

He withdrew from them and...



...was carried up into heaven.

—*Luke 24:51b*

*Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Larimore, ND * May 12, 2024
Ascension of Our Lord*

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples!

All: God has gone up with a shout of joy!

Leader: The Lord Jesus Christ has risen to reign;

All: His is the name above all names!

Leader: We are witnesses: the Lord is risen!

All: Christ has ascended to reign on high!

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Lord, I confess my sin, You have promised to provide for all of my needs, and yet I mistrust Your promise. I know the futility of my own ambitions and my inability to do that which I desire. Today I need to recognize the sin within me, and ask that you would forgive me. Lord, in Your mercy, Forgive my sin and cleanse me so that I can be pleasing in Your sight and a minister in Your service.

God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life. The distance between God and ourselves has been brought together by love made perfect in the sacrifice of Jesus. To those who believe God's word of truth, comes power to be the people of God. Praise God for the gift of love to us. **AMEN.**

***GATHERING HYMN** "All Hail the Power..." ELW 634 vs.1,3,5-6

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON – NOISY OFFERING

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11 PB 884 (read responsively)

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning **2** until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3** After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. **4** While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have 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, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set 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, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." **9** When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. **10** While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." *WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.*

PSALM: *Psalm 47* PB 478 (*read responsively*)

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. **2** For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. **3** He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. **4** He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. (Selah) **5** God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. **6** Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. **7** For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. **8** God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. **9** The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 1:15-23* PB 949 (*read responsively*)

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason **16** I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. **17** I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, **18** so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, **19** and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. **20** God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, **21** far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. **22** And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, **23** which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** "How Great Thou Art" ELW 856 vs.2

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

A: Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL** *Luke 24:44-53* PB 861

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, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." **45** Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, **46** and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, **47** and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. **48** You are witnesses of these things. **49** And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." **50** Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed

them. **51** While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. **52** And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; **53** and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

A: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Lord, You Give the Great...*” ELW 579 vs.1,3-5

OFFERING

***OFFERING SONG** “*We Give Thee But Thine Own*” ELW 686 vs.1

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. **You are an abundant God, and out of Your great mercy you have given us so much. We give you this offering today. With it, we worship You and give our whole selves to You. May it be used for Your kingdom and Your glory. Extend and multiply its reach, and may it be a great blessing to many. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

***APOSTLE’S CREED** ELW pg. 217

I BELIEVE in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I BELIEVE in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into Hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** “*Lord, Listen to Your...*” ELW 752

SING: *Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.*

***THE LORD’S PRAYER**

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.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN** “*For All the Faithful Women*” ELW 419 vs.1,5,9

***DISMISSAL**

Go, in peace to share the good news! **We will! Thanks be to God!**

Welcome! We are glad you are with us today! If you are interested in joining our church, please contact Lori at 218-791-2671 or Julie at 701-741-5683. If you have an emergency, call Dave Voight (Church Council President) at 701-240-4255 -or- Camilla Stover (WELCA-V.P.) at 218-791-2678.

Please **prayerfully** consider signing up to **volunteer** in Sunday Worship services. Since the school year is winding down, We will need more **ushers, readers, and prayer readers** (worship leaders encouraged as well). *If you don't feel comfortable reading from the front, you are more than welcome to read from the microphone (on the organ) in the back of the church.*

All are welcome and encouraged!

CALENDAR

Today, 5/12/2024—*Mother's Day* (last day of Sunday School)

9:00am—Sunday School

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—**Cake**—**Happy 62nd Anniversary, Ray & Marilyn Johnson!**

Next Sunday, 5/19/2024—Pentecost!** (wear the color **RED**)**

10:00am—Worship

11:00am—Fellowship

Every day

An opportunity to show we are Christians by our love.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mission of the Month for: May – June:** *Church Beautification*
- **Noisy offering:** Collected on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month for the mission of the month(s).
- **Sunday, May 12th:** Mother's Day ~ Last day of Sunday School
- **Sunday, May 19th:** **Pentecost** Sunday—wear the color **Red!**
- **Saturday, May 25th:** From 2:00pm – 4:00pm. @ the NDHC Nursing Home. **100th Birthday Celebration for Dolores Mutch**
- **Sunday, May 26th:** Holy Trinity Sunday ~ **LHS Graduation**
- **Sunday, June 2nd:** Summer Sunday Worship Services start @ 9am

Serving this Sunday

Ushers: Abbott & Costello

Reader(s): Confirmation Students

Prayer: Confirmation Student

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: **Cake – Celebration of R. & M. Johnson's Anniversary**

Serving Next Sunday (5/19/24)

Ushers: DJ & Stephanie Tanner

Reader(s): Danny, Joey, Jesse

Prayer: Kimmy Gibbler

Communion: N/A

Fellowship: M. Landis & N. Lilja

PRAYER LIST

To add/remove someone from the prayer lists, please email the church:
oslclarimorerooffice@gmail.com or call/text Roberta: 218-779-0359

We pray for those in need:

Family of Ron Hunsberger Family of Dolores Dawes Family of Norma Petsinger
Cynthia Pic Orpha Lieberg Ron Petsinger Sarah Anderson Michael & Evynn
Schlender (nephew of Ann Ferdon) Country of Israel, and all countries in the world—that
they come to know Christ as their Savior and Lord Mark Sletten Robbie Leake
OSLC Call Committee: *Paul Mutch, Dee Muir, Jenn Aamodt, Dave Voight, Gordy Peterson*
(non-voting members: *Luke Reinhold, Sadie Aamodt*)

Prayers for Homebound/Nursing Home Members:

LaVonne Jacobson Vicki Sweeney Dolores Mutch Marv Jemtrud Arlene Lilja
Gloria Temple

Prayers for Armed Service Members:

Robert Norman Dillon Norman

SERVING IN MAY

Reminder: **If you are unable to serve on the schedule listed, please refer to the monthly inviter for a list of people to contact.*

2ND Sunday-May 12 – Mother's Day

FELLOWSHIP: N/A

3RD Sunday-May 19

FELLOWSHIP: M. Landis & N. Lilja

4TH Sunday-May 26 – LHS Graduation

FELLOWSHIP: *OSLC Men's Club*

SERVING IN JUNE

1ST Sunday-June 2

FELLOWSHIP: Melbys & Voights

2ND Sunday-June 9

FELLOWSHIP: Coffee Only

3RD Sunday-June 16 – Father's Day

FELLOWSHIP: NO FELLOWSHIP

4TH Sunday-June 23

FELLOWSHIP: Johnsons, Lebruns & Stovers

5TH Sunday-June 30

FELLOWSHIP: S. Rankin & S. Lang