



This past Thursday, we celebrated the Ascension of Our Lord. Christ’s Ascension is a major church festival which celebrates the completion of the earthly phase of Jesus’ work of salvation. His ascension is a simple yet powerful action—one that affirms His Kingship over earth and heaven. We rejoice that our Lord has gone to be with His Father in heaven, yet we wish He would still be here on earth with us. Jesus reassured His disciples, and He reassures us:

I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth.... You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.
~John 14:16-17

Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit. ~John 20:21-22

Responding to His might and His majesty, we affirm that the kingdom, the power, and the glory are His, stated each time we pray the Lord’s Prayer: *Thy kingdom come.... For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever!*

✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

SONG SET *Michael Amidei, Infinite Grace Team*

Please refer to the screens for the song lyrics.

Days of Elijah; The Lion and The Lamb

INVOCATION *Pastor Duane Feldmann*

Matthew 28:19b

Pastor (P): We call on the name of the Triune God—the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen!

PROCLAMATION OF FAITH AND HOPE *Mt 28:6; Mk 16:6; Lk 24:6, 34; Rev 22:20*

P: Alleluia! Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

ALL: AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus!

CONFESSION OF SIN AND FORGIVENESS

SONG He Is

FIRST READING Acts 1:12-26

Dave Hudson, Lector

After Jesus’ ascension, the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers and sisters.

In those days Peter stood up among the brothers and sisters (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling

headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, ‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it;’ and ‘Let another take his office.’ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection.” And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two You have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

EPISTLE READING 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you share Christ’s sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good....

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL John 17:1-11

When Jesus had spoken these words, He lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify Your Son that the Son may glorify You, since You have given Him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I glorified You on earth, having accomplished the work that You gave Me to do. And now Father, glorify Me in Your own presence with the glory that I had with You before the world existed.

“I have manifested Your name to the people whom You gave Me out of the world. Yours they were, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. Now they know that everything that You have given Me is from You. For I have given them the words that You gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. I am praying

for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. All mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

GUESTS AND MEMBERS CONNECT *Please fill out the Connect Card, either by hand or with the QR code. You may also add prayer requests to your information. Thank you!*



CHILDREN’S CHAT *Sam Scheck*

Children’s Bulletins are available on the entrance table.

OFFERING AND PRAYER *for giving options: ShepherdHillsChurch.org/Give*

SONG Resurrection Song

MESSAGE “WHO He is ... WHO I am” text: John 17:3-5

Pastor Duane and his wife, Sue, are members of Shepherd. Pastor has been a campus pastor, a congregational pastor, and a hospital chaplain. He is always a missionary.

STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE NICENE CREED

ALL: 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!

PRAYERS *In the month of May, we pray with open hearts for our Armed Forces, their families, and military chaplains.*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

ALL: 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!

HOLY COMMUNION: PREPARATION

Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. *1Corinthians 11:28-29*

Since those who take Christ’s body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and wish to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with Pastor.

DISTRIBUTION

*You will be ushered forward for Communion.

*If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.

*You may request wine without alcohol and/or a gluten-free wafer.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Take My Life; Give Me Jesus

GOD’S WORD OF BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

In this Divine Service, by the gift of faith, the Holy Spirit has opened our hearts and minds to receive His graces. We now leave this house of worship to share **HISTORY!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG Day of Victory

☩ **TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY!** ☩

You are invited to wear something **RED** next Sunday when we celebrate the **Festival of Pentecost**, the birthday of the Christian Church.



Jews celebrated the Feast of Weeks — a celebration of the end of the grain harvest, the giving of the Law, and the founding of the Jewish faith community. That festival in Jerusalem, which took place ten days after Jesus ascended to heaven, was not their usual celebration, however. Learn more about **Pentecost** and the gift of the **Holy Spirit** next week!

**LORD, LAY SOME SOUL UPON MY HEART AND LOVE THAT SOUL THROUGH ME:
AND MAY I GLADLY DO MY PART TO WIN THAT SOUL FOR THEE. AMEN!**

CONNECT CARDS Guests and members, please:

- ◆ fill out a Connect card, or
- ◆ scan the QR code to connect with us online

Cards are on clipboards at the end of a row. These methods include a space to share prayer requests with our pastors.

We look forward to praying for and connecting personally with YOU!

