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Lutheran Church

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May 2025

The Ascension of Our Lord!



*After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up
into heaven and He sat at the right hand of God.*

Mark 16:19



Look up!

The Ascension of our Lord is brimming with importance--
- first of all FOR JESUS.

He completes His resurrection
- as He goes to the RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.

He has ascended into the Divine Presence....

In St. John's vision of heaven,
- recorded in the Book of Revelation,
- we learn that now angels and archangels
- sing songs of victory to the Lord Jesus--
- to the Lamb who was slain but has now returned in glory.
- King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
- And He shall reign forever and ever!

Even if the Ascension had no other significance than that,
- what it means for the Lord Jesus
- would be more than enough to cause us to rejoice and celebrate--
- just because we love Him.

But it means much, much more-- ALSO FOR US.

As Jesus disappeared from the disciples' sight,
- He lifted up His hands and blessed them.
THE ASCENSION OF JESUS MEANS BLESSING FOR US!

It is our SAVIOR who is now at the right hand of the Father--
- the One whose Shepherd-like care for us is so great
- that He has given His life for us.

Now He is there praying for us,

- as the Father's own beloved sons and daughters--
- RIGHT NOW, even in these uncertain, troubling times--
- because of His work, His righteousness.

Most of us have learned how important it is to have contacts.

- We have a faithful Friend who in the highest place possible,

Listen to the writer to the Hebrews:

“Since we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.... Let us draw near WITH CONFIDENCE to the throne of grace, that WE may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.”

God is always waiting patiently
- to hear from His children in Christ.

What an easy, unnecessary victory we give to Satan
- when we cease to pray.

And listen to these words from St. Paul:

“When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.... He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets and some as evangelists and some as pastors and teachers. He did this to prepare ALL GOD'S PEOPLE for the work of Christian service, to build up the body of Christ, and so WE SHALL ALL... become mature..., reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature.... We are to GROW UP in every way into Him, who is the head, even Christ.”

Ascension Day IS important-- FOR US!

- We are all GROWING UP all our life long,
- to become more and more Christ-like.

Our ascended Lord is blessing us
- in order that we may grow to be blessings to others--
- in countless unique ways--
- and more and more, inch by inch.

It CAN all be a little scary,
- much like when we were growing physically
- and not quite sure what we would end up looking like.
- But there is no reason to be anxious
- when it is our Savior who is causing the growth....

And even that is not all.

Jesus is our FORERUNNER.
- He has gone before to prepare a place for us.

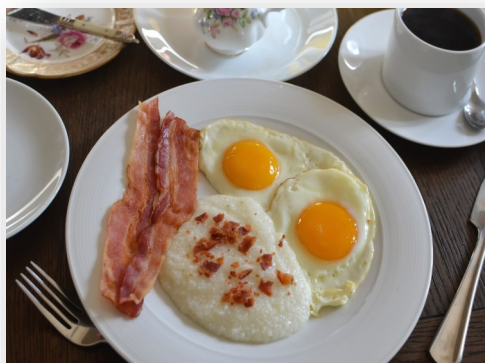
The disciples were told that this same Jesus
- who is taken up into heaven,
- will come again in the same way
- so that we may be where He is forever.

And meanwhile, HE IS WITH US ALWAYS right here,
- in a new and wonderful ways
- until the end of time.

So
- at the next festival of the Church year
- we ARE reminded to look up.

It could not be more important.

Paster Bauman



Breakfast Brunch Bunch

Our next Breakfast/Brunch Bunch will be on Sunday, May 18th. We gather after the Service for a brief discussion of a Bible passage and then leave together for a local restaurant. Everyone welcome! A great day to invite a friend too.

The Lutheran Witness

I encourage you to subscribe to our Synod's official periodical, The Lutheran Witness. It has been considerably upgraded in recent times and is both quite informative and also uplifting. You can subscribe by calling 800-325-3040 or by sending a note to this email address:

lwsubscriptions@cph.org.

Subscribing to the Lutheran Witness can provide you with a picture of the work of the churches of our Synod at home and abroad. Cost for a year's subscription is \$ 24.99.



May Birthdays

5/3 Erica Franzen
5/5 Kimberly Wheeler
5/9 Matthew L. Manka
5/11 Barbara Olson

5/12 Terry Kainz
5/14 Theodore Lee
5/16 Kristin Crager, Charles Hulke
5/31 David Schroeder

POUR OUT TO THE
GOD OF
HOPE
AND BE FILLED
ROMANS 15:13



THE 74TH ANNUAL
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**



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Join us for an Open House as we bring Worship Anew to you!

We are taking Worship Anew on the road so that we can bring our ministry to you!

At our Open House, you will have an opportunity to:

- ◇ Hear a special presentation about estate planning, including creating a Christian Preamble.
(Presentation from 4-4:30 PM.)
- ◇ Listen to a special devotional message from Pastor Thomas Ahlersmeyer, one of our regular pastors.
- ◇ Learn more about our ministry from our team.
Light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

When: 4-6 PM Sunday, May 18, 2025

Where: St. Peter Lutheran Church,

111 West Olive Street,

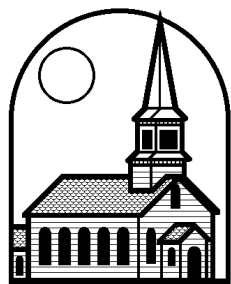
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Who: All are welcome!

RSVP by May 9th at (888) 286-8002 or

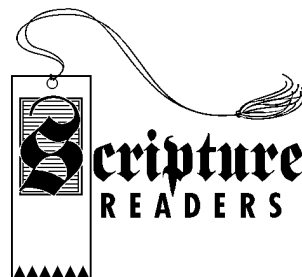
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May 2025 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

May 4— Dave Schroeder & Gary Luper
May 11— Marty Sterrett
May 18 – Al Thilk
May 25 – Al Thilk



Reader Schedule

May 4 – Dave Schroeder
May 11 – Adele Pikora
May 18 – Sally Hover
May 25 – Al Thilk

If you would like to volunteer to serve please call the office.

If unable to serve when scheduled, please try to find a substitute. Also notify the church office as soon as possible (630 837-1166 or immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net) Thank you!



May 2025

Hispanic Ministry Church

Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00:p.m.

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight

The last Sunday of every month

1:00 p.m. - 6:30:p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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9:30 a.m. Worship (HC)
10:45 a.m. Bible Class

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VBS Planning meeting
7:00 p.m.

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8:00-10:00 a.m. Church
Properties

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9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Bible Class

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Service at the Oaks at
Bartlett 1:30 p.m.

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8:00-10:00 a.m. Church
Properties

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9:30 a.m. Worship (HC)
10:45 a.m. Breakfast/
Brunch Bunch

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Board of Lay Ministry
7:00 p.m.

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Board of Directors
7:00 p.m.

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8:00-10:00 a.m. Church
Properties

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9:30 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Bible Class

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