come, Lord Jesus!

What's the answer? What's our task? What's our message? Only Jesus. "There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Today, we are just under 6,000 congregations. Is our constitution antiquated? Not unless the Word of God is antiquated. "The word of the Lord remains forever" (1 Peter 1:25). Today, we have 5,700 active pastors sharing Christ, day in and day out. Today, we have the largest Protestant parochial school system in the U.S. We have thousands of teachers sharing the message with "the least." "Your Creator is the Triune God." "He has made you. You are His." "Only Jesus is your Savior." And "He has redeemed you as His very own creature." We equip our people with Jesus; fortify our mothers and fathers; strengthen homes to love, teach and prepare children for life in this world with its challenges and blessings; shore up our men to be men in God and our women to be holy women of Christ.

Today, we face the hatred and ridicule of the world, a world in chaos. Our fathers and mothers in the faith faced the same. Today, we face the same threat of loneliness and isolation they did. Whether the loneliest pastor and tiniest congregation in the farthest reaches of the earth or the president of the Synod, we are terribly insignificant. Imagine those 14 lonely, insignificant congregations in 1847. What a difference it made for them to be joined in faith and love in the Lutheran confession.

Today, we face very similar challenges. The decline of Christianity in the West presents us with the greatest challenge in the modern history of the church. With Jesus, and only Jesus, we shall go forth nevertheless: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matt. 28:19–20). "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful" (Heb. 10:23).

Who we are—a 175-year-old church body—is important, but it pales in comparison to the history of the church. But what we do—preaching and pointing to Jesus for 175 years—is quite significant indeed. It has eternal consequences. If 175 years is an accomplishment, it's Christ's accomplishment. Come what may, the next 175 years are in the hands of Jesus, only Jesus, and so are we.

Excerpts from the Large Catechism by Martin Luther
The Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer: Part 2

The 6th Petition:
And lead us not into temptation.

This, then, is leading us not into temptation, to wit, when He gives us power and strength to resist, the temptation, however, not being taken away or removed. For while we live in the flesh and have the devil about us, no one can escape temptation and allurements; and it cannot be otherwise than that we must endure trials, yea, be engulfed in them; but we pray for this, that we may not fall and be drowned in them.

To feel temptation is therefore a far different thing from consenting or yielding to it. We must all feel it, although not all in the same manner, but some in a greater degree and more severely than others; as, the young suffer especially from the flesh; afterwards, they that attain to middle life and old age, from the world; but others who are occupied with spiritual matters, that is, strong Christians, from the devil. But such feeling, as long as it is against our will and we would rather be rid of it, can harm no one. For if we did not feel it, it could not be called a temptation. But to consent thereto is when we give it the reins and do not resist or pray against it.

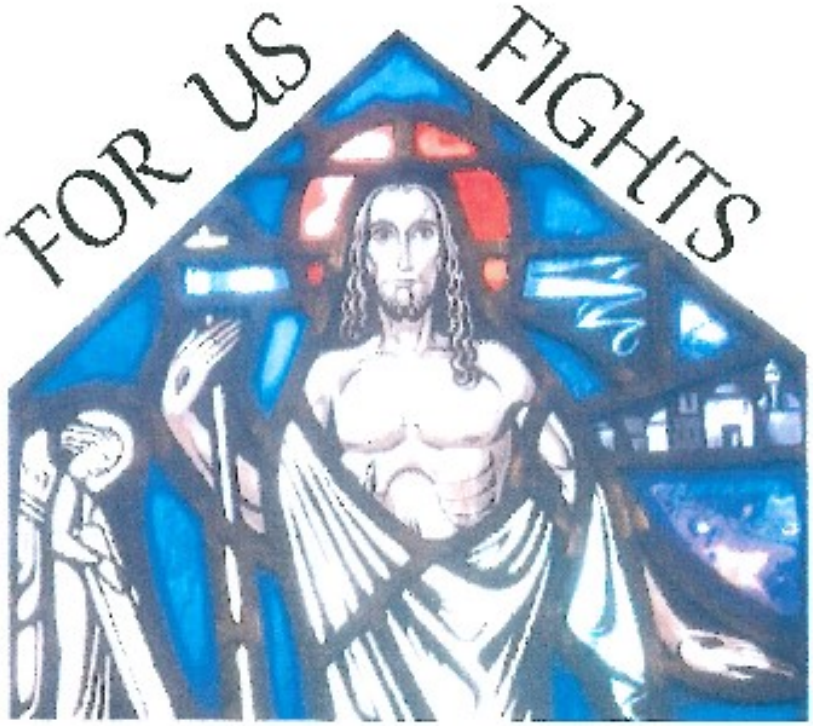
Therefore we Christians must be armed and daily expect to be incessantly attacked, in order that no one may go on in security and heedlessly, as though the devil were far from us, but at all times expect and parry his blows. For though I am now chaste, patient, kind, and in firm faith, the devil will this very hour send such an arrow into my heart that I can scarcely stand. For he is an enemy that never desists nor becomes tired, so that when one temptation ceases, there always arise others and fresh ones.

Accordingly, there is no help or comfort except to run hither and to take hold of the Lord's Prayer, and thus speak to God from the heart: Dear Father, Thou hast bidden me pray; let me not relapse because of temptations. Then you will see that they must desist, and finally acknowledge themselves conquered. Else if you venture to help yourself by your own thoughts and counsel, you will only make the matter worse and give the devil more space. For he has a serpent's head, which if it gain an opening into which he can slip, the whole body will follow without check. But prayer can prevent him and drive him back.

May 2022 at LMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **8:00 AM** Choir Practice **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Break **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechism	**2** NO DIVINE SERVICE THIS EVENING	**3**	**4** NO MATINS TODAY **6:30 PM** Elders	**5**	**6**	**7** **9:00 AM** May Day Trail Run/Cookout
8 **8:00 AM** Choir Practice **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Break **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechism	**9** **7:00 PM** Divine Service	**10** **6:00 PM** Trustees	**11** **8:30 AM** Matins	**12**	**13**	**14**
15 **8:00 AM** Choir Practice **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Break **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechism	**16** **7:00 PM** Divine Service	**17**	**18** **8:30 AM** Matins	**19**	**20**	**21**
22 **8:00 AM** Choir Practice **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Break	**23** **7:00 PM** Divine Service	**24**	**25** **8:30 AM** Matins **2:00 PM** Wedding	**26** **6:30 PM** Divine Service for the Ascension of Our Lord	**27**	**28**
29 **8:00 AM** Choir Practice **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Break	**30** **7:00 PM** Divine Service	**31**	1 **8:30 AM** Matins **6:30 PM** Elders	2	3	4

Vacation Bible School 2022



THE VALIANT ONE

August 8th to 12th 9:00-Noon

Luther Memorial Chapel &
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3833 N Maryland Ave, Shorewood, WI

Christ Centered Bible stories, crafts, music, snacks, games & worship with a Lutheran Reformation theme

Every day starts with Matins at 9:00am

Adults & teens are welcome to stay for Bible study, food, fellowship & music.