



The Ascension of Our Lord (*Observed*)

Commemoration of Justin, *Martyr*

June 1, 2025

## OUR MISSION

"We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, and witness God's love for us through worship, education, fellowship and human care."

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

<b>SUN 6/1</b>	Holy Communion – Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)	9:00 A.M.
	Coffee Hour	10:15 A.M.
	Education Hour	10:30 A.M.
<b>MON 6/2</b>	Women's Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
<b>TUES 6/3</b>	Men's Bible Study	7:00 P.M.
<b>THUR 6/4</b>	A.A. Meeting	7:30 P.M.
<b>SUN 6/8</b>	Holy Communion – The Day of Pentecost	9:00 A.M.
	Coffee Hour	10:15 A.M.
	Education Hour	10:30 A.M.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Today we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, in which we joyfully receive Christ's true Body and Blood, under and with bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins, life, and salvation.
  - Those who celebrate the Sacrament together give public witness that they are united in teaching and confession.
- **Seeking to honor this Scriptural teaching, we invite communing members in good standing of this congregation, or another congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to commune. (1 Corinthians 10:16-21, 11:17-32)**
  - This way, our Pastor can know for sure that you are prepared for the Supper -- having been catechized, examined, and absolved by another Pastor who made the same ordination vows that he has.
- We wish to express a warm welcome to all guests, and **we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed for a blessing.**
  - If you have not spoken with Pastor in the weeks before communing for the first time, (or before service if you are visiting), Pastor will give you a blessing if you come forward to the altar.
- Thank you. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Visitor Cards:** Visitors: Please fill out one of the cards found on the end of the pews and put it in the offering plate so we can reach out to you. Parents, please add children's names.

**St. John Chrysostom 381A.D.:** "Through the mystery of the Ascension we, who seemed unworthy of God's earth, are taken up into Heaven in the person of Jesus Christ. . . . Our very human nature, against which Cherubim guarded the gates of Paradise, is enthroned today high above all angels."

## Prelude

## Pastor's Welcome

## Hymn of Invocation: 494 See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph

## Confession and Absolution

LSB 184

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 47:1–2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11*



Men of | Galilee,\*

why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia.

This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven,\*

will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alle- | luia.

**Clap your hands, all | peoples!\***

**Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!**

**For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,\***

**a great king over | all the earth.**

**God has gone up | with a shout,\***

**the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.**

**God reigns over the | nations;\***

**God sits on his | holy throne.**

**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 forever. | Amen.**

*Antiphon*

**Kyrie**

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**Gloria in Excelsis**

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

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*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.*

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*2 Kings 2:5–15*

<sup>5</sup>The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." <sup>10</sup>And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." <sup>11</sup>And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup>And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

<sup>15</sup>Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 107:1-9

Antiphon Ps 47:5

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



<sup>1</sup>The LORD says to my Lord:  
"Sit at my | right hand,\*  
until I make your enemies your | footstool."

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD sends forth from Zion  
your mighty | scepter.\*  
Rule in the midst of your | enemies!**

<sup>3</sup>Your people will offer themselves freely  
on the day of your power,  
in holy | garments,\*  
from the womb of the morning,  
the dew of your youth | will be yours.

<sup>4</sup>**The LORD has sworn  
and will not | change his mind,\*  
"You are a priest forever  
after the order of Mel- | chizedek."** *Antiphon*

<sup>5</sup>The Lord is at your | right hand,\*  
he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.

<sup>6</sup>**He will execute judgment among the nations,  
filling them with | corpses,\*  
he will shatter chiefs  
over the | wide earth.**

<sup>7</sup>He will drink from the brook | by the way,\*  
therefore he will lift | up his head. *Antiphon*

## Second Reading

Acts 1:1–11

<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.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Holy Gospel

Mark 16:14–20

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>Afterward [Jesus] appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at table, and he rebuked them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. <sup>16</sup>Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

<sup>17</sup>And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; <sup>18</sup>they will pick up serpents with their

hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

<sup>19</sup>So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>20</sup>And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## Nicene Creed

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### Small Catechism - The Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer

**C** Thy kingdom come.

*What does this mean?*

**C** The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

*How does God's kingdom come?*

**C** God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

*Sit*

### Hymn of the Day: 491 Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

#### Sermon

*Stand*

#### Prayer of the Church

*After each petition:*

**P** ... Lord, in Your mercy, **or**

**C** hear our prayer.

*After each petition:*

**P** ... Let us pray to the Lord,

**C** Lord, have mercy.

*After the final petition:*

**P** ... one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### The Passing of the Peace (1 Peter 5:14, Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20)

*Sit*

## Offering/Voluntary

*Stand*

## Offertory

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## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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### Sanctus

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### Lord's Prayer

*Back cover of hymnal*

### The Words of Our Lord

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### Pax Domini

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### Agnus Dei

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*Sit*

### Distribution Hymn: 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

*Stand*

### Nunc Dimittis

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### Thanksgiving

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### Benedicamus

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### Benediction

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### Announcements

### Hymn to Depart: 564 Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

### Postlude

## Next Week's Readings:

### Feast of Pentecost

-Genesis 11:1-9

-Psalm 143

-Acts 2:1-21

-John 14:23-31





## St. Justin, Martyr (100 AD – June 1st, 165 AD)



Justin died as a martyr for the Christian faith at the hands of the Roman government. Because of his "confessions" before the Roman councils, we have written record of the earliest beliefs and practices of the Christian Church after the Book of Acts.

Among these writings of Justin:

"Christian practice consists of weekly Sunday meetings of the congregation, readings from the Jewish prophets and 'the memoirs of the apostles,' prayers, and the Eucharist."

"And this food is called among us Εὐχαριστία [the Eucharist] ... For not as common bread and common

drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Savior, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word, and from which our blood and flesh by changing are nourished, is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh. . .

"No one may share in the eucharist except those who believe in the truth of our teachings and have been washed in the bath which confers forgiveness of sins and rebirth, and who live according to Christ's commands" (*First Apology*, 66).

From the historical record, "*Martyrdom of Justin*":

**"The Prefect Rusticus says:** 'Approach and sacrifice, all of you, to the gods.'

**Justin says:** 'No one in his right mind gives up piety for impiety.'

**The Prefect Rusticus says:** 'If you do not obey, you will be tortured without mercy.'

**Justin replies:** 'That is our desire, to be tortured for Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and so to be saved, for that will give us salvation and firm confidence at the more terrible universal tribunal of Our Lord and Saviour.'

**And all the martyrs said:** 'Do as you wish; for we are Christians, and we do not sacrifice to idols.'

**The Prefect Rusticus read the sentence:** 'Those who do not wish to sacrifice to the gods and to obey the emperor will be scourged and beheaded according to the laws.'

The holy martyrs glorifying God betook themselves to the customary place, where they were beheaded and consummated their martyrdom confessing their Saviour."

Psalms in 30 Days (arr. by Rev. Dan Greg)

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| 1. <b>Morning</b> 1-5          | <b>Night</b> 6-8                                     |
| 2. <b>Morning</b> 9-11         | <b>Night</b> 12-14                                   |
| 3. <b>Morning</b> 15-17        | <b>Night</b> 18                                      |
| 4. <b>Morning</b> 19-21        | <b>Night</b> 22-23                                   |
| 5. <b>Morning</b> 24-26        | <b>Night</b> 27-29                                   |
| 6. <b>Morning</b> 30-31        | <b>Night</b> 32-34                                   |
| 7. <b>Morning</b> 35-36        | <b>Night</b> 37                                      |
| 8. <b>Morning</b> 38-40        | <b>Night</b> 41-43 ( <b>Book I. ends after 41</b> )  |
| 9. <b>Morning</b> 44-46        | <b>Night</b> 47-49                                   |
| 10. <b>Morning</b> 50-52       | <b>Night</b> 53-55                                   |
| 11. <b>Morning</b> 56-58       | <b>Night</b> 59-61                                   |
| 12. <b>Morning</b> 62-64       | <b>Night</b> 65-67                                   |
| 13. <b>Morning</b> 68          | <b>Night</b> 69-70                                   |
| 14. <b>Morning</b> 71-72       | <b>Night</b> 73-74 ( <b>Book II. ends after 72</b> ) |
| 15. <b>Morning</b> 75-77       | <b>Night</b> 78                                      |
| 16. <b>Morning</b> 79-81       | <b>Night</b> 82-85                                   |
| 17. <b>Morning</b> 86-88       | <b>Night</b> 89 ( <b>Book III. ends</b> )            |
| 18. <b>Morning</b> 90-92       | <b>Night</b> 93-94                                   |
| 19. <b>Morning</b> 95-97       | <b>Night</b> 98-101                                  |
| 20. <b>Morning</b> 102-103     | <b>Night</b> 104                                     |
| 21. <b>Morning</b> 105         | <b>Night</b> 106 ( <b>Book IV. ends</b> )            |
| 22. <b>Morning</b> 107         | <b>Night</b> 108-109                                 |
| 23. <b>Morning</b> 110-113     | <b>Night</b> 114-115                                 |
| 24. <b>Morning</b> 116-118     | <b>Night</b> 119:1-32                                |
| 25. <b>Morning</b> 119:33-72   | <b>Night</b> 119:73-104                              |
| 26. <b>Morning</b> 119:105-144 | <b>Night</b> 119:145-176                             |
| 27. <b>Morning</b> 120-125     | <b>Night</b> 126-131                                 |
| 28. <b>Morning</b> 132-135     | <b>Night</b> 136-138                                 |
| 29. <b>Morning</b> 139-140     | <b>Night</b> 141-143                                 |
| 30. <b>Morning</b> 144-146     | <b>Night</b> 147-150 ( <b>Book V. ends</b> )         |

*Glory 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.*

## An Order of Family Worship

**Leader:** In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**All:** Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*A PSALM may be read/sung by the leader or by the family in response.*

**All:** 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.

*A Scripture Reading from the Bible, Family Devotion or Sunday Bulletin is Read.*

*A Devotion is Read. Discuss.*

*Prayer (For your family, school, work, health, our Church, etc.)*

*The Lord's Prayer is said by all.*

**Leader:** Let us bless the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Leader:** The almighty and merciful God, the Father, the Son +, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

**All:** Amen.

**Luther's Morning Prayer:** 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. Amen.

**Luther's Evening Prayer:** 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. Amen.

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I'd like to:

talk with the Pastor

learn how to join our Fellowship

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