

**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# The Ascension of Our Lord (observed) – May 24, 2020

As we gather ..... Acts 1:11 – “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.” Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended – and Christ will come again. We live our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the world to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus – and who know that He is coming back. This makes all the difference in how we approach the things of this world.

## ✠ THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE ✠

### THE HYMN: #494 “*See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph*”

- 1 See, the Lord ascends in triumph;  
Conqu’ring King in royal state,  
Riding on the clouds, His chariot,  
To His heav’nly palace gate.  
Hark! The choirs of angel voices  
Joyful alleluias sing,  
And the portals high are lifted  
To receive their heav’nly King.
- 2 Who is this that comes in glory  
With the trump of jubilee?  
Lord of battles, God of armies,  
He has gained the victory.  
He who on the cross did suffer,  
He who from the grave arose,  
He has vanquished sin and Satan;  
He by death has crushed His foes.
- 3 While He lifts His hands in blessing,  
He is parted from His friends;  
While their eager eyes behold Him,  
He upon the clouds ascends.  
He who walked with God and pleased Him,  
Preaching truth and doom to come,  
He, our Enoch, is translated  
To His everlasting home.
- 4 Now our heav’nly Aaron enters  
With His blood within the veil;  
Joshua now is come to Canaan,  
And the kings before Him quail.  
Now He plants the tribes of Israel  
In their promised resting place;  
Now our great Elijah offers  
Double portion of His grace.

5 He has raised our human nature  
On the clouds to God's right hand;  
There we sit in heav'nly places,  
There with Him in glory stand.  
Jesus reigns, adored by angels;  
Man with God is on the throne.  
By our mighty Lord's ascension  
We by faith behold our own.

### THE INVOCATION:

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS:

**P**: Let us then confess our sins unto God our Father.

**C**: **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins.  
I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most.  
My Lord's name I have not honored as I should;  
my worship and prayers have faltered.  
I have not let His love have its way with me,  
and so my love for others has failed.  
There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help.  
My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.  
I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.**

### ABSOLUTION:

**P**: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

**C**: Amen.

**P**: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**: Amen.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY:

**P**: The Lord be with you.

**C**: **And also with you.**

**P**: Let us pray.

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.

**THE FIRST READING: Acts 1:1–11** (*pew Bible p. 909*)

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. 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. 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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. 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.” 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. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 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.”

**THE EPISTLE: Ephesians 1:15–23** (*pew Bible p. 976*)

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, 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, 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, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 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. And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:44–53** (*pew Bible p. 885*) (*Please stand.*)

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.” Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. 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.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.



## **THE NICENE CREED:**

**☩ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **THE HYMN: #493 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”**

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!  
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 2 The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
And with His faithful foll'wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 To them the shining angels cry,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"This is the Savior," thus they say;  
"This is His glorious triumph day!"  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 "You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky."  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
Returning in great majesty."  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**THE SERMON:**

**"He's Still With Us"**

**Pastor Eric Ahlemeyer**

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## THE PREFACE:

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He blessed us with every spiritual blessing.

He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under His feet for the benefit of the Church.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

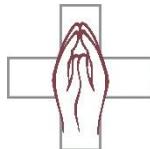
**C** **Amen.**

## THE 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.**

**P** In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:



## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## THE PAX DOMINI:

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## THE AGNUS DEI: #633 "At the Lamb's High Feast" (Verses 1-4)

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| 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing<br>Praise to our victorious King,<br>Who has washed us in the tide<br>Flowing from His piercèd side.<br>Alleluia!          | 3 Where the paschal blood is poured,<br>Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;<br>Israel's hosts triumphant go<br>Through the wave that drowns the foe.<br>Alleluia! |
| 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine<br>Gives His sacred blood for wine,<br>Gives His body for the feast—<br>Christ the victim, Christ the priest.<br>Alleluia! | 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,<br>Paschal victim, paschal bread;<br>With sincerity and love<br>Eat we manna from above.<br>Alleluia!                       |

## THE DISTRIBUTION

## THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

- P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.



## THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION:

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE CLOSING HYMN: #492 *“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”*

- 1 On Christ’s ascension I now build  
The hope of my ascension;  
This hope alone has always stilled  
All doubt and apprehension;  
For where the Head is, there as well  
I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ will come and call them.
- 2 Since Christ returned to claim His throne,  
Great gifts for me obtaining,  
My heart will rest in Him alone,  
No other rest remaining;  
For where my treasure went before,  
There all my thoughts will ever soar  
To still their deepest yearning.
- 3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,  
Recalling Your ascension,  
That I may serve You faithfully  
In thanks for my redemption;  
And then, when all my days will cease,  
Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading.

### ***SERVICE INFORMATION***

***The 3 service format, 8:15, 9:30, & 10:45 a.m., will continue  
through Sunday, June 14.***



## ANNOUNCEMENTS May 24, 2020



**WE WELCOME YOU as honored guests or treasured members.**  
**Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer.**  
**During the service, listen as the Lord speaks to you through His Holy Word. After the service, speak to one another.**

**VISITORS & MEMBERS**, please be sure to sign the **Attendance Register** in the pew so that your visit can be noted.

**ORDER OF WORSHIP** is a printed Divine Service. Refer to the *Worship Insert* for readings, hymns and to guide you through the service. A triangle  $\Delta$  preceding a hymn stanza indicates that we stand for the verse(s).

**CHANCEL PARAMENTS** are white in celebration of the Ascension of our Lord.

**PARENTS, FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE... A CRY ROOM** is located at the back of the nave. Please do not leave children unattended. All the restrooms are equipped with changing tables.

**SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES** will resume at a later date.

### PLEASE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Bev Brummett	Harold Cox	Don Day	Linda Fark Duff
Elizabeth DuVall	Dusty Eckman	Conrad Forks	Helen Forks
Stephanie Krone	Sue Lahman	Sonjia Martin	Paul Matzat
Ron Rasmus	Jaisyn Reese	Ken Shabino	Marlis Snyder
Damaris Story	Carolyn Tanner	Jean Taylor	Juanita Uhlig
Joan Walter	Phil Walter	Polly Wolf	
The Family of Harry Brummett		The Family of Roy Clark	
The Family of Adam Geyer			

Military: Haley (Hampton) & Jesse Luna

Miller's Merry Manor (Plymouth): Vaneada Brettin

Autumn Trace: Betty Wade

Miller's Assisted Living: Shirley Johnson

In case, you would like to send a card or note to Juanita Uhlig, she will be at her son's in Elkhart. The address is  
MRS JUANITA UHLIG  
c/o MR ROBERT YODER  
5 SALEM CT  
ELKHART IN 46514

Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS** during the month of May will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** and Christian love is extended to the family of **Angie Brummett (and Bailyn)** at the passing of her father, Harry Brummett on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The family will have a private service and burial in the New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. Please keep **Angie, Bailyn** and their family in your prayers.

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY** and Christian love is extended to the family of **Ashley Young Geyer** at the passing of her husband, Adam Geyer, on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Viewing will be on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-7:00 p.m. His funeral will be Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. All will be held at the Palmer Funeral Home within the Palmer Community Complex. Please keep **Ashley, her son, Adam**, and family in your prayers.

### **ELDERS' MEETING**

The Elders will meet virtually (Zoom) on Tuesday, May 26, at 7:00 p.m. Login information has been sent out by email. Please contact John Ott or the church office if you did not receive it.

### **HEARTFELT THANK YOU**

The family of James Allen would like to express our sincerest appreciation for the thoughtfulness presented to us and love, we have been given during our time of mourning.

God's Blessings to all of you, **Jane Allen & Family**

### **VBS**

Due to the COVID-19 crisis and the executive orders from the Governor, we will not be hosting VBS this year.

### **GREETING CARDS**

Women's Guild has a supply of cards for purchase in the hallway just past the mailboxes. Father's Day, Confirmation, and Graduate cards are now available. The cards are \$.50 each.

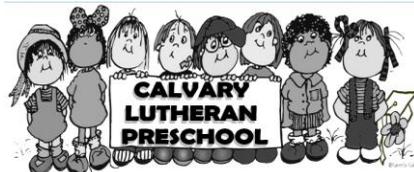
### **MATCHING EXTRA ORDINARY DONATION OPPORTUNITY**

An anonymous donor has agreed to match all Extra Ordinary gifts, up to a total of \$50,000, until Thanksgiving 2020. These gifts will be used to pay off the mortgage and secure a sound financial future for Calvary. Extra Ordinary envelopes are available on the cabinet in the Narthex.



### **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2020-21**

It's time to start thinking about registration for preschool for 2020-21. If you have a preschooler or know of a family, please grab an application on the wall in the Narthex by the church office.



### **WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**

Women's Guild will meet on June 18, at 6:00 p.m., at Brenda Meyers' home. We will have a carry in picnic, meat will be provided. We will carpool from church so as to minimize the cars at Brenda's home. We will talk about Trash & Treasure and other things that we need to be thinking about. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

We also are looking for two delegates for the Indiana LWML District convention which will meet virtually to vote on the mission projects for the biennium and for officers.

## **MISSION STATEMENT OF CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

*"To bring alive The Triune God's plan of salvation in the congregation, community, and world (Matthew 28:19-20) by providing an atmosphere for spiritual growth, embracing the Spirit, and sharing our God-given gifts in Christian love."*

## **WELCOME TO CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

The people of God at Calvary extend to you a most warm and friendly welcome. Please join us again soon. A "Visitors Packet" is available from an usher. If you are interested in further information about the church, or if you desire to become a member, please contact the church office at 936-2903. Thank you for worshiping at Calvary.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:** 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**PASTOR IN STUDY:** Tuesday through Friday mornings.  
Afternoon and/or evenings by appointment.

**E-MAIL:** [pastor@calvarylutheranplymouth.org](mailto:pastor@calvarylutheranplymouth.org)

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** For Your Convenience, Open Every Sunday  
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

The Lord's Supper is celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month.

- 8:15 a.m. Worship/Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes
- 10:45 a.m. Worship/Divine Service

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

As we celebrate the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper, all confirmed Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod guests are invited to partake with us. After kneeling, please open your mouth or hold out your hand to receive the bread from the Pastor. The wine is offered in the chalice by the Pastor. Please assist the Pastor with the chalice by placing your hand under the cup and tilting it until you receive a drink of the wine. If you desire an individual plastic container, please take one when the assistant passes.