



worship: 9:50 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 10:30 a.m.

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PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the salvation which You have provided to a fallen world by sending your Son to suffer and die for us upon the cross. We rejoice in Your grace in raising Jesus from the dead, and exalting Him to your right hand in heaven. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ as our Risen and Exalted Lord may strengthen us to rise to newness of life, and to the glory our Lord in eternal life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: p. 5 (344)

HYMNS: 212; 738; 221; 223:1,5

THE RESPONSIVE INTROIT: (Psalm 47:5 Psalm 110:4-5)

God has gone up with a shout,

The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

The Lord has sworn And will not relent,

“You *are* a priest forever

According to the order of Melchizedek.”

The Lord *is* at Your right hand;

He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.

God has gone up with a shout,

The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Glory be to the Father...

THE NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:1-11

This account of Jesus' ascension leads to a richer appreciation of how this glorious event fits into God's plan for the salvation of mankind. During a period of forty days Jesus appeared repeatedly to the disciples, including large numbers of believers, presenting infallible proof that Jesus' resurrection was real. Jesus lives. The next phase of God's plan was to be the coming of the Holy Spirit for which the disciples were to wait in Jerusalem. Then the message of the gospel would go out from there to the ends of the earth. Completing the preparation for this event Jesus assembled the disciples and was visibly received into heaven, from which Jesus will visibly return on the last day. Jesus' Ascension reveals a complete plan of God's grace for our salvation.

THE EPISTLE LESSN: Ephesians 1:16-23

Paul writes of the wonder of grace and power that is found in Jesus' ascension. Our faith is focused on a living and exalted Lord who opens our understanding so that we know God as our Savior, and possess the hope of everlasting glory. We are also assured of the greatness of Jesus' power focused on blessing us. God raised Jesus from the dead, and in the ascension seated Jesus at His right hand, giving Jesus all might and dominion as God set Jesus to be head of all things for His Church. The Ascension message encourages us as we testify of Jesus to the world.

THE SERMON: Luke 24:44-53

Theme: Living the Joy of Jesus' Ascension

- I. The Joy of Truly Understanding the Scriptures
- II. The Joy of the Message of Repentance and Forgiveness
- III. The Joy-filled Worship of Our Victorious Savior

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Bible Class are in summer recess.

WEDNESDAY: Ladies Aid at 7:00 p.m. Jean Hellickson is scheduled as hostess.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pentecost Worship at 9:30. *Sermon text: Joel 2:28-29.* Minnesota Delegate Conference at Faith Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN beginning at 3:00.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 13-15: CLC General Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire, WI.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

Ushers: Andy Ball Joe Ubl Phil Egtvedt Leon Hellickson.

Cleaning: (Church cleaning month, no one family assigned)

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 21 worship – 21, Sunday school - 1

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,207.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$1438.00	
Needed for Year:	\$25,347.00	

Received for Year:	\$20,515.00
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CLC NEWS: St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD, has called the Rev. David Koenig, emeritus, West Columbia SC. <> Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called the Rev. Michael Roehl, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran, Bismarck ND, as co-pastor.

SPOKESMAN Subscription Renewal: Please look for the sign-up sheet on the "mail box" table in the narthex. Once again The Lutheran Spokesman is being offered at cut rates. Renewals are \$12.00 for the year. New subscriptions are only \$6.00. Consider a gift subscription. Please make payment to St. Paul's. Please be sure to take care of this by June 4.

DEVOTIONAL BOOK -- Pastor Mark Weis of Grace Lutheran Church (CLC), Cape Coral, Florida, has published an excellent new devotional book, "*One Thing Needful: For All the Distractions, Stresses and Worries of Life.*" It is available for \$3.99 as an e-book on Amazon, and can be read on any computer, tablet or cell phone with the free Kindle Reader. If you go to Amazon.com and search "Weis" and "Needful," you will easily find the book.

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Hymn 344 Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

Come let us join our cheerful songs / With angels round the throne.
The thousand thousand are their tongues, / But all their joys are one.

Worthy the Lamb that died,; they cry, / "To be exalted thus."
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply, For He was laid for us.

Jesus is worthy to receive / Honor and pow'r divine;
And blessings more than we can give / Be , Lord, forever Thine.

Let all creation join in one / To bless the sacred name
Of Him that sits upon the throne / And to adore the Lamb."