

THE FEAST OF
THE ASCENSION
OF OUR LORD
(OBSERVED)

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SUNDAY MORNING

9:00a.m. -- Divine Service

10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. -- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

TO GUEST AND VISITORS

We welcome you to our congregation in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book near the main door. We pray that the Holy Spirit would richly bless your hearing of God's Word with a living trust in Jesus Christ who died and rose for you. **For more information regarding Baptism, instruction in the Christian faith, and communicant membership, please see Pastor Smith.**

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CHRIST THE KING

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- A) who have been **baptized** in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the **Lutheran Confessions**, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran Faith, and who **now confess** the same doctrine that is taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the **Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**;
- C) who believe that in this sacrament the **real body and blood** of Christ are truly distributed to them and **orally received** by them, bestowing on them the **forgiveness of sins, life and salvation**;
- D) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and **desire to receive** God's forgiveness in this holy meal.



HYMNS for TODAY’S DIVINE SERVICE

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Sharen Ross, in Redlands Community Hospital with pneumonia

Karen Prill, in Kaiser Fontana undergoing tests

Marianne Anderson, recovering at home from a hospital stay

Susan Jay, at home receiving immune therapy infusions which are working immensely well

Harriet Ouimette’s daughter Shirli, battling myeloma

Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico

Shut-ins: Bill Nye, Troy & Louava Wideman



ALTAR FLOWERS



Today’s flowers are given to the glory of God from Michael & Kaylea Bosman in thanksgiving and in celebration of Tommy’s 14th birthday (May 23) and his graduating into high school. Happy Birthday and Congratulations Tommy!



To My Dear Christ the King Family,

Sincere appreciation for all the beautiful cards, calls, drive by wishes, and the singing.

Thank you for making my 90th birthday so special. Forever in my heart, Virginia

SERVANTS for THIS WEEK		SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
Altar	Bernice David	Anna Bush
Elders	Don David	Vic Haynes
Finance	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar	Mary Coppenger & Steve Aimar
Flowers	Michael & Kaylea Bosman	Deloris Koller
Ushers	David Alder & Loren Scott	Glenn Henderson & Wiley Smith

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00AM	.....	Divine Service (Childcare provided for up to 5 years of age)
	10:30AM	.....	Adult Bible Study
	NO Sunday School		
TUESDAY	11:00AM	.....	Communion (A-D)
	2:00PM	.....	Communion (E-J)
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	.....	Adult Bible Class
THURSDAY	11:00AM	.....	Communion (K-P)
	2:00PM	.....	Communion (Q-Z)
SATURDAY	8:30AM	.....	Bible Study with Russ Gross

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS – LSB pg. 300

EASTER 7	Su	Num. 14:1-25 Luke 18:18-34	M	Num. 14:26-45, 15:1-41 Luke 18:35-19:10
Tu		Num. 16:1-22 Luke 19:11-28	W	Num. 16:23-40 Luke 19:29-48
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Today's service will be posted on YouTube for viewing after the Divine Service on Christ the King's YouTube page:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/CTKRedlands>



ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Doctrine of Justification, Scientism, Making the Case for Life, Islam, Godliness, and The Prosperity Gospel. You can listen live or on-demand at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

Kids in the DIVINE SERVICE



What is "Ascension Day"?

We know that Jesus rose from the dead on Easter morning, but you may be wondering what happened after that. Well, exactly forty days after Jesus rose from the dead, He ascended, or went up, into heaven. This happened right in front of His disciples. They were witnesses to this amazing event. Wow! What an awesome sight that must have been! If you want to read about it, the first chapter in Acts will tell you what happened.

FOR PARENTS

At the Ascension Day Service, or at home during family devotions, continue to remind your children that Christ will return, and that when He does, we will see Him in His glory seated on His throne. Remind them that even though He is in heaven, He comes to us today in His Word and Sacraments.

Why is Ascension Day so important?

From the time He was born until the time He died, Jesus was in a state of humiliation. In other words, He "lowered himself" from the right hand of the Father in order to become a man and live and die for the sins of the world. After His death until now, Jesus has been in a state of exaltation, or "raised" in triumph and victory. When He rose from the dead and ascended into heaven, Jesus reclaimed His seat at the right hand of the Father where He lives and reigns over all creation. When we remember His Ascension, we look forward with confidence to His wonderful return. There we will live under Him in His glorious kingdom!



THE READINGS



ACTS 1:1-11

¹In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ²until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. ³To them He presented Himself alive after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “you 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, will you at this time

restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷He said to them, “It is not for you to know time or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” ⁹And when He had said these things as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. ¹⁰And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹And said “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

EPHESIANS 1:15-23

¹⁵For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶I do cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, ¹⁸having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable

greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might ²⁰that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And He put all thing under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

LUKE 24:44-53

⁴⁴Then [Jesus] said to 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are

witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are 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 blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³and were continually in the temple blessing God.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

The Ascended Lord Jesus Is with Us Always in His Church on Earth

After He rose from the dead, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the Apostles, “appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3). When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, He did not orphan His Church, but fills all things in heaven and on earth, and gives gifts to His disciples. Even now, through His Church, He continues “to do and teach” (Acts 1:1), preaching “repentance and forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47), even “to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Though the cloud hid Jesus from the sight of His disciples then, and He remains hidden from sight even now, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments. He comes to us by the Word of His Apostles, by the promise of His Father and the power of the Holy Spirit, whom He pours out upon “the church, which is His body” (Eph. 1:23). In this holy, Christian Church, we bless God and worship Christ with joy, for in His Church He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands, and seats us with Himself “in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:20).



THE INTROIT (*Ps. 110:1, 4-5; antiphon; Ps. 47:5*)



God has gone up | with a shout,*
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

**The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at My | right hand,*
until I make Your enemies Your | footstool.”**

The LORD has sworn and will not | change His mind,*
“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”

The LORD is at Your | right hand;*
He will shatter kings on the day | of His wrath.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be for ever. | Amen**

God has gone up | with a shout,*
the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE GRADUAL (*adapt. From Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*)

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

**[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and | honor,
He has given Him dominion over the works | of His hands;***
He has put all things un- | der His feet

