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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 18, 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

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Baptismal Birthdays

God's Child	Rebirth Date
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 Moore	May 20
Trent Demarest	May 22
Magdalene Lane	May 22
Andrew Bender	May 24
Lazarus Larson	May 25
Garrett Stevens	May 28
Levi Frusti	May 29
Rachel Ploetz	May 30

Membership News

DEATH *April 24, 2023:*
Paul Haase

AN ASCENSION HYMN:
See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph

1
See, the Lord ascends in triumph;
Conqu'ring King in royal state,
Riding on the clouds, His chariot,
To His heav'nly palace gate.
Hark! The choirs of angel voices
Joyful alleluias sing,
And the portals high are lifted
To receive their heav'nly King.

2
Who is this that comes in glory
With the trump of jubilee?
Lord of battles, God of armies,
He has gained the victory.
He who on the cross did suffer,
He who from the grave arose,
He has vanquished sin and Satan;
He by death has crushed His foes.

3
While He lifts His hands in blessing,
He is parted from His friends;
While their eager eyes behold Him,
He upon the clouds ascends.
He who walked with God and pleased Him,
Preaching truth and doom to come,
He, our Enoch, is translated
To His everlasting home.

4
Now our heav'nly Aaron enters
With His blood within the veil;
Joshua now is come to Canaan,
And the kings before Him quail.
Now He plants the tribes of Israel
In their promised resting place;
Now our great Elijah offers
Double portion of His grace.

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.

— *Lutheran Service Book,* 494

Preparation for the Lord's Day in May

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
May 7	Fifth S. of Easter (Cantate)	*LSB* 556	Is. 12:1–6	Psalm 118	James 1:16–21	John 16:5–15
May 14	Sixth S. of Easter (Rogate)	*LSB* 766	Num. 21:4–9	Psalm 66	1 Tim. 2:1–6 *or* James 1:22–27	John 16:23–33
May 21	Seventh S. of Easter (Exaudi)	*TLH*267	Ezek. 36:22–28	Psalm 47	1 Peter 4:7–11 (12–14)	John 15:26—16:4
May 28	Day of Pentecost	*LSB* 497	Gen. 11:1–9	Psalm 104	Acts 2:1–21	John 14:23–31

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

2023 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 11 @ 7:30 p.m.
May 18 @ 8:30 p.m.
May 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

Below is a link to the full summer schedule.

https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/MilwaukeeRecreation/schedule/428553/MS-385-Thur-Sijan-2

Excerpts from the Large Catechism by Martin Luther
The Sacrament of the Altar: Part 4 of 10

Therefore also it is vain talk when they say that the body and blood of Christ are not given and shed for us in the Lord's Supper, hence we could not have forgiveness of sins in the Sacrament. For although the work is accomplished and the forgiveness of sins acquired on the cross, yet it cannot come to us in any other way than through the Word. For what would we otherwise know about it, that such a thing was accomplished or was to be given us if it were not presented by preaching or the oral Word? Whence do they know of it, or how can they apprehend and appropriate to themselves the forgiveness, except they lay hold of and believe the Scriptures and the Gospel? But now the entire Gospel and the article of the Creed: I believe a holy Christian Church, the forgiveness of sin, etc., are by the Word embodied in this Sacrament and presented to us. Why, then, should we allow this treasure to be torn from the Sacrament when they must confess that these are the very words which we hear everywhere in the Gospel, and they cannot say that these words in the Sacrament are of no use, as little as they dare say that the entire Gospel or Word of God, apart from the Sacrament, is of no use?

Thus we have the entire Sacrament, both as to what it is in itself and as to what it brings and profits. Now we must also see who is the person that receives this power and benefit. That is answered briefly, as we said above of Baptism and often elsewhere: Whoever believes it has what the words declare and bring. For they are not spoken or proclaimed to stone and wood, but to those who hear them, to whom He says: Take and eat, etc. And because He offers and promises forgiveness of sin, it cannot be received otherwise than by faith. This faith He Himself demands in the Word when He says: Given and shed for you. As if He said: For this reason I give it, and bid you eat and drink, that you may claim it as yours and enjoy it. Whoever now accepts these words, and believes that what they declare is true, has it. But whoever does not believe it has nothing, as he allows it to be offered to him in vain, and refuses to enjoy such a saving good. The treasure, indeed, is opened and placed at every one's door, yea upon his table, but it is necessary that you also claim it, and confidently view it as the words suggest to you.

This, now, is the entire Christian preparation for receiving this Sacrament worthily. For since this treasure is entirely presented in the words, it cannot be apprehended and appropriated in any other way than with the heart. For such a gift and eternal treasure cannot be seized with the fist. Fasting and prayer, etc., may indeed be an external preparation and discipline for children, that the body may keep and bear itself modestly and reverently towards the body and blood of Christ; yet what is given in and with it the body cannot seize and appropriate. But this is done by the faith of the heart, which discerns this treasure and desires it. This may suffice for what is necessary as a general instruction respecting this Sacrament; for what is further to be said of it belongs to another time.

May 2023 at LMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Easter 4 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Roof Project Info Meeting with Coffee & Treats 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School 12:00pm Choir Rehearsal	1 7:00pm Divine Service	2 6:30pm Elders	3 8:30am Matins	4 6:30pm New Member Catechesis	5	6
7 Easter 5 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by Larson & Hagedorn 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School 12:00pm Choir Rehearsal 5:00pm iO Friendship Potluck Dinner	8 7:00pm Divine Service	9 6:00pm Trustees	10 8:30am Matins	11 6:30pm New Member Catechesis 7:30pm Fighting Sheep	12	13
14 Easter 6 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by Grasse & Knetzger 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School 12:00pm Choir Rehearsal	15 7:00pm Divine Service	16	17 8:30am Matins	18 6:30pm Divine Service for the Ascension of Our Lord 8:30pm Fighting Sheep	19	20 3pm Visitation 4pm Funeral 5 pm Military Honors for Paul Haase
21 Easter 7 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by German & Monday 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School 12:00pm Choir Rehearsal	22 7:00pm Divine Service	23	24 8:30am Matins	25 6:30pm New Member Catechesis 6:30pm Fighting Sheep	26	27
28 Day of Pentecost 9:00am Divine Service 10:30am Coffee Break by Bratz & Wieting 10:45am Bible Study, Catechism, Sunday School 12:00pm Choir Rehearsal	29 7:00pm Divine Service	30	31 8:30am Matins	1 6:30pm New Member Catechesis	2	3

ONE BAPTISM

FOR THE REMISSION OF SIN

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2023

July 17-20 (Mon-Thur) 9:00am-Noon

Luther Memorial Chapel & University Student Center

3833 N Maryland Ave, Shorewood, WI

Christ Centered

Bible stories, crafts, music, snacks, games & worship.

Starts with Matins each day at 9:00am