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# THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

## MAY 11 & 12, 2024

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### Hymn

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

LSB 901

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| <p>1 <i>Open now thy gates of beauty;<br/>Zion, let me enter there,<br/>Where my soul in joyful duty<br/>Waits for Him who answers prayer.<br/>Oh, how blessèd is this place,<br/>Filled with solace, light, and grace!</i></p> <p>2 <i>Gracious God, I come before Thee;<br/>Come Thou also unto me.<br/>Where we find Thee and adore Thee,<br/>There a heav'n on earth must be.<br/>To my heart, O enter Thou;<br/>Let it be Thy temple now!</i></p> <p>3 <i>Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;<br/>Here Thy seed is duly sown.<br/>Let my soul, where it is planted,</i></p> | <p><i>Bring forth precious sheaves alone,<br/>So that all I hear may be<br/>Fruitful unto life in me.</i></p> <p>4 <i>Thou my faith increase and quicken;<br/>Let me keep Thy gift divine,<br/>Howsoe'er temptations thicken;<br/>May Thy Word still o'er me shine<br/>As my guiding star through life,<br/>As my comfort in all strife.</i></p> <p>5 <i>Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;<br/>Let Thy will be done indeed.<br/>May I undisturbed draw near Thee<br/>While Thou dost Thy people feed.<br/>Here of life the fountain flows;<br/>Here is balm for all our woes.</i></p> |
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### Stand Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;
- C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
  
- L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** Teach me Your paths.
- L** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** Your Word is truth.
  
- L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
  
- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Old Testament Canticle

LSB 261

- C** *The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.  
With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.  
And you will say in that day:*

*“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,  
make known His deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that His name is exalted.”*

*The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.*

*Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.*

*Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

*The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.*

*Sit*

## **Readings From Holy Scripture**

### **Reading**

*Acts 1:1–11*

**L** A reading from Acts, the first chapter.

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

<sup>4</sup>And 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; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But 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.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and 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.”

### **Reading**

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that 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, <sup>18</sup>having 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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far 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. <sup>22</sup>And he put

all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## Reading

*Luke 24:44–53*

<sup>44</sup>Then [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.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And 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.”

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

## Responsory

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

## *Stand* Ten Commandments

- C** You shall have no other gods.  
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.  
You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant,  
his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

## Apostles’ Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### Sit Hymn

### *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

LSB 493

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| <p>1 A hymn of glory let us sing!<br/>New hymns throughout the world shall ring:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Christ, by a road before untrod,<br/>Ascends unto the throne of God.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>2 The holy apostolic band<br/>Upon the Mount of Olives stand.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>And with His faithful foll'wers see<br/>Their Lord ascend in majesty.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>3 To them the shining angels cry,<br/>"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>"This is the Savior," thus they say;<br/>"This is His glorious triumph day!"<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>4 "You see Him now, ascending high<br/>Up to the portals of the sky."<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>"Hereafter Jesus you shall see<br/>Returning in great majesty."<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,<br/>And be our future great reward.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Then, throned with You forever, we<br/>Shall praise Your name eternally.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>△ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,<br/>All praise to You let earth accord:<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>You are, while endless ages run,<br/>With Father and with Spirit one.<br/>Alleluia, alleluia!<br/>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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## Sermon

### Hymn

### *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

LSB 525

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| <p>1 Crown Him with many crowns,<br/>The Lamb upon His throne;<br/>Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns<br/>All music but its own.<br/>Awake, my soul, and sing<br/>Of Him who died for thee,<br/>And hail Him as thy matchless king<br/>Through all eternity.</p> <p>2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,<br/>The God incarnate born,<br/>Whose arm those crimson trophies won<br/>Which now His brow adorn:</p> | <p>Fruit of the mystic rose,<br/>Yet of that rose the stem,<br/>The root whence mercy ever flows,<br/>The babe of Bethlehem.</p> <p>3 Crown Him the Lord of love.<br/>Behold His hands and side,<br/>Rich wounds, yet visible above,<br/>In beauty glorified.<br/>No angels in the sky<br/>Can fully bear that sight,<br/>But downward bend their wond'ring eyes<br/>At mysteries so bright.</p> |
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4 Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
For He is king of all.

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## Offering

*While we worship the Lord with our offerings, please write your names in the fellowship registers, indicating the date and time of the service you are attending. To help us serve you more effectively, please use the blanks provided to indicate a change in mailing address, phone numbers (home, work, cell, fax) or e-mail address(es). Please tear out the sheets with names on them and let them stick out of the top of the folder so that the ushers can collect them. Thank you!*

## Stand Prayer

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

## Collect of the Day

**L** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## *Saturday* Luther's Evening Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

## *Sunday* Morning Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

## New Testament Canticle

*LSB 266*

**C** *Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.*

*Raised from the dead, He will never die again.*

*Death has no more dominion over Him.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.*

*Living, He lives to God.*

*Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.*

*Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

## Blessing

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."
- 2 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?
- 3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to You from day to day.

- Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
Lord omnipotent we own;  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.  
As within the veil You entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,  
Here on earth both priest and victim  
In the eucharistic feast.
- 5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood."

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Military Personnel & Their Families

Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

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## Mission Prayer

For more mission prayers, visit: [www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar](http://www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar)

Remember God's work through missionaries on home service as you pray:

- that missionaries would have an easy transition back to life in the United States — even for a short time during home service — with minimal effects of reverse culture shock.
- that the Lord would raise up supporters for missionaries who are struggling to finding the resources necessary for their ministry.
- with thanksgiving for the many forms of support and the joys the Lord provides to missionary families as they serve Him.

## Bible Readings

From Lutheran Service Book Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, 5/12 .....	Numbers 14:1-25; Luke 18:18-34
Monday, 5/13 .....	Numbers 14:26-45; Luke 18:35–19:10
Tuesday, 5/14.....	Numbers 16:1-22; Luke 19:11-28
Wednesday, 5/15.....	Numbers 16:23-40; Luke 19:29-48
Thursday, 5/16 .....	Numbers 16:41–17:13; Luke 20:1-18
Friday, 5/17 .....	Numbers 20:1-21; Luke 20:19-44
Saturday, 5/18 .....	Numbers 20:22–21:9; Luke 20:45–21:19

## Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study—@ 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Adult Choir—Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

Men's Musings Bible Class—Thursdays @ 6:03 a.m.

Handicapped Accessible Service—May 9, 10 a.m.

## Mark Your Calendars

### St. Mark's Lutheran Church

### 150th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, May 18, 6:00 p.m. & Sunday, May 19, 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Reed Lessing, Guest Preacher



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# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Chapel:** Join us for chapel on Wednesday at 8:25 a.m. @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church (weather permitting).

## School Schedule

Tuesday, May 14—School Field Day, The students and staff are really looking forward to a fun active day outside.

Wednesday, May 15—Last Day of School. Dismissal time will be 11:15am w/ no lunch served and no after school care.

Wednesday, May 15 @ 6:30 p.m.—8th Grade Graduation for the Class of 2024 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

**Summer Camp** starts June 3<sup>rd</sup> and continues through June 28<sup>th</sup> on Monday's – Friday's. This is for grades PreK3 – 5th Grade. Summer Camp is open to all area students. Summer Camps are from 9am-1pm, lunch included, \$15 a day. If you need a full day the times are 8am (the earliest) - 4pm (the latest) lunch & a snack included, \$20 a day.

June 3-7 STEM (If attending the first camp (STEM) you must be registered by Monday, May 13th.)

June 10-14 Imagine Station Week

June 17-21 Clowning Around (World of Whacky)

June 24-28 Fun in the Sun

**Congratulations** to these two 5th Graders, Madisyn Murphy and Aubree Modglin. They are the winners of the St. Mark's 2024 Float design for the July 4th parade. The theme of the parade this year is "Small Town Summer". Runners up are Amelia Spiller 4th grade, Avrie Blair 8th grade, Katelynn Vallett 7th grade and Kristen Vallett 5th grade.



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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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Holy Communion is celebrated the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

### **ST. MARK'S IS A MEMBER CONGREGATION & SCHOOL OF**

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*We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.*