

WELCOME

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

SAT. MAY 16/SUN. MAY 17, 2026



“NEVER ALONE”

AS WE GATHER

It is not as if Christ ascends to heaven and takes all His blessings with Him! This world remains forever marked by His grace and love. And now, reigning over all things, our ascended Lord intercedes for us at His Father’s right hand. Christ remains present for us in His Word and Sacraments, and Christ’s Body, the church, continues the joyful proclamation that Christ is risen, and indeed, He is coming again!

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

LSB 493

HYPERLINKS

https://youtu.be/46HC2_7PpM?si=r49l6ATqDyTLEEdE

**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!**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 141:1–2*

Pastor: O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!

People: Give ear to my voice when I call to You!

Pastor: Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,

People: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 1:8–9*

Pastor: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present

and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and 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.

People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“He is Arisen! Glorious Word”

LSB 488

**He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
Oh, hear what cheer!
Christ victorious
Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O ascended Lord Jesus, You promise to not leave Your disciples as orphans, for as You ascended into heavenly glory, so You shall return. Meet us here also in Word and Sacrament, that we might never doubt Your

presence nor our place in Your eternal kingdom,
for You live and reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

PSALM 68

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. A Song.

68 God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!

² As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them
away;

as wax melts before fire,
so the wicked shall perish before God!

³ But the righteous shall be glad;
they shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy!

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the
deserts;

his name is the LORD;
exult before him!

⁵ Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.

⁶ God settles the solitary in a home;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

⁷ O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness, *Selah*
⁸ the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.
⁹ Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;
you restored your inheritance as it languished;
¹⁰ your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the
needy.
¹¹ The Lord gives the word;
the women who announce the news are a great
host:
¹² “The kings of the armies—they flee, they flee!”
The women at home divide the spoil—
¹³ though you men lie among the sheepfolds—
the wings of a dove covered with silver,
its pinions with shimmering gold.
¹⁴ When the Almighty scatters kings there,
let snow fall on Zalmon.
¹⁵ O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan;
O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan!
¹⁶ Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked
mountain,
at the mount that God desired for his abode,

yes, where the LORD will dwell forever?

¹⁷ The chariots of God are twice ten thousand,
thousands upon thousands;
the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the
sanctuary.

¹⁸ You ascended on high,
leading a host of captives in your train
and receiving gifts among men,
even among the rebellious, that the LORD God may
dwell there.

¹⁹ Blessed be the Lord,
who daily bears us up;
God is our salvation. *Selah*

²⁰ Our God is a God of salvation,
and to GOD, the Lord, belong deliverances from
death.

²¹ But God will strike the heads of his enemies,
the hairy crown of him who walks in his guilty
ways.

²² The Lord said,
“I will bring them back from Bashan,
I will bring them back from the depths of the sea,

²³ that you may strike your feet in their blood,
that the tongues of your dogs may have their
portion from the foe.”

²⁴ Your procession is seen, O God,
the procession of my God, my King, into the
sanctuary—

²⁵ the singers in front, the musicians last,
between them virgins playing tambourines:

²⁶ “Bless God in the great congregation,
the LORD, O you who are of Israel's fountain!”

²⁷ There is Benjamin, the least of them, in the lead,
the princes of Judah in their throng,
the princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

²⁸ Summon your power, O God,
the power, O God, by which you have worked for
us.

²⁹ Because of your temple at Jerusalem
kings shall bear gifts to you.

³⁰ Rebuke the beasts that dwell among the reeds,
the herd of bulls with the calves of the peoples.
Trample underfoot those who lust after tribute;
scatter the peoples who delight in war.

³¹ Nobles shall come from Egypt;
Cush shall hasten to stretch out her hands to God.

³² O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;
sing praises to the Lord, *Selah*

³³ to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient
heavens;

behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.
³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel,
and whose power is in the skies.
³⁵ Awesome is God from his sanctuary;
the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power
and strength to his people.
Blessed be God!

FIRST READING *Acts 1:1–11 (As He ascends
to heaven, Jesus
instructs the disciples to anticipate the coming Holy
Spirit.)*

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

⁴ 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; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be

baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ 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.” ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ 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.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Romans 6:9; Matthew 28:20b

People: Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

**death no longer has dominion over Him.
Alleluia. Behold, I am with you always, to
the end of the age. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:44–53

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the
twenty-fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

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

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LSB 525

HYPERLINKS

https://youtu.be/ZCwsM-m2bpg?si=c_e-ZP5NcMz1Ztxn&t=35

**1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.**

**2.Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.**

**3.Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.**

**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 wonderous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones beore Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns.
For He is king of all.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Timothy Oswald

CONFESSION OF FAITH - 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly worthy, proper, and beneficial to give thanks to You, almighty and eternal Father, for Your glory revealed in the sending of Your Son, Jesus Christ. By His obedience, even to death on a cross, He both glorified You and reconciled the world to Himself. Now He is ascended into the glory that has been His since before the world existed, and we who trust in Him for eternal life raise our praises to You, O Father, to Your ascended Son, and to the Holy Spirit, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

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Hyperlink

<https://youtu.be/ahQMjZ1HNRS?si=vqoSSvI8HE9v2i0Y>

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
Blessed is He
that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying, *“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, *“Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you*

for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB p. 198

Hyperlink

https://youtu.be/b6-dYIMTZyU?si=ZMwlb_DLTVdqYyHi

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen**

✠DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION✠

By communing, a person says publicly that they -

- *are baptized and confirmed*
- *believe Christ's words*
- *repent of their sins*
- *fully agree with all that the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod teaches.*

How to receive –

- *anyone may come to the altar but keep hands folded if not receiving Communion*
- *the center of the tray has a cup with just a drop of wine for those who must minimize alcohol*
- *smile, exude your joy, but keep a reverent demeanor as others commune*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious” *LSB* 495

HYPERLINK

<https://youtu.be/KcaQqphCV90?si=ceCHYkRffRIW8AZM>

**1 Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious;
 See the Man of Sorrows now!
 From the fight returned victorious,
 Ev'ry knee to Him shall bow.**

Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crowns become the victor's brow.
Crowns become the victor's brow.

2 Crown the Savior! Angels, crown Him!
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
On the seat of pow'r enthrone Him
While the vault of heaven rings.
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown the Savior King of kings.
Crown the Savior King of kings.

3 Sinners in derision crowned Him,
Mocking thus the Savior's claim;
Saints and angels crowd around Him,
Own His title, praise His name.
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Spread abroad the victor's fame.
Spread abroad the victor's fame.

**4 Hark, those bursts of acclamation!
Hark, those loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station;
Oh, what joy the sight affords!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
Crown Him! Crown Him!
King of kings and Lord of lords!
King of kings and Lord of lords!**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Tune: LSB 633)

**For this feast our thanks we give;
Through its gifts we ever live,
Thanks and praise forever sing
Till we hear the heavens ring, “Alleluia!”**

**Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Let us pray.

Most Holy Triune God, we praise You for remembering us in Your kingdom, setting a place for us at Your Table, and bringing us into a life that lasts forever. As those forgiven by Your grace and sealed in Baptism as Your treasured possession, bless us with firm faith and a holy purpose, that we would keep Your commandments, know the love of our Father, and live in His truth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: 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 ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *LSB 549*

HYPERLINKS

<https://youtu.be/qpdOxZ92ldw?si=MIX03IW4lrQdvzEv>

1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

**Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.**

2. Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,

**Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
And crown Him Lord of all.**

3. Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

**Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**4. Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,
Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.
The God incarnate, man divine,
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**5. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The worm-wood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.
Go, spread your trophies at His feet
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**6. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**7. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**We'll join the everlasting song
And crown Him Lord of all.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT:
“Dedicated to knowing Christ and making Christ
known to others”**

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- **Ensemble Coordinator:** Tabra Gomski
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- **Please call (757-831-6948) or e-mail Pastor Oswald (oswald1@charter.net) with your prayer requests.**

- **INTERESTED IN A SMALL GROUP setting study of the Book of Numbers? Please see Pastor or Mike Gomski.**

- **THE SILENT AUCTION log book is on a table in the back of the fellowship hall downstairs. Please log in any items your bring and give any gift cards/other valuables to Phyllis to be locked up. Other items can be put on the**

table. If you would like to make up a silent auction basket, baskets and supplies (shrink wrap bags, pipe cleaners, ribbon) are also on a table in the back downstairs. Please take what you need. Baskets do not need to be wrapped.

- **HELP NEEDED – JULY 11 CAR SHOW:** Sign-up sheets for helping and donations for food such as pop (cans), water bottles, hamburger buns, french bread loaves for garlic bread are in the narthex. Please see Gail with questions.
- **YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTAKE IN A BABY SHOWER for A Place of Refuge.** Please bring items needed for Babies and/or for the new Moms. Please add your items to our baby cradle. Last day for donations will be May 31.
Please make sure they are clean and good condition or purchase something new. A Place of Refuge is located in Milwaukee. They care for women facing crisis pregnancy with Christ's Love. Thank you, we appreciate your support as we support these Moms and their precious babies. Any questions ask Peter, Tami or Beth.
- **TASTY FELLOWSHIP:** We would appreciate additional help in providing treats after Sunday services. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Tami Voigt.

THIS WEEK

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| Reader: | Brian Larie |
| Communion: | Paul Schneider |
| Ushers: | Bob & Kathleen Blume |
| Fellowship: | Peter & Tami Voigt |
| Altar Guild: | George & Nadine Kelm |

NEXT WEEK

Reader: Paul Trettin
Communion: Paul Schneider
Ushers: Sue Robinson & Gail Feick
Fellowship: MaryBeth Fragassi &
Evie Benedeck
Altar Guild: George & Nadine Kelm

Calendar of Events This Week

05/18/26–05/24/26

Monday: 11:00am Twin Lakes Seniors

Tuesday: 7:00pm Twin Lakes Sportsman Club

Wednesday: 6:00pm Bible Study - Psalm

**Thursday: 8:00am Men's Breakfast &
Elders
6:00pm AA Meeting**

Friday:

Saturday: 9:30am Worship Service

**Sunday: 8:15am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Worship Service
10:20am Bible Study &
Children's Sunday School
7:00pm AA Meeting**