

# ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 10:30 a.m.

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*We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).*

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*Pastor*

## ASCENSION SUNDAY

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

May 16, 2021

### WELCOME !

*Now when He [Jesus] had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."* ---Acts 1:9-12

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

To Those Who Commune

*Dear child of God in Christ: In this sacrament, in a special way, the Lord Jesus assures you personally that His death was for you. You are free from the penalty for sins. Sinner that you are, you are privileged to share in the meal of freedom. In, with, and under the bread and the wine, there is given to you His body and blood, the payment for your acquittal before God. Receive this sacrament. Know that you are forgiven. Jesus died and rose for you.*

**ORDER OF SERVICE:** Supplement, page 12 with Holy Communion.

**Hymn 738** Allelujah! Sing to Jesus!

**Acts 1:1-12** Forty days after Easter, Jesus and His disciples were at the Mt. of Olives near Jerusalem. There Jesus visibly ascended into heaven. His mission on earth was now Mission Accomplished! Two angels assured the disciples that Jesus would return—this same Jesus! He will still be true God and true man, our Brother and Savior, when He comes back. We await the day!

**PSALM 100, p. 35** "Make a Joyful Shout to the Lord!"

**GOSPEL: John 15:26 – 16:4** Jesus promised His disciples that He would send them the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, who would fill them with wisdom and bravery. There would be much opposition ahead.

**NICENE CREED:** Supplement, page 5.

**Hymn 212 vv. 1-5** A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

**SERMON: John 14:1-6**

### **ARRANGEMENTS TO STAY!**

*“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know.”*

*Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”*

*Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn 213** Hail, the Day That Sees Him Rise!

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

***VISITORS***, please kindly note that our congregation does not practice ***“open” communion***. Communion is an expression of oneness—certainly oneness with the Lord, but also oneness in faith and teaching with one another. Differences of Bible teaching do separate. In keeping with the unity expressed in the Lord’s Supper, we practice a “close-knit” communion. We ask that only members of St. Luke’s and sister CLC congregations come forward. Be assured, we are not judging anyone’s heart or faith in Jesus. God alone knows the heart. For further questions, please visit with the pastor. Thank you.

**Hymn 221** (Communion distribution) Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices!

Benediction

**Hymn 212 vv. 6-7** A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

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**ST. LUKE’S VIDEOS OF SERVICES:** If you are unable to be at worship, please find our service at St. Luke’s Facebook page.

**CHRIST'S ASCENSION DAY:** Christ ascended into heaven forty days after Easter. Thursday was Ascension Day. Today is Ascension Sunday. Christ's ascension into heaven is God's announcement—"Mission Accomplished!" His Son's work on earth to redeem sinners was accomplished in full. Jesus was received back to the majesty of heaven. We look forward to His coming again, and to our ascension to heaven also!

**SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING:** A special Voters Meeting will convene after the service today. There will be a discussion of the proposed 2015 Joint Statement, drafted in hopes of resolving the longest standing doctrinal difference between the CLC and the WELS/ELS. Our convention this summer must decide whether the Statement satisfactorily resolves the doctrinal issue, or whether the Statement lacks the thoroughness and preciseness necessary for a satisfactory resolution. The point of contention regards the *process* and the *reasoning* used, to break from a sister synod which allows error to be taught. The contention is not just a disagreement over the time elapsed before doing so. All worshipers are invited to visit the meeting. Thank you.

#### **SCHEDULE:**

05/23 **Pentecost Sunday** 10:30 Worship 9:30 B. Class & S.Sch.  
05/25-27 Pastor + Delegate Conference Tue-Thu Grace, Valentine, NE  
05/30 Trinity Sunday 10:30 Worship 9:30 B. Class & S.Sch.  
Final Bible Class and Sunday School for the year.  
06/06 9:30 Worship with COMMUNION.

#### **CALL NEWS:**

**Mr. Caleb Noeldner**, member at Messiah, Hales Corners, WI has been called to be the primary teacher/principal at St. John's Valley Bible Academy, Clarkston, WA. **Pastor Chad Seybt**, Fairchild, WI; Onalaska, WI; and Millston, WI, has accepted the part-time call from St. Paul's, Melrose, WI, as part of a new quad-parish. **Pastor Tom Naumann**, Detroit, MI has returned the call to Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

**THE LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN -- NEW and RENEWAL:** St. Luke's bulk subscription to the CLC's "Lutheran Spokesman" is up for renewal for another year. The Spokesman contains articles of spiritual encouragement, devotionals on Scripture, current topics, and CLC news. Several back issues are available on the table in the entryway. The cost is **\$14.00** for 12 months. Issues are mailed directly to your home. To subscribe for the next twelve months (beginning August), please include with your offering a check designated Spokesman, or give the check directly to treasurer Dwight Wenner. The renewal is due June 30. Thank you.

**DAILY REST – NEW and RENEWAL:** St. Luke's bulk subscription to the CLC's "Daily Rest" is up for renewal for another year. Daily Rest contains day-by-day devotions for Monday to Saturday each week. Several back issues are available on the table in the entryway. The cost is **\$15.00** for 4 issues covering 12 months. Copies are mailed directly to your home. To subscribe for the next twelve months (beginning September), please include with your offering a check designated Daily Rest, or give the check directly to treasurer Dwight Wenner. The renewal is due June 30. Thank you.

**INDIA, NEPAL AND COVID:** From Missionary Peter Evensen  
Please keep India and Nepal in your prayers. Both countries are being devastated by covid-19. <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

**India:** *Fortunately the state of Andhra Pradesh, where most of our brothers and sisters are located, has not been as touched by this wave (more like a wall) of cases. Tamil Nadu state (where I used to live), has imposed a lockdown until May 24th. We have a number of churches in this state. Bengaluru in Karnataka has also been severely hit. We have about 60 pastors in that area. ----- The health care system in India has basically collapsed. You may have seen some of the news. Hospitals are running out of oxygen and people in intensive care are dying as a result. People are trying to find oxygen canisters themselves to bring to their loved ones in the hospital (if they have even been able to find a hospital with a bed available). Many hospitals are putting two patients to a bed. The situation is especially bad in the rural areas (where a majority of our churches are located).*

**Nepal:** *Nepal is experiencing an even worse crisis. It is currently number 3 in new cases world-wide (behind India and Iran), which is especially striking because their population is so much smaller! In the recent several days they have reported over 9,000 new cases each day in a country with a population of just under 30 million (India has 1.37 billion). By cases per 1000, Nepal actually ranks 7th world-wide. <https://kathmandupost.com> has a number of articles. The medical situation in Nepal is worse than India..*

Please keep these countries, and especially our brothers and sisters in these countries in your prayers.

In Christ, Peter Evensen

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**CLEANING CHURCH:** We thank the cleaners for this month.

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