

Ascension of Our Lord  
May 16, 2021  
FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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“Moving forward in faith by providing spiritual and physical nourishment  
to all God’s people.”

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*God has gone up with a shout. (Ps. 47:5)*

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*\*Indicates to please stand as you are able*

**PRELUDE Joyful Noise Ringers**

“O God Our Help in Ages Past”

“Jesus Loves Me”

**BELL**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** ✝

**\*OPENING HYMN “How Great is Our God/How Great Thou Art” #856**

**v.1**

The splendor of the King,  
Clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice,  
Let all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps himself in light,  
And darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at his voice,  
And trembles at his voice.

REFRAIN: How great is our God!

Sing with me: how great is our God!  
And all will see how great,  
How great is our God!

From age to age he stands,  
And time is in his hands;  
Beginning and the end,  
Beginning and the end.  
The godhead, three in one,  
Father, Spirit, Son,  
The lion and the lamb,  
The lion and the lamb.

REFRAIN: How great is our God!  
Sing with me: how great is our God!  
And all will see how great,  
How great is our God!

O Lord my God,  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars,  
I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy pow'r throughout  
The universe displayed;

REFRAIN: Then sings my soul,  
My Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art!  
How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul,  
My Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art!  
How great thou art!

How great is our God!  
Sing with me:  
How great is our God!

And all will see how great,  
How great is our God!

("How Great is Our God" Tomlin, Reeves, and Cash c.2004 worshiptogether.com  
songs/SixStepsMusic(ASCAP), admin. EMI CMG Pub. #846627)

## **GREETING** p.203

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC: Joyful Noise Singers**

"Mountain Mover" with Gary Boraas

"Books of the Bible"

### **FIRST READING:** Acts 1:1-11

### **PSALM 1 "We Shall Not Be Moved"**

How blessed are the ones who never walk  
Within the place where wicked scoffers talk.

We're like a tree  
That's planted by the water.  
We shall not be moved!

CHORUS: We shall not, we shall not be moved!

We shall not, we shall not be moved!

We're like a tree  
That's planted by the water.  
We shall not be moved!

Our joy is in the statutes of the Lord,  
And night and day we ponder on the Word.

We're like a tree  
That's planted by the water.  
We shall not be moved!

## CHORUS

The wicked shall not stand the judgment day,  
But like the chaff they'll all be blown away.  
We're like a tree  
That's planted by the water.  
We shall not be moved!

## CHORUS

(Used with permission, John Ylvisaker)

**SECOND READING:** Ephesians 1:15-23

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Open My Heart to Your Love” (2x)**

Open my heart to your love, oh God.

Open my eyes to your grace.

Open my life to receive your word.

Send wisdom and courage

To follow your way.

(Hans Peterson, c2007 Dakota Road Music #846627)

**\*GOSPEL:** Luke 24:44-53

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24th chapter...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

**\*HYMN OF DAY** “You are Mine” #581

**APOSTLES' CREED** p. 104

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**    *Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

**SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**OFFERING**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** p.206-207

**\*PREFACE**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER** *sung*

**SONGS OF DISTRIBUTION**

**“Jesus, Lamb of God”(2x)**

Jesus, lamb of God:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus bearer of our sins:

Have mercy on us.

Jesus redeemer of the world:

Give us your peace.

(Text c.1980 John Ylvisaker, Music: P.D. used with permission)

**“Waymaker”** (Contemporary Group)

**“Table of Plenty”**

REFRAIN: Come to the feast

Of heaven and earth!

Come to the table of plenty!

God will provide

For all that we need,

Here at the table of plenty.

O come and sit at my table

Where saints and sinners are friends.

I wait to welcome the lost and lonely  
To share the cup of my love.

#### REFRAIN

O come and eat without money  
Come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit  
With faith and fullness of life.

#### REFRAIN

(Daniel Schutte, c1992,OCP #A-707603)

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

#### **\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING HYMN** “Lead Me, Guide Me” #768 v. 1

#### **\*DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

#### **POSTLUDE**

\*The flowers up front today are from Ron Redepenning's funeral.

## **Today's Worship Assistants**

**Worship Leader:** Bishop Craig Anderson

**Music Director:** Linda Anderson

**Office Manager:** Jessica Borstad

**Reader:** Bart Hill

**Video/Audio:** Tech Team

**Usher Team:** Team #3

**Acolytes:** Hannah Oie & Kendyl Shelstad

**Communion:** Bart & Julie Hill



### **Readings for May 16**

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

***Please also hold these concerns in your prayers, today and throughout the week. Contact the church office at 598-3630 to add or remove a person.***

**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:** Ken Beyer, Lil Lyng, Gayle Weber, Betty Peterson, Dale Olson, Annabell Engebretson, Don Husby, Iona Monson, Doris Kittleson, Ramona Niven, Gary McFarland, and Marlene Johnson.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Dave Ludvigson, Alice Johnson, Skip Blahosky, Harper Lucas, Tyler Struck.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ♦ Don't forget that you can listen to the Sunday service on KLQP 92.1 @ 11:30AM or watch it on Channel 8 @ 3:30PM. You may also view ALL past and present services on our website: [www.faithlutheranmadison.org](http://www.faithlutheranmadison.org) and our Facebook page.
- ♦ Seeking applicants for **Coordinator of Education** and youth activities within the church. Salary Position. Deep love of children, computer skills, and leadership skills with children and adult volunteers preferred. Please contact Faith Lutheran Church office for job description and to leave resume.  
320-598-3630

- The FLY Program, which provides meals for weekends for children in need, is in need of funds. Donations can be sent to United Prairie Bank with the notation that it is for the FLY program.
- Do Day quilters can use your gently used sheets and pillow cases for material.
- Pastor Ron will be on vacation from May 12-18. If there are any pastoral needs in his absence, Pastor Bruce Bringle will be filling in for him (507-381-7301).
- Due to financial cut backs, we will be printing a limited number of larger print bulletins for those that need them because of eye sight. Announcement flyers will be available for everyone. Newsletters will have just the basics.

**\*\*HAPPENING AT FAITH THIS WEEK\*\***

**Sunday, May 16**

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School- *Last Day*

**Monday, May 17**

7pm AA / AL Anon

**Wednesday, May 19**

9am Hot Muffins

3:30-5pm Joyful Noise Choirs

3:30-5pm Confirmation- *Last Day*

**Sunday, May 23**

9am Worship Service

*Pentecost- Wear RED*

*Senior Recognition Sunday*

10am Coffee & Cake for Seniors

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**Sunday, May 9**

Church Attendance: 144

Church Offering: \$ 5,590.67

Online Offering: \$ 818.72

SS Attendance: 19

SS Offering: \$ 0

May Income: \$ 9,621.01

May Expenses: \$9,094.20

**\$ 526.81**

YTD Income: \$ 91,963.35

YTD Expenses: \$102,022.32

**-\$ 10,058.97**

**General Checking Balance:**

**\$ 6,322.65**

- There was an error with last week's crossword.



## B26a Proclaim the Gospel, Mark 16:15-20, Feast of the Ascension

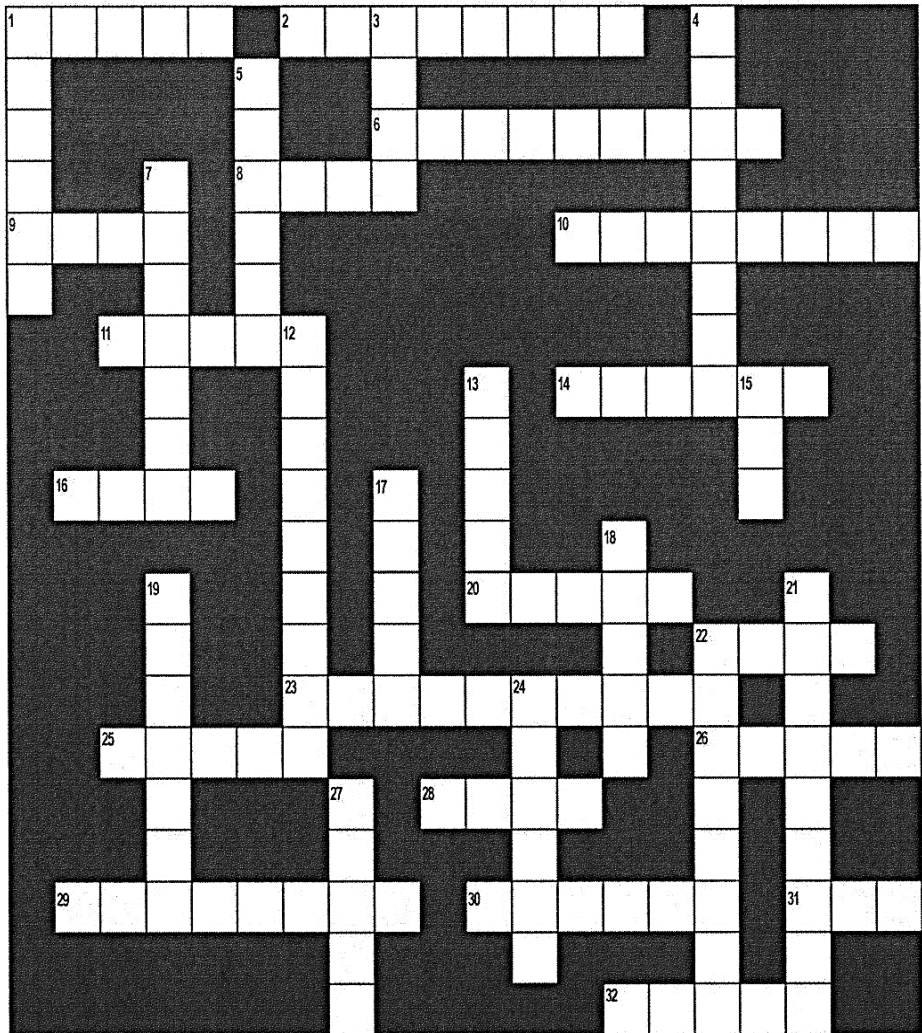
Jesus asked his disciples to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world before he ascended into heaven. Imagine the surprise of the apostles to find the tomb was empty. Jesus said all those who believe and are baptized would be saved. Jesus wants you to tell everyone his teachings. Love God above all things and love your neighbor as yourself. Your actions speak louder than your words. Others will know you are a Christian by your love.

### Across

1. beverage
2. christened
6. found true
8. not feeling good
9. what a person is called
10. tell
11. earth
14. lethal
16. hurt
20. say
22. place to sit
23. all over the place
25. messages
26. not left
28. unit of language
29. animal
30. God's home
31. creator
32. savior

### Down

1. devils



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|---------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 3. choose                 | 13. end of arms | 21. spoken words |
| 4. gave sermon            | 15. put down    | 21. spoken words |
| 5. story of Christ's life | 17. all of it   | 22. snakes       |
| 7. get back               | 18. rescued     | 24. labored      |
| 12. followers of Christ   | 19. think       | 27. forward      |

*Join us for a*

*Community Cookout & Worship Service*

*Slen Park, Madison, Minnesota*

*\*June 2, 2021*

*5:30 PM Meal & 6:30 PM Worship Service*

*✝ Sponsored by the Madison Ministerium ✝*



- Please social distance by household groups throughout the event. Masks required when picking up food.*
  - Donations will be taken to cover costs of the meal. Additional donations will go to support the Feed Our Learning Youth (FLY) Backpack Program.*
- \*(alternate date of June 9, 2021 if needed.)*