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THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

June 1, 2025 T 9:00 AM



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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St. John's Lutheran Church is a parish of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (lcms.org), where God's people gather to receive the gifts of Jesus Christ in Word and Sacrament. Welcome in the name of the Lord!

We are blessed to have a vibrant and growing parochial school, St. John's Lutheran School (Preschool & K-10), serving the families of the church and the Mattoon community with a Christ-centered education. For more information, visit stjls-mattoon.com, or contact the school office at 217-234-4911.

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GUESTS, we pray you are comforted by the Gospel and feel welcome among us. We invite you to introduce yourselves.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME in the Divine Service. Restrooms and a cry room/nursery are located in the narthex.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE with all page numbers for the hymnal, *Lutheran Service Book*, is found in this bulletin, as well as each week's Propers*. The end of the bulletin contains St. John's weekly news and announcements. The large-print bulletins also contain the hymns and liturgy for the convenience of those who may need it.

**The Propers are the Psalm verses (Introit and Gradual) and Readings that are appointed for (or "proper to") the particular Sunday in the Church Year.*

About the Cover

This image depicts Jesus' farewell teaching to His disciples. In the background is His ascension into heaven. The monogram of the artist, Christoffel van Sichem (1546–1624), appears on a building in the upper left portion of the image.

Divine Service, Setting Three,
Lutheran Service Book, page 184

Hymns

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842	553
637	-
492	525

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Prelude
Announcements

JUNE HYMN OF THE MONTH

Opening Hymn: *I Will Sing My Maker's Praises*insert

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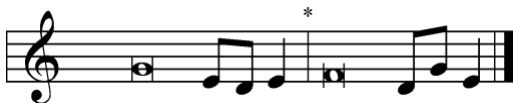
Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P The King ascends to heaven. Alleluia.
C **O come, let us worship Him.**

Confession and Absolution.....page 184

Introit (sung responsively with cantor)

*Psalm 27:1, 11a, 12;
antiphon: vv. 7a, 8b, 9a*



Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.
Your face, Lord, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom | shall I fear?*

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

*Teach me your way, | O Lord;**
give me not up to the will of my adver- | saries;
for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me,*
and they breathe out | violence.

Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud. Alle- | luia.
Your face, Lord, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alle- | luia.*

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis.....186–189

Collect of the Daypage 189

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 36:22–28

²²“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Peter 4:7–14

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Psalms 47:8; John 14:18a, 28; 16:22b



John 15:26—16:4

C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

2They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. 3And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”

C *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Apostles' Creedpage 192

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Hymn of the Day: *Christ Is the World's Redeemer* 539

Sermon

Stand

Offertory: *Create in Me* pages 192–193

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Offering

Please take this time to fill out the red record of fellowship at the end of the pew.

Stand

Prayer of the Church

T SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT T

Our Teaching on the Sacrament of Holy Communion: Attending communion at our altar indicates agreement with the doctrine and teachings of Scripture that our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod confesses. Therefore, only confirmed members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod should come forward without first speaking to the pastor and being instructed. Thank you.

Preface through *Agnus Dei*pages 194–198

Sit

Distribution Hymns (as needed)

Son of God, Eternal Savior842

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire 553

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We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend back page

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build492

Stand

Nunc Dimittis through *Benediction*pages 199–202

Closing Hymn: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* 525

Postlude

Exaudi ~ *The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus*

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. *“The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God”* (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus’ suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7–14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22–28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, *“that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen”* (1 Pet. 4:11).

~LCMS Lectionary Summaries

**6/1/25
Sunday after Ascension**

**6/8/25
Pentecost**

Celebrant	Rev. Andrew Herzberg	Rev. Andrew Herzberg
Organist	Cantor Eckardt	Cantor Eckardt
Head Elder	Scott Harris	Scott Harris
Asst. Elder	Tom Roth	Tom Roth
Altar Guild	Jennifer Warfel & Kacie Richey	Jennifer Warfel & Kacie Richey
Acolytes	Bryce Montgomery & Ellie Herzberg	Mabrey VanHoven & Kennedy Wirth
Ushers	Tab Snyder & Chase Upton	Tab Snyder & Chase Upton
Special Music		Adult Choir

Giving Numbers: Budgeted: \$420,228 Received: \$430,201

Missions: \$4,775 collected of \$10,400 pledged

Gathered in Worship last week: 22

Ascension Service: 65

Those in Need of Comfort, Health, & Recovery

Our Members: Marge Anderson, Kay Pointon, Shirley & Bill Donnell, Bob Koelling, Helen Smock, Laura Zuhone, & Doreen Nelms

Those Shut In: Norma Schussler, Art Zuhone, Rich & Clara Woelber, Bob Zschau, Shirley Kolbus, Lorene Reinhart, Alvin & Judy Schagemann, Dorothy Roling, Marlene Zuhone, Sara Doebling, Doris Dallas, Martha Spencer, & Karen Johnson

Friends of Our Congregation: Douglas Blume, Jeff Ferree, Charles Stodden, Bianca Stodden, Susan Sochowski, Derick Shy, Linda Scheer, Addison Orris, Karen Phillips, Bill Crane, Renee Dosien, Tammy Weber, Jerry Rardin, Rick Ivester, Alan Phelps, Jerry Buesking, Jim Russell, Margo Haas, Barb Hinkle, Emilie Bezler, Neil Miller, and David Uphoff

Church Announcements

Baby Bottles: If you are able, please pick up a baby bottle to fill with coins, dollars and checks for the Choices Pregnancy Center. Fill your bottle and drop off in the church office. Please drop all Baby Bottles off by Father's Day. Bottles can be found at the north, west and south entrances.

Ladies Aid rummage sale will be Thursday, June 26th, Friday June 27th, and Saturday June 28th in the Air Conditioned High School Gym. We would appreciate donations, help with set up, help during the sale, and help with clean up. We ask that you SAVE your Christmas and Fall items until our Bazaar on November 1st. Please NO ELECTRONICS.

Employment Opportunities at St. John's Lutheran Church & School

- Church Secretary
- Part Time Paraprofessionals
- Volunteers
- Part Time Kitchen Assistant

Vacation Bible School- June 9th-13th Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School will be June 9th-13th! Children 4 years old through 5th grade are encouraged to join us for an "Epic Australian Adventure"! Middle school to adult volunteers are greatly needed! Please contact Kallie Harris or follow this link to sign up, if you are interested in helping. Thank you!

<https://vbsmate.com/events/stjohnsmattoonil/30508>

VBS Decorating- If anyone is interested in helping prep for VBS any day this week, please contact Kallie Harris (217) 246-6222.

Meet the Authors: Monday, June 16th you are invited to meet authors, Christine Elliott Rivers (author of the Commandments series) and Katie Schuermann (Author of the Creed series) and experience their book release. This event is located HERE at St. John's Lutheran Church at 6:00 pm! See the poster on the bulletin board for additional information.

Summer Sunday School teacher/s needed for our 2nd Grade and up class. Please reach out to Kallie Harris if you are able to help.

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, IL, will be hosting viewings of the following films on June 20, 21, 22, at the Tuscola Community Building (see schedule below). Popcorn will be available and water will be available.

-Friday, June 20, 6:00pm — *Is Genesis History (102 minutes)*

-Saturday, June 21, 10:00am — *Is Genesis History (102 minutes)*

-Saturday, June 21, 2:00pm — *Is Genesis History: Mountains After the Flood (102 minutes)*

-Sunday, June 22, 2:00pm — *Is Genesis History: Mountains After the Flood (102 minutes)*

For more information, contact: Rev. Jason M. Braaten, Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Schedule for June 1 – June 8

Sun 9:00 am Divine Service (Sunday after Ascension)

10:20–11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School

1:30 – 3:30 pm Farmer – Church Gym

Mon 7:30 – 9:30 am GBB– Church Gym

6:30 pm Elder's Meeting

~~8:30 am Prayer Time in Sanctuary – cancelled~~

Tue 6:30 am Men's Bible Study – Honey Bee Café

7:30 – 9:30 am GBB– Church Gym

Wed 6:30 – 8:00 pm Adult Choir (final rehearsal)

Thurs 10:00 am Bible Class

1:30 pm Ladies Aid – Family Room

Sun 9:00 am Divine Service (Pentecost)

10:20–11:20 am Bible Class/Sunday School

1:30 – 3:30 pm Farmer – Church Gym

5:00 pm FIRE

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is a “creed”?

The Explanation of the Small Catechism says a creed “is a statement of what we believe, teach and confess.” The word “creed” comes from the Latin word “credo” which means “I believe.” Many organizations have and use creeds. The Church uses three creeds: the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed. The creeds of the Church are different from all other creeds because they proclaim a living and wonderful faith that comes from God!

Why do we speak the creed in the Divine Service?

What if I told you that when you speak the creed, you are telling the whole world what you believe? It’s true! When you speak the creed in the Divine Service you are responding in faith to what God has done for you through Jesus, and you are confessing the very Gospel message that saves all who believe. What a great thing to do every Sunday!



Parents:

Before or after the Divine Service, show your children where they can find the creeds of the Church in the hymnal. Utilize these wonderful gifts from God in your family devotions at home. Speaking the Apostles’ Creed together in the morning is a great way to start the day.



Eph. 4: 8

Wir danken dir, Herr Jesu Christ

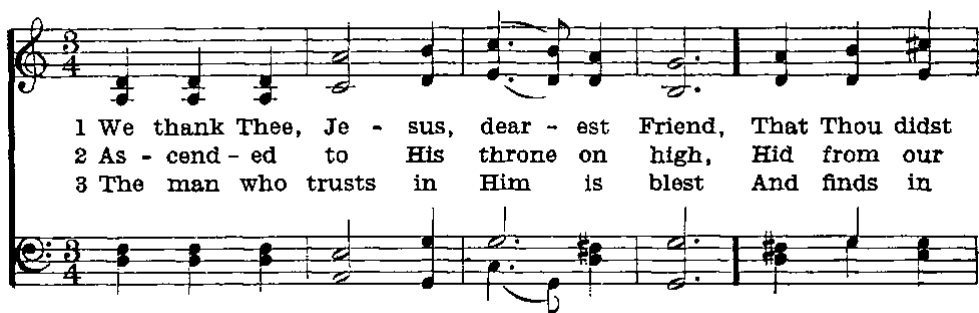
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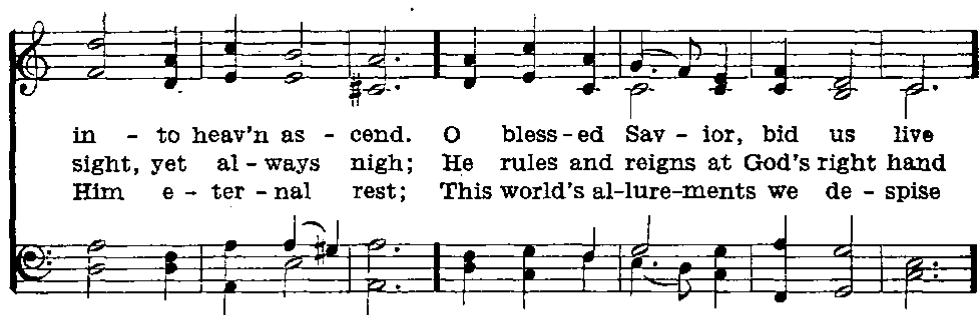
L. M., with Hallelujah

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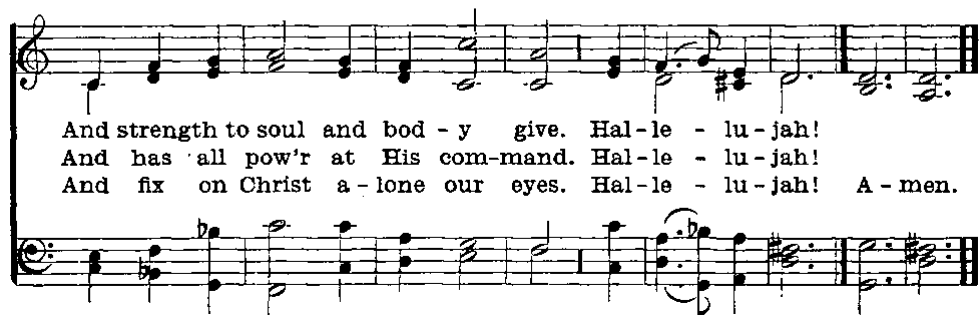
Nikolaus Herman, 1560



1 We thank Thee, Je - sus, dear - est Friend, That Thou didst
 2 As - cend - ed to His throne on high, Hid from our
 3 The man who trusts in Him is blest And finds in



in - to heav'n as - cend. O bless - ed Sav - ior, bid us live
 sight, yet al - ways nigh; He rules and reigns at God's right hand
 Him e - ter - nal rest; This world's al-lure-ments we de - spise



And strength to soul and bod - y give. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 And has all pow'r at His com-mand. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 And fix on Christ a - lone our eyes. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

- 4 We therefore heartily rejoice
 And sing His praise with cheerful voice;
 He captive led captivity,
 From bitter death He set us free.
 Hallelujah!
- 5 Through Him we heirs of heav'n are made;
 O Brother, Christ, extend Thine aid
 That we may firmly trust in Thee
 And through Thee live eternally.
 Hallelujah!