

Sunday, May 12, 2024 – Ascension of Our Lord

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the world. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

Hymns and liturgy are located in the Red Hymnal unless otherwise noted.

Gathering * indicates to stand if you are able

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

* "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" #752 (sing 2x)

* Confession & Forgiveness pg. 94

* Greeting & Kyrie pg. 138

* Hymn of Praise "Glory to God" pg. 139

* Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (page 103 NT in pew Bible)

Psalm 1 (on screen)

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13 (page 214 NT in pew Bible)

* Gospel Acclamation pg. 142

* Gospel: John 17:6-19 (page 97 NT in pew Bible)

(after announcement of Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord**)

(response after reading of Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ**)

Children's Message

Message

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" #553

* Statement of Faith: Apostle's Creed pg. 105

* Prayers of the Church

* Sharing the Peace

Meal

* Offering/Offertory "Create in Me a Clean Heart" #188

* The Great Thanksgiving pg. 144

* "Holy, Holy, Holy" pg. 144

* Words of Institution

* The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution: *All are welcome at the Lord's Table. If you prefer, gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; just ask the server.*

Distribution Hymn: "Beautiful Savior" #838

* Post Communion Prayer

Sending

* Blessing

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" #855 (vs 1-4)

Dismissal and Bell

Thank you to Pastor Matt Orendorff for leading us in worship today.

Remember in your prayers

Anita Stoker, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound.

upcoming events and announcements

Coffee Hour Join us in the fellowship hall each Sunday morning prior to worship at 10:00am for coffee and treats. All are welcome! If you able to help serve a coffee hour, please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Join us on Sunday, May 19! starting at 10:00am all are invited to Family Bingo to celebrate the end of the Sunday school year. Prizes for all ages! We will also be congratulating our graduating high school seniors during the same time. Come and wish them the best in their future plans. Cake, ice cream and coffee served! Worship will follow at 11:00am with a special recognition and a gift for the graduating seniors. Please join us!

Camperships are available to any youth or family from First Lutheran that would like to attend summer Bible Camp or a Family Bible Camp. The church will cover 40% of the registration cost. Available funds are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact the church office for more details.

Reminder! If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the church without permission.

Share & Care meets at 8:30am on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. This group puts quilts together for Lutheran World Relief. All are welcome to join us. Sewing skills not needed as there are many other tasks to work on.

Zipporah Bible Study meets at 2:00pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to join us!

2024 KMRS Radio Broadcast available dates are: May 19, June 30, Aug 25, Oct 6, and Nov 17. Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Today's Worship Servants: Sunday, May 12

Ushers: Steve Just family, Michael Bjorklund, Dave Jungst

Lector: Steve Just **Nursery:** Lindy Ekola

Acolyte: Grant Anderson & Abigail Anderson

Communion Prep: Liz Harris (bread)

Communion Servers: Vicki Dalager, Linda Holland, Judy Buro

Video: Steve Wagner **TV Slides:** Maddy Schneider

Next Week's Worship Servants: Sunday, May 19

Ushers: Dick Smith, Al & Julie Monroe

Lector: LeAnn Dean **Nursery:** Amy Dougherty

Acolyte: Brayden Carlson & Wyatt Schultz

Video: Kyle Dougherty **TV Slides:** Aaden Schultz

welcome

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TODAY: Sunday, May 12

10:00am: Coffee/Fellowship

11:00am: Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, May 13

no events scheduled

Tuesday, May 14

11:00am: Pastor's Text Study

12:00pm: Gatherings at Old #1

7:00pm: Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 15

6:00-7:30pm: Element/Confirmation

7:00-8:30pm: Sr. Fusion

Thursday, May 16

2:00pm: Zipporah Bible Study

Friday, May 17

no events scheduled

Saturday, May 18

8:00am: Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran

Babysitting Clinic at First (all day event)

Sunday, May 19

10:00am: Family Bingo/Coffee/Fellowship

11:00am: Worship (Graduate Sunday)

2:30-4:00pm: Girl Scouts