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"Home of Friend-Ship Preschool"

May 4 & 5, 2024

5:30 PM & 9:00 AM



THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to Worship – we are glad you are here!
- We will be passing the Worship Teams sign-up sheets around. Please fill in the slot that works for you.
- The rest of our announcements are now presented in the insert in your bulletin. Feel free to take this home.
- Please sign the Friendship Pad pass it along to your neighbor, and say hello to those around you.
- Now we would like to welcome Matt Wilson who is going to take a moment to talk about the Tom Pfeifle 5K Walk/Run

GATHERING SONG

O God Beyond All Praising

Hymn 880

1 O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
 and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
 for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,
 at blessings without number and mercies without end:
 we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
 we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

2 The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
 its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
 but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—
 though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
 for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
 and we through him are given the final victory.

3 Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
 that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
 and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
 we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
 to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
 and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

(9 AM) BLESSING FOR THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2024

(9 AM) KID'S CHOIR

In His Hands

This Is The Day

Traditional Spiritual
 Hal Leonard Corp., 2000
 Les Garrett
 Scripture in Song, 1967

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SONG

Baptized and Set Free (vs. 1,2,4)

Hymn 453

1 We are people created,
chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently,
in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more.
Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing,
and wholeness and more.

2 We are fed and we're nourished,
filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and
again we are blessed.
For whatever the need,
God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper
than all of our need.

4 Now with praise and thanksgiving,
we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather

to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free!
From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water,
baptized and set free!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(9AM) CHOIR:

Like A River in My Soul

Tim Osiek
Beckenhorst Press, 2018

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 47

P: Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a joyful sound.

**C: For the Lord Most High is to be feared:
a great king over all the earth,**

P: who subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet;

**C: who chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

P: God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram’s horn.

**C: Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

P: For God is king of all the earth;

sing praises with a song.

**C: God reigns over the nations;
God is enthroned on high.**

P: The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

(9 AM) GIZZY & FRIENDS WITH LIZZY & MONA

GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: “He Ascended Into Heaven” - Pastor Paul J Erdal, *Interim Pastor*

SONG OF THE DAY

Jesus Loves Me

Hymn 595

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! he who died
heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. **Refrain**

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay
close beside me all the way;
when at last I come to die,
he will take me home on high. **Refrain**

APOSTLE'S CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. (We pray especially for Darold, Jordie, Greg, Jo, Helen, Glenyce, David, and Roxanna) God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us, especially David. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen

OFFERING: MISSION MOMENT – Paul Hanson (Lutherans Outdoors)

(9 AM) OFFERING RESPONSE	<i>Create in Me a Clean Heart</i>	CCLI 106855
Create in me a clean heart oh God		
That I might serve You		
Create in me a clean heart oh God		
That I might be renewed		
So fill me and heal me		
And bring me back to You		
Create in me a clean heart oh God		
That I might serve You		

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
You call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of Your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Spirit Song

CCLI 27824

1 Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Chorus

Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

2 Oh come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name **Chorus**

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
bless you now and always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

(9 AM) POSTLUDE *O Thou in Whose Presence My Soul Takes Delight* Gilbert Martin

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! We are glad you are here. Communion is offered on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays and prior Saturdays of each month. Staffed Nursery is available.

There are Christ in Our Home devotionals available for you to take home on the entry table next to the coat racks.

Here are our announcement in graphic form for the week:

OUR PIECEMAKERS

CELEBRATING 9000 QUILTS MADE!

Ministry of the Month

LUTHERANS OUTDOORS

Outlaw Ranch

LOAD SUMMER 2024

CREATED TO BE
... IN THE WOODS, ON THE PRAIRIE, AT THE BEACH.

Register now for Vacation Bible School

Camp Firelight

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

JUNE 17th-20th

A SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURE WITH GOD *Psalm 56:3*

Call 605-343-4887

ANNUAL CHURCH CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, MAY 11
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday
May 19,
10:00 AM

There will be caramel rolls to buy

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF

Free Lunch for Finals @ South Canyon Lutheran Church

May 22 & 23 11:30-12:30

FREE LUNCH

Grilled Burgers & Brats, Mac' N Cheese
Tossed Salad, Nachos, Veggie Trays & Desserts (Gluten-free available)

Freshmen Welcome

All commissions on orders placed on this link between April 1 and May 29 will be donated to South Canyon Lutheran Youth Ministries:
<https://tinyurl.com/SCLCYouth>

THIRTY One
INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT

Tom Pfeifle Memorial

2024 5k Run/Walk

Saturday, June 22, 2024

Raider Park
8:30am Race Time

Register May 4 & 5 in the Koinonia Kafe

Monday, May 6:

Tuesday, May 7:

Wednesday, May 8: No Programming

9:00 am – Elizabeth Circle

Thursday May 9:

9:00 am – Piecemakers Quilting

Friday May 10:

Saturday May 11:

8:00 am – Church Clean-Up

5:30 pm – Worship with communion

Sunday, May 12:

9:00 am – Worship with communion
(live streamed)

Monday, May 13:

Tuesday, May 14:

1:30 pm – Eunice Circle

Wednesday, May 15:

Thursday May 16:

9:00 am – Piecemakers Quilting

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Darold Watters

Helen Olness

Jordie Storm

Glenyce Nordmeyer

Greg Eiesland

Gayle & Holly Christianson and family on the death of Gayle's father

David, friend of Droic and Wellendorf families

Roxana Uttermark, sister-in-law of Gina Nelson

Prayer requests: be sure to call the church office or contact Info@sclc-rc.org by Thursday to have names added to prayers during worship. Names will be posted for two weeks unless requested otherwise.

Thank you for your Weekly Offering received April 28,2024 \$5,136.97

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See, Grow, and Serve to the Glory of God!

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