

# ***Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church***

*“To know... To teach... To share Christ”*

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**Ascension of Our Lord  
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# Our Worship Today

**Welcome!** We pray that your worship here will draw you closer to your Savior and equip you for a continuing life of Christian discipleship. For your spiritual needs we offer you the Word of Him who can supply all our needs - Jesus Christ, our Savior. Rejoice in His love for you. He cares for you. You are His own dear child.

**Prayer Before Worship** Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Worship Guide For Today's Service

Morning Praise, pages 45-51

<b>Our Songs</b>	CW 171	"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"
	CW 169	"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"
	CW 619	"God Bless Our Native Land"
	CW 250	"From All that Dwell below the Skies"
<b>Psalm</b>	CW 85	Psalm 47

## Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 35	Holy Communion: 33	Sunday Offering \$1,410
Sunday Bible Class 16	Midweek Bible Class 10	
Organ Fund Donations \$330		Total Collected To Date \$14,239

## Serving In Worship Today

Minister  
Organist/Accompanist  
Choir Director/Cellist  
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm  
Sharon Martin  
Linda Martin  
Larry Martin

## Memorial Day Video

“We Honor You”

## Opening Hymn

CW 171 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing“

## Invitation To Worship

P: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

**C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: The Lord is risen: Let us worship Him.

## Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

CW 46

## The First Lesson

Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going,

when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” (NIV1984)

## **The Psalm**

Psalm 47, CW Page 85

*Congregation sings refrain and the says second half of each verse*

## **The Second Lesson**

Ephesians 1:16-23

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fulness of him who fills everything in every way. (NIV1984)

## **The Gospel**

***Please Stand***

Luke 24:44-53

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what

my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God. (NIV1984)

## **Seasonal Response**

**C: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Death has been swallowed up in victory. Alleluia!.**

## **Sermon Hymn**

CW 169 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

## **Sermon**

“Give Thanks”

Psalm 106:1

## **Hymn**

CW 619 “God Bless Our Native Land”

## **Offering**

Our Offerings to the Lord are free will. Let your offerings be a joyful response to God’s grace to you.

Cello Solo “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

## **Prayer of the Church**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

CW 50

## **The Lord's Prayer**

CW Page 50

## **Prayer For Grace and the Benediction**

CW Page 50

## **Closing Hymn**

CW 250 "From All that Dwell below the Skies"

## **Announcements**

## **Postlude**

"Canticle of Praise"

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Today, May 28: Choir, 9:00 AM  
Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Organ Dedication & Worship Service, 10:30 AM  
Tuesday, May 30: Bible Class, 9:30 AM  
Sunday, June 4: Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM

Pastor in the Office: Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**A special Memorial Day Offering will be taken today and next Sunday. On the table in the Narthex is an ammo can for the offering. This special offering is for Lutheran Military Support Group which aids families of our military from our WELS congregations.**

Please continue to bring food items for our food pantry, especially protein items.

Serving our congregation: President-Larry Martin, Finance Chairman-John Smith, Head Elder-Robby Robinson, Worship Chairman-Marlyn Rische, Education Chairman-Ron Gorske, Outreach Chairman-Don Schoening, Properties Chairman-Wally Jordan

*May Birthdays: David Giddings, John Smith, & Sue Whittier-16th;  
Ellen Laurencell-21st; Terry Fleming-22nd*

***Happy 100th Birthday to Ellen Laurencell.***

*May Anniversaries: Robby & EyVonne Robinson-19, George & Carol Davis-25th*

*Prayer List: Doris Cox, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam,  
Dick Clemens*



## **GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK**

Christ rules all things for his Church. In the early 700s AD, there lived an English churchman known to history as the Venerable Bede. He was the great teacher of the middle ages, the man who divided history into AD and BC, the first great historian of the English language and a devout man of God. On May 25, 735 AD, on the great Ascension Vigil, Bede finished his translation of the Gospel of St. John into Old English. Then, on that day of Ascension, he died. From his deathbed, the Teacher of the Middle Ages spoke the words that have become the Prayer of the Day on Ascension. This beautiful prayer sets the tone for the day, beginning with a note of triumph and ending with a supplication for the Spirit and his work.

### **First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11**

The weeks of Easter had been filled with breathless joy in the presence of their living Savior. For forty days the disciples listened to Christ speak about the kingdom of God. All that kingdom talk whetted their appetite for power and authority. They had seen their Savior suffer; now they were ready to see him win. Jesus offered them the tantalizing promise of something greater than John's baptism, whom he had called the greatest man even born. What could it be? What heights of power and authority were waiting now that Jesus reigned as God and Lord? And so, oŭv, because of that, they asked him a question that makes us marvel. Verse 6 displays the depth of their culturally ingrained misunderstanding of Messiah: they certainly had spiritual hopes for Jesus, but even at this late date they could not divorce them from their expectations of an earthly kingdom. Christ's answer gives direction for the Church of all time. They would get power, but not for an earthly kingdom. Rather, they would receive Spirit-power to be heralds of the impending kingdom of heaven.

### **Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:16-23**

The post-ascension disciples no longer had their teacher with them walking the roads of Israel as before. We end time disciples do not have Jesus' visible presence with us either. Yet there is no ascension sadness, because the Church knows exactly where Christ is. He has taken up his power and has begun to reign with might that knows no limit and glory that knows no bounds. With a head like that, what foe have we to fear?

### **The Gospel: Luke 24:44-53**

*Ascension marks the coronation of our Prophet-Priest as King. Today we see his enthronement in glory and power to rule all things for the Church. Even at this late date, the disciples failed to understand Jesus' mission. So Christ opened the Scriptures to them to show once more that this was the Christ as prophesied. He told them, "This was the way it had to be! And you, you are now well-informed witnesses of the fact that I am both Lord and Christ." Finally, his disciples understood: Christus est Deus. There was no more doubting, no more fearing, no more worry. Christ is God. They worshipped the God-Man and watched him depart with his hands raised in unending blessing. No wonder they went home rejoicing! No longer would they hide behind locked doors; no longer would they cower; no longer would they fear the Sanhedrin. Instead they would fill the temple with public praise, because Christus est Deus! Their rabbi, their friend, their brother...he was God and ruled all things for his Church.*

## **OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

First Lesson	Joel 2:28-29
Second Lesson	Acts 2:1-21
The Gospel	John 16:5-11
Psalm	51B