

The Ascension of Our Lord

May 12, 2024



HOPE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

On the Border of Land O'Lakes, WI and Watersmeet, MI

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Church Office: (906) 544-2259

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Divine Service: Sunday 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 8:15 AM

Wednesday Children's Ministry Classes: 4:00 PM

"Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age!"

PRAYER UPON ENTERING

Ascended Lord Jesus Christ, we adore You! Once You lived a human life subject to the limitations of time; now You are the same yesterday, today and forever. Once You were limited to one particular place; now You are present wherever people turn to You. Once only those who met You face to face knew You; now Your divine love extends through all the world. Jesus, ascended Lord of time and space, with love as wide as life, we adore and worship You. Amen.

WELCOME to all who worship with us on this festive day! We are pleased that you have joined us to worship our risen and ascended Lord Jesus Christ. If you are without a church home, we invite you to prayerfully consider Hope. Worship with us again soon!

AS WE GATHER - The picture in our mind's eye of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ is that of a group of disciples standing on a hill looking up into the heavens where Jesus has gone. The Festival of the Ascension reminds us that because Jesus has gone up on high, things are eternally "looking up" for us, His faithful people still on earth. Some day we will be taken heavenward to be with Him in glory forever. The Festival of the Ascension was celebrated in the early centuries of the Christian Church. With Christmas and Easter it was considered one of the three "Feasts of our Lord's Godhead."

WORSHIP NOTES

ORDER OF SERVICE - Divine Service Setting Four, p. 203ff.

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SERMON *"He Was Taken Up"* Acts 1:1-11

Serving in God's House Today

Our Pastor: Rev. Gary Albert
Acolyte: Will Johnson
Elder on Duty: Ed Kalvoda
Flower Sponsors: Marsha Musial & Russ Oberg in memory of Rod Bathke and in honor of Jan Bathke
Greeter: Gary Chapman
Bulletin Sponsor: Rick Johnson
Reader: Bob Vogt
Organist: Jolene Albert

CALL TO WORSHIP: Before the service speak to God in prayer. During the service let God speak to you through His Word. After the service speak to one another.

New Sunday Morning Bible Study - Christ at the Center - A Study of Colossians - Paul's presentation of Jesus in Colossians is as exalted as any in the New Testament, presenting Christ as both the Creator and Reconciler of the universe. Paul makes these lofty claims because the church in Colossae was under attack. They didn't deny Christ; they dethroned Him. We also live in a society that subtracts from Jesus and adds to the Gospel. Join us beginning **Sunday, May 26, 8:15 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

Precepts Bible Study: We will be studying the third section of the book of John, beginning on Tuesday, May 21st. The class will meet from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Please come with first lesson completed. The workbook is available from Pastor. If you have any questions, call Jane Reilly at 847-212-1026.

Seasonal Visitors: Church Directory updates are available on the ushers' shelf. If you have a directory, please pick up the updates to keep your directory current. The next update will come out in November. Thank you!

LWML Card Party: The Martha Society of LWML at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Eagle River is sponsoring a Card Party, **Wednesday May 15th from 11 am to 2:30 pm**, open to all. Registration is \$15.00 which includes a salad luncheon, dessert and coffee. Proceeds go to local missions. Questions - call Sharon Gifford at 715- 617-0308.

Roadside Cleanup: Volunteers are needed for our Spring roadside clean-up on Saturday, May 18. We will meet at church at 9:00am. Many hands (and feet) will make the work light!

A Very Special Birthday - Florence Ninko will be celebrating her 100th birthday on Sunday, May 26. Florence and her family joined Hope in 1974. If you would like to send Florence a birthday card, her address is: Iron County Medical Care Facility, 1523 U. S. Hwy 2, Crystal Falls, MI 49920.

Birthday wishes go out this week to Robyn Perlewitz (Thursday, May 16), Nancy Lapp (Friday, May 17) and Paul Schultz (Saturday, May 18). May God bless you all in the coming year!

Prayer List – Please keep the following in your prayers: Kenzie Beer, Carol Granberg, Donna Johnson, MacKenzie Moore, Lisa Smith, Jean Trispel, Christine & Scott Beattie, Sallee & Gary Gehrt, Jeff Bartlett, Tom Behling, Ken Boksa, David Gunderson, Rick Hojan, Roger Sauter, Paul Schultz, Dave Steffen, & Morris Wise. Our homebound members: Florence Ninko, Jill James, & Augusta Santy Specht. Please keep our congregation in your prayers as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance to provide for our pastoral needs now and in the future. For our mission partners: the Bakers in Mongolia, the Olivers in Taiwan, the Lehmanns in Puerto Rico, the Cundiffs & Bombaros in Latvia.

A Measure of Our Love

Attendance at May 5th Worship Service: 50 Bible Study: 6
Offering Envelopes: \$1,315.00 Loose Plate (Food Pantry): \$225.00

In case of emergency or hospitalization, please contact Pastor Albert at home in Marshfield at 715-384-2855, or on his cell phone at 715-323-8874. You may also e-mail him at gmalbert@charter.net. Please inform us if you are going to be homebound for a period of time.

TABLE PRAYER Receive our heartfelt thanks, Heavenly Father, for all Your blessings – the food we share, the fellowship we enjoy, our time together – and make us mindful of all who lack such daily gifts that we may joyfully share our blessings with others. Amen.

